

28th April 2023



Last Saturday morning 30 pupils from BWA participated in the TCS Mini London Marathon. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 ran a 2.6km race course whilst pupils (and parents) in KS1 ran 1.6km (1 mile race). The starting point was Horse Guards Parade, St. James Park and finished on The Mall - right in front of Buckingham Palace.

Mr Butler was at the event to support the BWA community and he was so proud of the effort from all of our little superstars. Some special mentions have to go to Hugo who placed a very close second in his 1 mile wave and Rayan who finished in the top 5 of the 2.6km for his wave. What a fabulous experience to be part of. Thank you to everyone who made this happen.



Strike Action Dates

Please be aware that there is another NEU strike day planned for 2nd May. Please see the letter sent out earlier today setting out the status of all classes.

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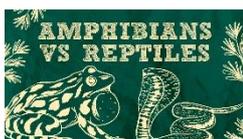
- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate



This week, our Nursery pupils have enjoyed painting their own colourful aliens. Each one is wonderfully unique.

This week the pupils in RB have been researching animals that live under the sea. They were particularly interested in sharks and were amazed to find out interesting facts such as sharks have multiple rows of teeth. The pupils were especially surprised to find that sharks do not have any bones, only cartilage and we spent a long time exploring the cartilage in our ears to see what it feels like! Afterwards, the pupils made their own non-fiction texts and began to include expert language and technical words including: 'predator'

Pupils in RW were very fortunate to have a gardening sessions with one of our gardening expert, and parent, Mr Crane. They learned more about what plants need in order to grow, they smelt and even tasted some of the plants in their garden. Everyone had the opportunity to plant mange tout and garden peas. If they look after them carefully, I know they will enjoy eating them when they have grown.



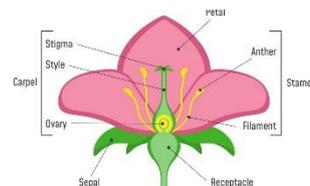
eggs.

Our Year 1 pupils have been exploring the differences between amphibians and reptiles. They learnt that dinosaurs are reptiles, as well as snakes and lizards. They did a brilliant job of working out how to tell the difference between the two types of animals using selective criteria such as - what their skin is like, where they live and where they lay their



In RE this week, our Year 2 pupils explored the question - 'What is prayer and worship?' The class learnt how people with different faiths pray and worship, and that people who are non-religious might use meditation or reflection to think about their day or life. They listened to lots of religious chants, music and prayers from a range of faiths and pupils shared how the music had made them feel.

Pupils in 3M investigated the structure of plants in more detail through careful dissection during their science lessons. They really enjoyed using magnifying glasses to examine all the different parts of a flower - the stem, petals, sepal, stamen and the carpel.



3S launched their new RE topic which is based on caring for our world, by heading outside to discuss and sketch what they considered to be the 'wonders' of nature. Pupils loved seeing the different animals and the wide variety of plants and flowers we have in our wonderful playground.



Pupils in 3B began looking at Ancient Egyptians in their English and History lessons this week. They explored the different ways Ancient Egyptians would bury important people. In addition, they explored important Egyptian artefacts found in King Tutankhamen's tomb and even wrote instructions on how to make a mummy.

This week, 4B have started reading a new book, El Defo. They have been exploring what it might be like for the main character to lose their hearing and used clues in the text to describe her friend Laura. Pupils also reflected on the key differences in how speech is written in graphic novels compared with traditional novels.



Pupils in our Year 5 class have been using their enquiry and research skills to investigate similarities and differences in the animal kingdom. They discussed the various ways of classifying animals and, after a few 'guess the animal' games, pupils created their own flow charts to categorise animals based on their characteristics.

As we get closer to the KS2 SATs, pupils in 6B, and Year 6, have been working very hard to ensure they do their very best in the examinations.



Year 4 had a fantastic time learning with our resident artists this week to create a piece of art based on the work of Kandinsky.

Pupils investigated how music can influence art. They painted vibrant backgrounds with colourful paints before drawing different patterns and shapes based on the music they heard. I am sure you will agree with me that they have produced excellent artwork.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

Excellent Learners			
Learn with others			
Mia	RW	Jaydon	4A
Oliver	RB	Aydan	4W
Margot	Y1	Nicolas	4B
Linh	Y2	Chari	Y5
Elliot	3M	Khayyiel	Y6
Hudson	3S	Chloe	6B
Axel	3B		



Dates to Remember

- **Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May – no school for pupils**
- **Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – 8th May** is a Bank Holiday so no school for any pupil on this day.
- **Half term – week beginning Monday 29th May**

Is your child protected? 

It's not too late to catch up on their vaccinations

If your child has missed a vaccine, contact your GP to catch up

Protect your child. Get vaccinated.

NHS.uk/childvaccines

This week is World Immunisation Week 2023 - 'The Big catch Up'

- Vaccinations help you, your children and communities stay healthy and well
- Keeping up to date with routine vaccinations is the best way to prevent potentially serious illnesses in all age groups
- World Immunisation week is an opportunity to check which vaccines are available to you and make sure you

are up to date

- Search '[NHS vaccines and when to have them](#)' for more information

I wish you all a joyous Bank Holiday weekend.

Miss Henry

Help for Households

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](#)

MoneyHelper have just included a Benefits calculator to help people know the list of the benefits they could qualify for and how they can claim them. <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/benefits/benefits-calculator>.



LA Support Offer

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/



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.