



# BWA Newsletter

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## 3rd November 2023 Newsletter



I hope everyone had a wonderful half term break and is well rested ready for another successful half term.

Thank you for the phenomenal BHM projects that were completed for homework over the break. They are brilliant. In this photograph you can see two pupils in our reception class holding their Black History Month project. Thirza shared her project about Motsi Mabuse and Leonora told us all about Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Such inspiring stories – thank you for sharing these with us girls.

### **BWA Book Fair - 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th November**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th November in school. We hope you can stop to see the books on sale at competitive prices, whilst helping the school expand their library. This is a great opportunity to promote reading for pleasure and for families to purchase affordable books with their children. Our school also gets credits to buy books with the purchases made.



### **Times Tables Workshop for Year 3 & 4 families - *Understanding the year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' and supporting your children in learning their 'times tables'.***

Having quick recall of times tables facts gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables facts provides the building blocks for understanding higher learning, such as long multiplication, long division, fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

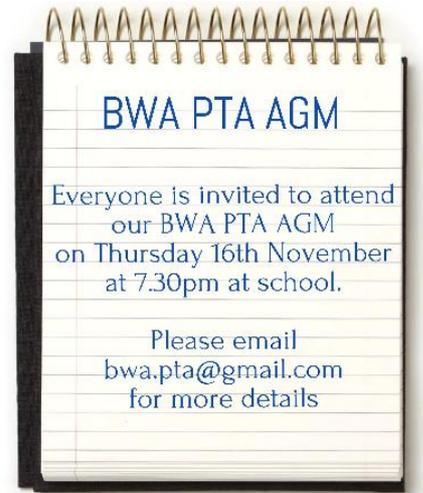
To help parents with strategies to support children learning their times tables and in understanding the Year 4, MTC we are pleased to offer a virtual 'workshop' on **Tuesday 14th November at 2-3pm and again at 5.30-6.30pm.** An email has been sent out with the Zoom details to join the events.



### **Our PTA – events coming up**

I do hope you can all come to our PTA AGM. Every parent and carer is a member of the PTA and it is such an amazing part of our school community.

Next week you are all invited to a Cheese and Wine evening on 7th November – please do sign up through the original email sent out.



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## 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



Sixteen of our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a football festival hosted by AFC Wimbledon, in Battersea Park. Eight boys and eight girls represented BWA in separate fixtures.

As you can see from the photograph, they all loved the experience of competing. A huge thank you to Mr Butler, Ms. Marlow and Lucy for coming along and making sure the team were happy and safe.

Well done everyone.



Pupils in our Nursery have been exploring all things autumn and Halloween this week. They closely investigated a variety of pumpkins, scooping out the contents and discussing what they found. Next, they planted some of the seeds in the hope we might grow our own pumpkins, unless of course, the hungry squirrels get to them first.

A highlight for pupils in 1B has been dropping eggs onto different materials, predicting which materials would crack their 'humpty dumpty' and which ones would save him during their Science lessons. The materials they tested were water, plastic, metal, wood, wool, foam and bricks. Do you know which materials would be better for him to land on?



This week Year 1 started their new History topic all about how life has changed. We began by looking at how we have changed from babies into children, and then zoomed out to see how this fits into a timeline of the Earth. The children loved exploring the different eras and discovering how our world has changed over time!

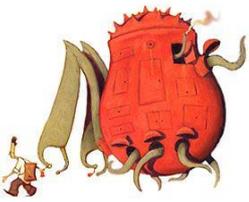
This week in Geography, Year 2 were shocked to find out that there were over 8 billion people on planet Earth. They discussed what densely populated and sparsely populated meant, and reflected on what kind of area we live in. Using their research skills they located Belleville Wix Academy on Google Earth - which was very exciting.



In Year 3 this week, pupils had a brilliant time exploring the Roman invasion of Britain. They explored what the peak of the Roman Empire looked like and had the chance to examine different Roman artefacts from archaeologist dig sites.

To launch their new history topic, pupils in Year 4 got the chance to take part in an archaeological dig. They searched for artefacts in a sandbox before discussing what clues each artefact gave them. Everyone is looking forward to learning more about the Anglo-Saxons.





Pupils in 4B have been reading *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. They spent time exploring the characters and setting, before creating expanded noun phrases with prepositional phrases, such as – “the red, metallic teapot with many doors’ and ‘like a teapot with claws.’



During their Science lessons, pupils in 5M enjoyed **launching** their new topic about earth and space - quite literally. Pupils were tasked with creating their own rockets and had to consider the knowledge they gained about forces last half term to ensure that their design was as efficient as possible.

5LT's highlight this week was also creating space rockets to 'send to the moon'. Pupils discussed which forces they would need to consider in their designs before creating their own prototypes out of straws, balloons and tape.



Pupils in 5B started their new Geography topic - Water and Natural Resources. In their first few lessons they thought about what natural resources are and discovered that water - a vital natural resource - is in shortage across the globe. They learned about some of the reasons behind this water scarcity.



Year 6 have been immersed in journalistic writing, identifying features of newspaper reports. They have been learning about the bombing at Balham Underground Station on 14th October 1940 and have begun planning a report to cover the key events. Year 6 have enhanced their skills in writing direct quotations, as well as practising writing effective and formal relative clauses.

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners</b> <b>Like a challenge</b>			
Elijah	RW	Leandro	4B
Leith	Y1	Cashun	5LT
Samay	1B	Dexter	5M
Otterley	Y2	Victoire	5B
Felix	Y3	Chari	Y6
Azael	Y4		



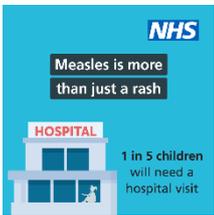
## Communication

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.



## Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



## Information on Measles / MMR vaccination – message from the NHS

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.



## Prepared for the Day

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



## Dates to Remember

- **Open days** – we are holding Open Days on  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – English Stream  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Bilingual Stream

## **Last day of Autumn term**

- **English Stream** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3:15pm



Wishing you all a super weekend.

**Miss Henry**