



BWA Newsletter

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31st March 2023

As we draw a close to a fantastic Spring term, I would like to thank you for all your support this term. Pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard and had a lot of fun learning together, whether that was in the classroom or outside it. You have worked alongside us in so many ways. Working in partnership to ensure your child flourishes is so very important to us all at BWA. I know that over the two-week break, you will continue to read with your child and encourage them to access the online learning or packs we have sent home. Our Year 6 pupils are coming in for a few days over the Easter break to ensure they are ready for the KS2 SATs, coming up very soon.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who so kindly held a special day for us yesterday. Pupils could wear a spring outfit or Easter Bonnet in exchange for a donation. After school we had a delicious bake sale – sincere thanks for your contributions for this sale. We all enjoyed the fruits of your hard labour. All of the money raised will go towards purchasing school equipment. Thank you for your support with raising much-needed additional funds for BWA.

Today we celebrated the progress pupils made in Reading, Writing and Maths this term. Congratulations to everyone who received a Headteacher Award in our celebration assembly. We also acknowledged the excellent achievement of pupils who have been in school every day since the first day of our school year – being in school every day maximises learning opportunities.

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- of personal development fostering a sense of responsibility to self and others
- a sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service

Our School Council are very grateful for your generous donations for Just Shelter. You have made a difference to families in our community who need a little extra support at this time. Thank you.

It is always hard to choose one highlight as there are so many throughout the school week but here are a few we would love to share with you.



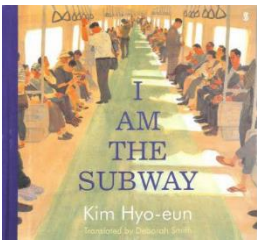
Pupils in our Nursery have been very creative and enjoyed decorating their own Easter bonnets. I'm not sure what they enjoyed the most – making them or wearing them. If you need one for the holiday – Nursery is the place to go.

In RB, pupils have loved doubling and halving. They have really enjoyed making pictures by copying the details to complete the other half. The pupils have challenged themselves to add background details to complete the image and they were so beautiful that we put them all on the wall!



To celebrate Easter, this week pupils in RW made chocolate nest cakes – one of my favourites. They melted the chocolate, measured the correct amount of shredded wheat, crunched it into the chocolate and mixed it thoroughly. They then put mini eggs into the nest and let it cool in the fridge before eating. They tasted delicious.

Pupils in Year 1 have had an amazing last week of term. They visited Chelsea Physic Garden and used all of their new knowledge about plants to become Plant Hunters! They built on what they already knew about plants, finding out all the different ways they can help us like making medicines and making our food taste nicer. The pupils showed so much enthusiasm for their learning and should be very proud of themselves.



Pupils in Year 2 hugely enjoyed exploring the text 'I Am the Subway' by South-Korean author Kim Hyo-eun, an inspiring text reflecting on the journeys of passengers on the Seoul subway. We then explored how to write a story from the perspective of a character travelling on the London Underground, and imagined what that character would see, hear, feel and think on their journey.

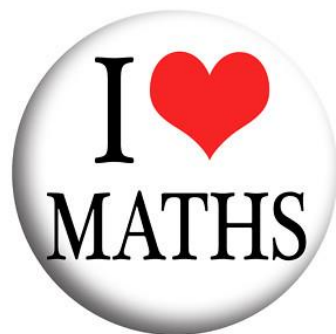
On Wednesday, pupils in 3S visited Streatham Common Community Garden to learn all about plants in preparation for their new science topic. During their session, pupils planted broad beans, sowed a range of seeds and even spotted a bug hotel. Everyone had brilliant day. Sincere thanks to Miss Stevens and the parents who helped make this trip happen.



In preparation for their reading of 'The Promise' in English next half term, 3M and 3S joined their fellow Year 3 pupils at Belleville Meteor for a talk by the author Nicola Davies. Nicola also shared a few poems from her new poetry book, 'The Star Whale' and our Year 3s felt incredibly lucky when they found out they were only the third group of children in the world to have heard these poems as the book won't be published until the autumn. They cannot wait to get some copies for our school book corners.

3B have enjoyed reading No 1 Car Spotter. This week, they have been writing a diary entry using time adverbials. Their writing is a joy to read.

Year 4's highlight this week was without a doubt their Design Technology lessons. They explored different bags and sewing techniques before designing their own mini-tote bags. Pupils hand stitched their designs using blanket stitch and back stitch and learnt the importance of determination when threading needles too. To finish the design process they evaluated their products, reflecting on what was a successful outcome and EBI.



Pupils in our 4B class have been mastering how to add and subtract fractions.

Year 5's highlight this week was learning about geometry. Pupils used a protractor to identify and measure angles - they showed great resilience and application of knowledge when they were set some very challenging geometry questions.

Year 6 have been loving their maths learning this week. We have been delighted to see how they are applying their reasoning skills to solve one, two and three step problems.

6B have started to write a narrative based on Holes about an outlaw. I am looking forward to reading the final versions as they really understand how to capture the reader's attention.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Don't give up			
Thomas	RW	Evie	4A
Amy	RB	Kit	4W
Aleck	Y1	Sarah C	4B
Layla	Y2	Vinnie	Y5
Alfie	3M	Emir	Y6
Owen	3S	Quitterie	6B
Zora	3B		

BWA Book Club for Adults – have you signed up?

Don't forget to sign up for this BWA if you are interested in joining us.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 27th April 2023 and our book will be *The Appeal* by Janice Hallett. Anyone who would like to take part is very welcome to do so and to support this, we recommend making use of local bookshops and local libraries to source the book. If anyone is finding it difficult to locate a copy, we will also have some spares to lend too. Please do complete this [survey](#) so that we can get an idea of potential numbers.



Childcare will be provided in the form of a volunteer-led creche in school for parents who require it.



Lavender Leonardo's Easter Eggstravaganza with Artist Vicki Sawyer | Online Zoom | Saturday 25th March | 5-7.30pm - Free

Internationally renowned American Artist, the Fabulous, Vicki Sawyer is presenting an online Easter Eggstravaganza Family and Friends Workshop, where both adults and children can come together and create with Vicki. She will be joining in live from her studio in America to take us through her step by step process. Explaining her techniques, tips and surprises she uses in her unique whimsical take on birds, animals and wildlife creations.

Vicki will be demonstrating in acrylics, if you don't have them feel free to use pens, coloured pencils, pastel, crayons or any other form of art material. We're so pleased that we can offer this workshop for free to children, thanks to everyone involved, especially Vicki who is giving up her time to facilitate in this workshop. We are kindly asking that if you're able to, please donate for an adult space. All donations received will be used to fund budding students art practice. (Suggested donation £15 for adult)

Suitable for adults, and kids (minimum 6 years old). Adult accompaniment is not required but recommended for this workshop.

Vicki's career was established with a degree in art from Penn State University, which led to work in graphic design, handmade doll creation, and professional mural painting. During her mural painting years, she developed a portfolio of hundreds of murals featuring birds, insects, animals, grasses, and wildflowers. Her experience confidently led her to move into canvas painting of the natural world. This switch, made fifteen years ago, marked the beginning of her expansive career as a fine art painter with a growing library of over 2,500 works. Vicki's work has now been exhibited extensively around the US, you can find out more about her here on her [website](#) and instagram.



Dates to Remember

First day of the Summer Term

- Bilingual Stream class Monday 17th April
- English Stream classes Tuesday 18th April

Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – 8th May is a Bank Holiday so no school for any pupil on this day.

I wish you all a very special Easter and wonderful holiday with family and friends.

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.