



## [6th October 2023 Newsletter](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we had no internet for a few days at the end of last week and the start of this week. Everyone should have received a message to inform you of the internet not working. If you did not receive this message, please do contact the office.



This week we held two parent workshops, Century for KS2 and Early Years Phonics on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for taking the time to attend these sessions. We hope you found them informative. If there are workshops or support you would welcome, please do not hesitate to let us know.

- KS1 Phonics - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Maths workshop ...coming soon!



As shared previously, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023
- Week 2: Love – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- Week 3: Behave – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- Week 4: Care – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023
- Week 5: Discover – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- Week 6: Together – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

There will be a 45 minute 'taster' session on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

As another week draws to a close, we reflect on the wonderful week of learning we have had together at BWA. Here are some of our highlights.



Our newly-elected councillors were congratulated and presented with their special badges during our Whole School Assembly, this week.



Our School Councillors and Eco Councillors also held their first meeting of the year this week and after discussing what the role of a councillor is, members thought about possible actions for the year. They will now gather ideas from their classmates, which will be voted on at the next meeting.

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## AMBITION

- the highest expectations of what all children can achieve
- expanding horizons through research and sharing of best practice



All of the teamwork and communication building in our KS2 outdoor adventure activities unit has led us to start some orienteering and map reading tasks in groups. Pictured here is one of our Year 5 pupils completing a directional map as we learned how to orientate maps to our surroundings.

During PE, pupils in KS1 have begun working on their ball handling skills as they build towards small sided games.

Pupils in our EYFS have continued their learning on how to be safe in PE whilst working on their gross motor development with movement games.

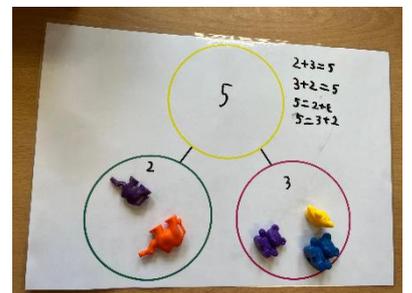


In Nursery, pupils have been learning about friendship this week and have each made a gingerbread friend to share at a tea party today to celebrate our friend's. Pupils rolled and rolled as fast as they could to get them onto the baking pan.



Pupils in our reception classes launched their study about Black History Month. They enjoyed learning about Venus Williams and were inspired when they found out that her father taught her how to play tennis. They learnt that she always tried her best and never gave up. During their discussion, pupils wanted to share moments when their families had helped them or times when they had never given up. It was a lovely to see our pupils sharing their personal experiences with friends.

In our Year 1 class, pupils have extended their knowledge of number bonds by using mathematical symbols to create number sentences. Pupils were very creative, thinking of multiple ways to represent the same number bond and were very keen to show off their hard work.

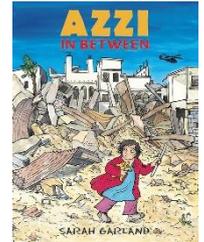




Year 2 pupils explored how to manage their feelings in a fantastic yoga session led by Laura's Yoga Club. They learnt a sequence of yoga poses which they recreated to different styles of music and thought about how they were feeling. Pupils used breathing and meditation to reflect at different points of the session and ended the hour looking very relaxed indeed.

I loved listening to 2B singing during their music lesson this week. It was great to see them all concentrating on singing to the beat and listening very well to the teacher instruction.

Pupils in Year 3 started reading the book *Azzi in Between*, which tells the story of a young girl who has to escape her home and move to another country. Pupils really enjoyed delving deeper into this fascinating story and were all very eager to get involved in lots of discussions.



In 3B, pupils have been exploring the properties of magnets. They now know that the North Pole has a magnetic field which can attract certain metals, like steel, to become attached to the magnet. If you put a north and south pole of a magnet together, they will attract, but if you put a south to south pole together, they will repel.

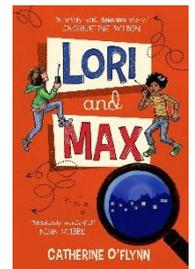


Year 4 went on a trip to the Science Museum to enhance their learning about the digestive system on Thursday. We are so fortunate to have excellent resources like the Science Museum on our doorstep and we work hard to maximise the opportunities to visit key places in our city. In class, they learnt how stomach acid helps break down food and saw this process for themselves using biscuits and orange juice.



During their geography lesson, pupils in Year 5 developed their understanding of fossil fuels. They had to match a range of facts including information about extraction and environmental impact with either coal, oil or gas. This sparked an interesting discussion about the recent introduction of the ULEZ, which as Londoners, they have some strong opinions on.

Pupils in 6B have been writing from the perspective of the main characters in their class text, 'Lori and Max'. They have been making evidence boards to try find clues to solve the investigation that the teenage characters are faced with. We are super impressed with how they have learned with others to infer characters thoughts and feelings.



Pupils in Year 6 and 6B took part in a Transport for London workshop on Thursday, to learn more about how to travel around our city safely and responsibly. Pupils learnt the importance of travel etiquette and how their behaviour can affect others, as well as how to keep safe, ensuring that they move away from hazards. Everyone contributed well to the discussions and listened intently.



### 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 in all weathers.



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## **Excellent Learners**

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners</b> <b>Can learn by themselves</b>			
Sienna	RW	Aziz	3B
Elyas	RB	Olive	Y4
Eylo	Y1	Evie	5LT
Bodhi	Y2	Marco	5M
Vincent	2B	Ibrahima	Y6
Valentina	Y3	Grace	6B



## **Dates to Remember**

- **Half term** – week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
- **INSET Day for all BWA staff** - 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Open days** – we are holding Open Days on

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

**Miss Henry**