



BWA Newsletter

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22nd September Newsletter



This afternoon I had a lovely afternoon celebrating the Excellent Learners in each class for this week. Throughout the week our focus was on listening well. Congratulations to the pupils who were nominated as the Excellent Learner. Year 3 pupils have had the best attendance this week which means they get an additional lunchtime playtime in the sports area next week. Well done Year 3.

Over the coming weeks we have a number of workshops for parents and carers. I do hope you will have the time to attend these really helpful sessions. Letters have been sent out about Phonics Workshops for the Early Years and KS1 and Century for KS2. We will also send out dates soon for our Maths workshop.



We are delighted that we have secured another programme of Parent Gym for BWA families – do not worry this is not a work out but a phenomenal parenting course.

Parent Gym is a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. We invite you to come along to meet other BWA parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. All parents of pupils registered to BWA are welcome to sign up. Please note there are a limited number of spaces.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, starting at 8:45am in the school canteen and follows the schedule below:

- Week 1: Chat – 1st November 2023
- Week 2: Love – 8th November 2023
- Week 3: Behave – 15th November 2023
- Week 4: Care – 22nd November 2023
- Week 5: Discover – 29th November 2023
- Week 6: Together – 6th December 2023

There will be a 45 minute 'taster' session on **Monday 9th October at 8:45am** in the canteen where you can find out more. To sign up for the six week programme, please use this [link](#). If you have any questions before then, please do not hesitate to ask us.



LEARNERS who are:

- inquisitive, resilient and have high expectations of themselves
- critical and creative thinkers who can solve problems and evaluate effectively
- confident, collaborative and articulate
- excellent learners

We have had a super week learning together at BWA. Here are some of our highlights.

Nursery had a lovely time during their dance lesson this week. Moving to the beat of the drum. It was a joy to see.

Pupils in RW had a great week. As part of their 'all about me' topic pupils shared photos of happy memories they have. It was lovely to find out what they get up to outside of school and to learn about their families.



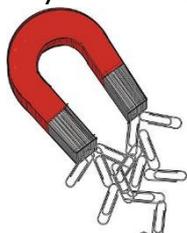
This was the pupils' first full English week in RB and they have impressed all the adults with their wonderful learning. A very special highlight was their 'party' for Tom, our phonics bear, as they made party hats with the letter 'p' on them. Everyone was eager to wear their hats home to show their families what they had made. At the end of the day, they sat on the carpet wearing their hats to sing the 'P' song.

Pupils in our Year 1 class have been plotting and planning all sorts of adventures for Tom to get up to, inspired by Julia Donaldson's *The Everywhere Bear*. He has been on the beach, played football and even went food shopping. The pupils wrote some very interesting and creative stories, well done.

In History this week, pupils in our Year 2 class were delighted to be able to handle artefacts to help them understand how and why the Great Fire of London happened. They thought about what was used in response to the fire and how effective the fire brigade would have been in 1666.

Pupils in our 2B class enjoyed their first full English week. They have been trying very hard to be excellent learners, focusing on how they can listen well. I have been impressed with how they have listened to each other throughout the week.

To kick start their Geography unit in Year 3, pupils explored what the weather is like in the UK. Pupils were given the task of comparing the hours of sunshine, average temperature and amount of rainfall in London compared to Edinburgh. They then had to decide which city they would prefer to live and why. Which city might you prefer?

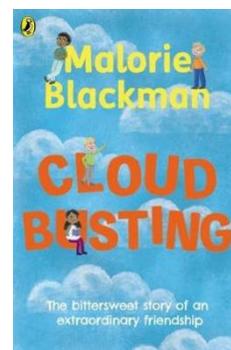


This week, 3B have been exploring how magnets work. After an investigation in their science lesson, pupils concluded that objects made of metal, such as paper clips, could be picked up by a magnet. By contrast, objects made of plastic and wood are not magnetic and therefore could not be picked up by a magnet.

Year 4's highlight of the week was using marshmallows and bananas to investigate the function of the different teeth when digesting food. We looked at how we use each tooth in detail and what life would be like if all our teeth were the same.

Pupils in Year 5LT finished reading Malorie Blackman's 'Cloudbusting' poetry narrative and have been writing their very own 'Isn't Life Wonderful?' poems. They have reflected on all of the parts they most appreciate about the world, with lines ranging from 'radiant rainbows' to 'the pit-pat of a puppy's paws.'

This week in their French lessons Y5M enjoyed learning the vocabulary for different animals. They are looking forward to building sentences with these new words and sharing with their classmates what pets they have at home next time.



Year 6 have been completely gripped by their current text in English lessons: *Lori and Max*. They have taken on the role of detectives and created an evidence wall, enlisting all suspects for the fictional crimes described by the author, Catherine O'Flynn, making notes of each character's motive. Mr Moran has been astounded by their engagement in reading the book, as well as using evidence to make inferences, and look forward to investigating further. I have really enjoyed reading their writing that showcases their excellent vocabulary.

Pupils in 6B have written superb diary entries and been using their editing skills to continually revise and improve their writing. These are exactly the skills they will need as they get ready for secondary school.



Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.

Parent Forms

- If your child requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site.

Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. Getting outside remains very important at BWA during the pandemic and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Listen well			
Leonora	RW	Kian	3B
Isaac	RB	Isobel	Y4
Margot	Y1	Amelia	5LT
Alan	Y2	James	5M
Aleck	2B	Anwen	Y6
Martina	Y3	Clement	6B



Dates to Remember

- **Half term** – week beginning Monday 23rd October.
- **INSET Day for all BWA staff** - 30th October. This means there is no school for pupils in the English stream. Pupils in the bilingual stream will be expected to be in school as the French teacher will be teaching on this day.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry