

26th November Newsletter



It is hard to believe this is our last newsletter for November – time flies when you are having fun! We have had another superb week learning together at BWA. Here are some of our highlights.

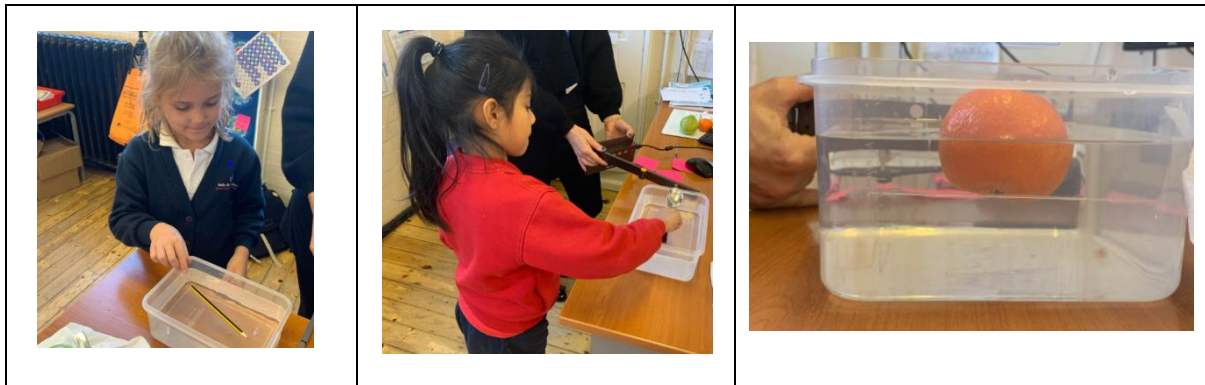
Nursery have been thinking about how they can represent numbers using their fingers. They have also been busy choosing their own resources to design and create their party crowns.

RW have been learning all about shadows and wanted to investigate how and why they are formed. They created their own shadow puppets using black card and lolly sticks. Then they used torches to create shadows. Moving the torch closer or further from the puppets made the shadows bigger or smaller. After they used chalk to draw around their own shadows in the playground.



Pupils in 1B have been developing their scientific skills by carrying out an experiment to find out the most suitable material Humpty Dumpty could use so he does not crack after falling off the wall. Their findings showed that wool and foam would be the best materials for precious Humpty Dumpty and were very proud to find a solution.

In the pictures above, you can see how our Year 2 pupils have been super scientists by checking

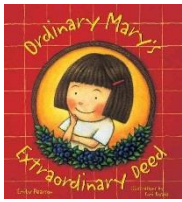


if their predictions about which material would float or sink were accurate. They carried out a comparative test and found out that the denser the material, the more likely it is to sink. We were very impressed with how they recorded their findings and explained why their predictions had been correct or not.



This week, in Year 3S, pupils have been learning about the story of Hercules. Using dialogue and expanded noun phrases they wrote their own 11th labour for Hercules to complete with amazing outcomes.

In their English lessons, 3M have been reading about Hercules and his twelve labours. The children were tasked with writing a 13th labour in a similar style to the book and came up with some terrific (and terrifying) mythical creatures to go in their stories. Brilliant work 3M.



Year 4 have been learning about the importance of being considerate in PSCHE. They read the book 'Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed' and had a wonderful class discussion about the impact that just one small act of kindness can have on so many people.

4B have been learning how archaeologists hunt for clues using the artefacts dug up to determine what objects were used for. They learnt that this exercise tells us about what life was like during that period of time. For example, they learnt that flint usually takes on three forms which indicates the intended use of the object. In the Stone Age, flint was shaped into arrow-heads, rectangles for removing fur off of animal hides and long triangular shapes to be used as knives.



"Mapping London" is the new topic for our 5B class. They have been developing their geography and history skills by analysing a range of maps of our capital city, dating back to 1666 up to the contemporary satellite images of today. There was a fascinating class conversation about how London has changed over the past 350 years. Not only did this lead them to define London as an "expanding" place, but they also considered some of the reasons behind London's continual growth, such as the advent of industry, developments in transport and the increasing job opportunities that develop in tandem. It was a joy to see the pupils generate their own geographical questions when comparing the maps.



Year 5 had an exciting virtual visit from the Royal Observatory to enhance their learning in science. Pupils explored how big the Earth would be if we compared it to the sun being the size of a football. In the end of talk quiz pupils showed what excellent learners they were and how much they had learnt.

Year 6 completed their science investigation this week into how different types of exercise effect your heart rate. We found that sprinting increased the heart rate the most as it was the highest intensity activity. We represented our data as a bar graph and used this to make comparisons between the different exercises.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assembly on Monday.

<u>Excellent Learners</u>			
LISTEN WELL			
Leo	RW	Evie	3S
Olivia	RB	Luke	3B
Jada	Y1	Alexia	Y4
Elliott	2G	Jess	Y5
James	2M	Ayaan	Y6
Meghan	3M	Philothee	6B



School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring so many of our pupils wear the correct school uniform every day. All pupils registered to BWA must wear the school uniform. Hair accessories should also be school colours.



Healthy Break Time Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack to eat for morning break. Our school morning can be very long for many pupils and they do need a little snack to help them stay focused on their learning.



COVID 19

As I said last week, schools in the local area have a significant number of COVID19 cases in both pupils and staff. Our aim at BWA is to do all we can to reduce the risk of the virus spreading in our school, and local community, so that we minimise the disruption to learning for all pupils. Please may I ask that you continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases and wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection. No-one with symptoms should come onsite. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



Festive Jumper

On Wednesday 1st December, pupils in BWA and EDW are being invited to wear their festive jumpers.

End of Term Timings for the English Stream

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:40pm	Nursery	
12:50pm	RW	
1:00pm	Year 1	
1:15pm	Year 3	Year 2
1:40pm	Year 4 and Year 5	
1:45pm	Year 6	



Next Friday we have our PTA Bake Sale. In return for making contribution of cakes, pupils may wear a festive jumper. More details to follow.

Please also take a look at our fundraisers planned for this term. We can't wait to see you there!

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Winter Events

NOVEMBER 2021

FRI 05 11	Christmas trees can be purchased online
MON 08 11	Christmas cards can be purchased online
WED 10 11	Festive Shop & Drinks, at RVH
WED 17 11	Christmas cards - last day for online purchase
FRI 27 11	Christmas trees - last day for online purchase

DECEMBER 2021

FRI 03 12	Festive Friday - BWA x Hope with Gaspard
FRI 10 12	Festive Friday - Bake Sale & Christmas Carols

More information coming soon,
depending on government guidelines
at the time of the events.

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Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry