

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023



We have had another fabulous week learning together at BWA. Here are some of our highlights.

Pupils in our Nursery have been learning about Fire Fighters. They have engaged in lots of imaginative play, putting out fires and rescuing cats from trees.

In RW, pupils have been learning how people celebrate Chinese New Year. They have been investigating the meaning behind the colours used, particularly red and gold. Everyone made a beautiful paper plate fan using paper plates, lollipop sticks and traditional colours.

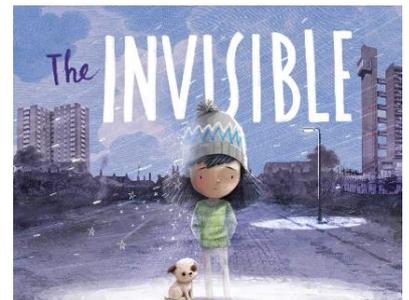


Year 1 have been excellent learners this week, showing how well they can learn from others. First they worked in their partners to generate descriptive vocabulary before participating in a walking gallery where they were able to explore the ideas of their peers. After seeing what others had written, pupils used these great ideas to help them choose their favourite ones for their own writing.

In 1B, pupils have been exploring Christianity as part of their RE topic. This week learnt how churches were special places for Christians as this is where they go to worship.

2B were super excited to learn more about mass (how heavy an object is). They explored the mass of various objects around the class using pan balances.

This week, Year 2 pupils enjoyed reading and discussing Tom Percival's book, 'The Invisible'. When reading the book, they explored the themes of poverty, community and empathy. This inspired the pupils to write two lovely diary entries, from the perspective of the main protagonist.

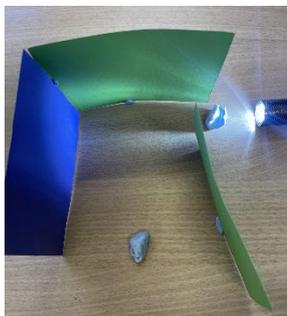


A highlight for Year 4 this week has been exploring Greenland in Geography. Pupils investigated different sources of information using their enquiry skills to find out about the world's largest island. They decided that it is definitely a place they would like to visit.

Year 5's highlight this week was in science. Pupils investigated thermal conductivity in a variety of materials. They planned and designed their own experiment involving ice balloons. Each group had their own material to wrap around a balloon. The task set was to keep their balloon frozen. Pupils noticed that aluminium foil kept the cold insulated best, whilst Mr Le Tissier's fleece ended up a dripping, thermal conducting mess. Oops!



Pupils in 5B have enjoyed exploring their Space topic in Science and English. In Science, they learnt about the phases of the moon and consolidated our learning in English by writing a travel brochure advert for a space trip to the moon.



In Year 6, pupils have been enjoying exploring their topic of Light and Sight in Science in more depth, with a particular highlight was designing their own experiment to prove or disprove the statement that light travels in straight lines. Each group was given three pieces of card, blue tac, a torch and a pencil.

Mr Butler has had a wonderful time at BWA and has settled in so well. Pupils in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been learning how to attack and defend in tag games. They have learnt attacking techniques using their bodies as shields to protect an object/area and some important defensive techniques such as mirroring. In Key

Stage 2, pupils have continued learning about invasion games, with basketball as our focus. Pupils improved their control with dribbling and have started playing mini games where they are thinking tactically and combining other skills such as passing.'

Year 3 had a wonderful time learning with our resident artists. The work they did was based on their History topic - Ancient Egypt. Pupils experimented with different effects and textures, as well as paints and pastels, to create a mixed media piece based on an original artwork of Cleopatra. Their finished pieces wouldn't have looked out of place inside an ancient Egyptian tomb!



#### **UKHSA - Back to school advice**

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Flu and COVID 19 are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

UKHSA has issued a press notice [here](#). **The advice is aimed at parents to remind them that if their child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.**



#### **Parent Governor - Update**

We are delighted to have received two nominations for this important role. More details will be sent out next Thursday about the election process.



#### **Role Models – Free Parent Workshop**

Topic: 'How to develop confidence in children'

When: **28th February, 2023 07:30 PM** [London]

A 45 minute online talk, followed by Q&A, exploring how to develop a child's confidence, nurture their curiosity and encourage a healthy responses to challenges. Throughout their childhood, children are building their internal

picture of how they view themselves; their self-esteem, self-efficacy and mindset are being shaped. What can we do to positively impact these important life skills?

What you'll learn:

- why confidence is such an important skill to develop in childhood;
- what it means to be confident; and
- 10 practical strategies for developing confidence in children.

### Register using this

link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2116734542976/WN\\_sh5PwupeSeChzFQb01eF5g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2116734542976/WN_sh5PwupeSeChzFQb01eF5g)

### Excellent Learners

It was a privilege to congratulate our Excellent Learners in celebration assemblies this week.

<b>Excellent Learners Can learn by themselves</b>			
Aida	RW	Olive	3S
Amaury	1B	Aya	4A
Alice	Y1	Kit	4W
Sofia	Y2	Oscar V	5B
Lucie	2B	Shiheim	Y5
Zaira	3M	Eva	Y6

### Help for Households

One of our parents has shared the following information that may be helpful for families.

The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) which is an arm's-length body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions offers free and impartial guidance to help people to make the best with their money and pensions. Please use this link to access the information. [Help with the cost of living | MoneyHelper](#)



#### LA Support Offer

During the cost of living crisis Wandsworth Council are committed to supporting the children and families in the borough through one of the harshest winters we may ever experience, by offering a Warmer Welcome – an enhanced children's centre offer from six of our children's centres. The LA Warmer Welcome sites are local places around the borough, where families and their children can come for free. These children's centres offer a warm, safe, welcoming place where hot drinks and food are being served alongside a range of activities to support families.

Please see the three attached leaflets highlighting the locations of the 'Warmer Welcome' sites and their core opening hours and the wider cost of living support. You can access a broader range of information related to cost of living concerns via their website [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/)



The Government has launched the ['Help for Households'](#) scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility, including help with:

- Household costs

- Energy Bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs
- Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.

### **Teachers Strike – update**

The National Education Union has proposed a number of dates coming up for strike action this week. We will look to manage this with respect towards and in the best interests of pupils, families and staff. Staff have the right to not have to disclose whether they are a member of any union or whether they intend to strike, however we will endeavour to get more information out to you next week as there is the possibility that some or all of the classes will be closed on the proposed strike days.



### **Dates to Remember**

**Last day of half term** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**English Stream Parent Teacher Meetings** – week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Bilingual Stream Reports** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 2 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

Wishing you all a very wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**