

Newsletter for the week ending 10th May 2024

I hope you all had a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and have enjoyed warmer, sunnier weather this week.

In our LEARN Statement, A stands for Ambition. We have the highest expectations for all our pupils and work tirelessly to ensure we deliver the best provision we can for everyone at BWA. Here are some of the highlights of our four day week together.



AMBITION

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



Sun's out: pens and paper out! Pupils in our Nursery enjoy drawing and writing in any weather but it is especially lovely when the playground is full of sunshine....and aliens. They loved using their phonics to come up with some funny names for their out-of-this-world friends. Space-tacular!

Pupils in RW have been making pirate maps of their route to school, on authentic pirate paper. They have also enjoyed listening to and acting out a pirate tale using our new 'Press Play' programme. Thank you all again for raising the funds for this excellent learning resource.



This week, pupils in Year 1 have been thinking about the lives of children in the Victorian era. They first considered what a Victorian school would be like and learnt that many children were not fortunate enough to go to school every day. Pupils found out about the different jobs they might have had if they were a child in this era, like being a chimney sweep and whether they would have liked to do those kinds of jobs. Pupils even put some of their peers in the hot seat and interviewed them in their Victorian character.

This week, to support our learning about the Stone Age, Year 3 had a go using an audio book set 8,000 years ago. Pupils were able to experience (albeit virtually) going hunting, starting a fire, building a hut and lots more. It was a great experience and something they are all excited to continue learning more about throughout the term ahead.



Pupils in Year 4 used musical instruments to explore the differing sound waves of pitch and amplitude. After looking at a number of different sound waves, they worked hard to create their own sound waves by hitting the drum harder and softer and playing different notes on the glockenspiels.

During the week, pupils in 4B have been exploring the relationship between decimals and fractions. They discovered that three tenths = $3/10 = 0.3$ and three hundredths = $3/100 = 0.03$.

On Tuesday morning, pupils in 5S and 5LT went to Clapham Common to collect a variety of leaves, as part of their 'Classification of Living Things' unit, to study the differences between simple and compound leaves. In their next science lesson, pupils will be creating their own classification key for the leaves they collected.



As part of their Science unit, pupils in 5B have been studying the stages of the human life cycle. They plotted the growth of a baby on a graph and engaged in a class discussion about the physical, emotional social and intellectual challenges that can arise through an individual's life. Pupils considered the similarities and differences in the life cycle of a human compared to that of a plant or other mammals.

Year 6 have persevered with revising for their upcoming SATs assessments, showcasing everything that they have learnt at primary school. Pupils consolidated their knowledge of percentages and algebra in maths and continued reading age-appropriate texts to enhance their comprehension skills. We are extremely proud of the work that they have put in and the confidence that they have gained when dealing with such complex concepts.

Year 2 pupils were thrilled to create a 3D piece of art linked to space during their lessons with our Resident Artists this week. They designed a rocket by sketching a variety of options before deciding on their final drawing to make into a 3D model. They used water-colours to paint the background and model, experimenting with different tones with to create shades of light and dark. Pupils used a range of materials creatively to make their own choices throughout the process. They shares ideas, experiences and imagination to create their wonderful 3-D rockets.



1B had an amazing trip to the Natural History Museum. They looked at fossils found by Mary Anning, who they had learned about in class, and learned a lot more about a variety of dinosaurs. Their favourite was the T-Rex!"



At BWA we love Music and are always looking for opportunities to enhance our provision. You will know that we offer a range of classes for pupils to learn an instrument. We are delighted to inform you that we have places for 1:1 or small group peripatetic lessons for September – please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter. Currently we offer tuition in guitar, violin and keyboard however if there is another instrument that your child would like to learn, do let us know and we will see if this is something we can provide. Pupils in the English stream have their lessons during the school day and pupils in the bilingual stream have them before or after school.

We are fortunate to have so many amazing events on our doorstep. One of our parents has kindly shared this link about The Great Exhibition Road Festival that you may be interested in exploring. It is science and the arts focussed and runs from 15-16 June.

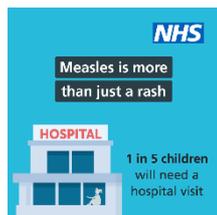


<https://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/>

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u>			
<u>Ask questions</u>			
Hamish	RW	Victor	4B
Alex	Y1	Alexander	5LT
Stanley	1B	Lyla	5S
Mohamed	Y2	Ruben	5B
Layla	Y3	Armani	Y6
Jaxson	Y4		



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.



Mental Health Awareness Week 13th - 19th May

This year's Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from 13 to 19 May 2024. The week is run by the [Mental Health Foundation](#) and the theme for this year is **Movement: moving for our mental health**.

Good Thinking is a free NHS-approved digital service that has helped over 730,000 Londoners look after their mental health and wellbeing in a way that works for them, which is suitable for young people and parents. Good Thinking is available 24/7 on any device, completely anonymous and provides personalised advice, support and resources to help people struggling with:

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- Low mood

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<https://www.good-thinking.uk/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

Birthday Treats



When it is a child's birthday during the school term, parents and carers can choose to celebrate this special occasion by bringing in food to share with the class if they wish. This food is given out at the end of the school day so that parents and carers can decide if their child consumes it. If you do choose to bring in food for the class, we would really appreciate it if, in addition to nut-free, consideration could be given to other allergies, religious and dietary preferences, so that all children can share in the class celebration.



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.



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

Half term - week beginning 27th May 2024

End of Summer term

- **English Stream** – Wednesday 24th July at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** – Thursday 18th July at 3:15pm

Sports Days – more details to follow

- **Reception & Year 1** – 3rd July am
- **Year 2 & Year 3** – 3rd July pm
- **Year 4, 5 & 6** – 2nd July am



On **Friday 17th May**, BWA will celebrate International Families Day. Information has been sent out to all families and we do hope you will be able to participate in some, if not all, of the events planned.

- Pupils to wear traditional outfits or colours of flag
- Homework project around family /heritage
- Parent volunteers to come and share stories about their cultural heritage
- International buffet after school.

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry



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