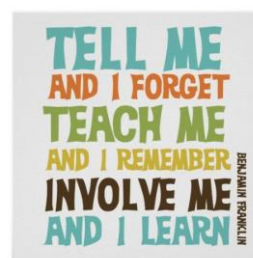


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Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our PTA Foodbank Drive this morning. The pupils really enjoyed wearing their own clothes and you were very generous with your donations. I know that our support is very much appreciated. Sincere thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising the event and transporting the many boxes of food to the foodbank.

Last Friday, I had the great privilege of accompanying Year 6 to Buckingham Palace to lay some flowers for the Queen and to walk the route of her funeral so the pupils could recognise the key monuments when they watched it live on Monday. Just after 9am, we boarded the 87 bus, getting off at Lambeth Bridge ready to start our walking tour. As we walked past the Houses of Parliament we saw the long queue of people preparing to enter Westminster Hall for the Lying in State. On our way to Westminster Abbey we saw The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who stopped for a photograph with us. After this we continued walking past Horse Guards, down The Mall to Buckingham Palace, then over to Green Park to lay our flowers and messages in the Floral Tribute Garden. We enjoyed reading some of the many messages and we will all remember the amazing smell of flowers. After a quick snack we walked to Wellington Arch before getting the 137 bus back to school. It was a very memorable trip for everyone and we really appreciate the help of the parents who accompanied us on this trip. Huge thank you to Miss Gordon and Miss Leach who generously gave up a day of their weekend to do a recce before our trip. They did get to see The King in his car – which was very exciting.



On Wednesday evening I attended the free webinar hosted by [Role Models](#), **How to Help Your Child Manage Big Feelings**. I hope many of you were able to attend – it was absolutely brilliant and such a generous offer for so many families. I see they have another free webinar on 29th November - [How to build a resilient family](#). If you click on the hyperlink you can see how to sign up.

Curriculum Evenings

This week we have continued to host curriculum evenings for our bilingual stream. It was a joy to have you back onsite, in the classrooms. We do appreciate the time you took to hear about the year ahead and how you can support your child at home, in partnership with us. We have some more events next week. The dates are in the table below.

Bilingual Stream		
Class	Date	Time
RB	Tuesday 27.9.22	4.30pm
1B	Thursday 29.9.2022 (This is a change from our original date of Monday 19.9.22)	4.30pm
5B	Monday 26.9.22	4.30pm



Throughout this week I have seen excellent learning in every class. Here are some of the highlights of our week together.

This week pupils in our Nursery have been creating their own picture frames for their first day at Nursery photographs. Pupils selected the resources they wanted to use to decorate their frames. The outcomes

were great.



In our RW class, pupils have started Phonics lessons – yippee! They have learnt four new sounds already as well as the actions, the letter names and have even started to write them on their whiteboards and in their books. What a great start to the year RW. We are so proud of you.



Pupils in Year 1 have been super scientists this week by investigating why our sense of taste is important. We tried lots of different foods, even lemons. Some pupils planned and carried out their own experiments at home, with their parents. It was a joy to hear how learning in school inspired pupils to share their new learning with family at home. A very special moment for the staff – thank you for sharing this with us.

In our 1B class, pupils have had a great week being super scientists by exploring their senses as well. They showed how well they could use their exploration skills by tasting different foods to decide how their taste buds reacted. They also learnt how people with no or little sense of hearing communicate, discussing the importance of British Sign Language and even learning some basic phrases like - 'how are you' and 'good morning/evening/night.' Well done 1B.

In History this week, Year 2 explored the question, 'How and what do we know about the Great Fire of London?' by handling different artefacts and deciding what makes a good source of evidence. They even had a chance to try on a firefighter's helmet made of leather and concluded that modern-day equipment is much safer than in 1666.



Pupils in 2B have started reading a book called Sudden Hill. They were able to make fantastic predictions using clues in the story and are enjoying writing a recount of events in the story.

In our year 3 classes, pupils enjoyed learning about bones and exploring how muscles help us move, in their Science lessons. Pupils made a scientific model of an arm using paper, elastic bands and a split pin to help them understand how one muscle contracts while the other relaxes - how triceps and biceps work together. Pupils are fascinated by their 'Anatomy and Lifestyle' topic at the moment and have been eagerly exploring a range of books to deepen their knowledge. This is awesome learning.



Our resident artist were working with Year 4 pupils this week. Pupils were challenged to make self-portraits in the style of Modigliani after being shown how to accurately draw themselves using mirrors, experimenting with mixing water colours and using oil pastels. They created some spectacular pieces of art. Well done year 4.

Year 5's highlight was publishing their fantastic 'Isn't Life Wonderful?' poems as part of their study of 'Cloudbusting' in English. It was brilliant to observe pupils applying their knowledge of poetry, using their incredible creativity and appreciation for their favourite things in life, to write fantastic poems. We think Malorie Blackman would be very proud of them.



Pupils in Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection in Science, culminating in an exploration into the most effective beaks different birds have for specific foods they eat.



COVID19

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to minimise the risk of COVID19 spreading within our school community. Every family has received a BWA Family Guide setting out the procedures in place at BWA. These procedures are in place because we want to ensure our school community keep well and our education provision is disrupted as little as possible. Please do read this guide if you haven't done so already and refer to it as necessary.



BWA Workshops coming up

- **EYFS Phonics** – Wednesday 28th September at 6:30pm (please note this date has been rearranged from the original of 19th September)
- **Year 1 Phonics** – Monday 26th September at 6:30pm

- **Maths No Problem** - Tuesday 27th September at 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm

All parents and carers are invited to an online workshop (on zoom) to learn more about how we teach maths at BWA. Led by the Q1E Trust Director of Maths, Karen Taylor, the session will explain our approach to teaching maths, what we need to cover and how we teach it, the structure of our lessons, and how we support your children in their learning. The session is suitable for all parents/carers with children in Reception to Year 6.



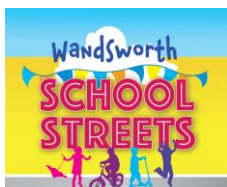
Communication

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](#).



School Streets

Our School Street status has resulted in everyone enjoying a peaceful start and end of the school day because the traffic is reduced outside our school. We do rely on your support to reduce the traffic and kindly ask that everyone helps by volunteering once or twice this term. You can sign up through this link for one or two 20 minute volunteering sessions this term. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w8pijP6BTuygxL-djxbZ_Ab60WI_9xWUyTX9NIQZD4c/edit

If you are interested in planning a more active school run, please find some [info here](#).



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assemblies this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Listen well			
Olympe	RW	Hudson	3S
Annabel	1B	Ollie Ray	4A
Alan	Y1	James	4W
Tommaso	Y2	Clarisse	5B
Louis B	2B	Armani	Y5
Oskar	3M	Sienna	Y6

I wish you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry