



BWA Newsletter

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

29th September Newsletter



We have had a wonderful week learning together this week. We are looking forward to the parent workshops coming up as well. I do hope you will have the time to attend these really helpful sessions.

- Early Years Phonics - Thursday 5th October
- KS1 Phonics - Tuesday 10th October
- Century for KS2 – Wednesday 4th October (online)
- Maths workshop ...coming soon!



parentgym
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

As I shared last week, we are delighted to have secured another programme of Parent Gym for BWA families – not a physical 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 is 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.

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ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate

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



Throughout our PE lessons this week we focused on our team building. A highlight for KS2 was participating in the 'Don't drop the ball challenge'. Working as a pair, pupils had to get up and down the pitch without dropping their foam ball. They had to be touching the ball at all times and no hands or arms could be used nor any props – it was great fun and not at all easy. It was great to see the creativity and communication that this task produced.

Mr Butler recommends giving this task a try at home to see what imaginative solutions you can come together to create.

In RW, pupils have really enjoyed learning about their similarities and differences. Pupils discussed what traits they share with their friends and what makes them unique. They have particularly enjoyed having a go at drawing portraits of each other.

In Maths this week, Year 2 started simple adding and showed how they could use different methods to add. Pupils demonstrated many excellent learner traits, such as listening well, learning with others and not being afraid to make a mistake.

In Year 3 this week, pupils have been enjoying reading the wonderful book, 'Fly, Eagle, Fly'. This inspired them to plan and write a recount about the story in the perspective of the eagle. Pupils used expanded noun phrases and time adverbials in their writing to create their fantastic recounts and are now looking forward to publishing their brilliant outcomes.



This week in their science lessons, Year 5M have been exploring the concepts of up thrust and water resistance. Pupils were super scientists by devising their own experiment to find out if shape has an effect on the speed at which an object sinks. They are looking forward to analysing their results next lesson.

Year 6 have been loving learning about long division, dividing four-digit numbers by two-digit numbers. They have explored different methods and been consolidating their knowledge throughout the week. Everyone has done exceedingly well with such a complex concept. Well done, Year 6.



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> <u>Like a challenge</u> | | | |
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| Charlie | RW | James | 4B |
| Filippo | Y1 | Huda | 5LT |
| Chloe L | 1B | Luca | 5M |
| Bentley | Y2 | Leona | 5B |
| Lucas | Y3 | Layla | Y6 |
| Hudson | Y4 | | |



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.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Miss Henry