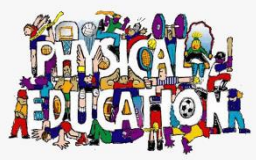


**3rd February 2023**



Just one more week until the half term break – I can't quite believe it as I am sure many of you cannot either. We have had a superb half term of learning together. Visitors to school have commented on how engaged our pupils are and how strong our curriculum offer is. A huge thanks to our phenomenal staff who work so hard to meet the needs of all our pupils and to you, for your continued support this half term.

Here are some of our highlights of our week together.



Mr Butler has felt especially blessed to be a PE teacher this week. Not only have we had no rain or frost (touch wood) but a new invasion game in the form of Hockey for Key Stage 2 pupils has seen an incredible level of engagement in all lessons. Pupils quickly picked up skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and defending. This meant we were able to start small sided games in all of our lessons which have been some of his favourite to

teach thus far.

Key Stage 1 and Early Years students haven't been lacking in engagement however, as we introduced balls into our attacking and defending units. Pupils have been showing off their hand-eye coordination and movement skills as they attempted to roll / underarm throw their ball into a goal. They have had to do this whilst trying to avoid a peer (the goal keeper) who is tracking and mirroring their every move! Mr Butler has been extremely impressed with the ability of our young sports stars and looks forward to finishing off the unit next week.

Pupils in our Nursery have been learning about Postal Workers. They have been busy painting their own post boxes and designing their own stamps.

In RW, pupils have been exploring fossils and learning about how they are made and where they are found. Pupils looked at the different shapes and patterns formed in fossils before making their own fossils out of clay to put in the dinosaur museum in the classroom.

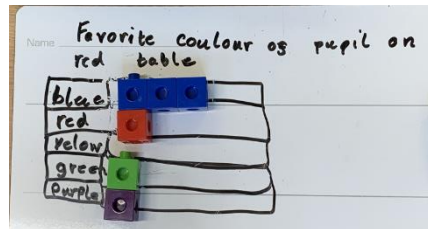


As we continuously strive to make learning relevant, and real, pupils in our 1B class had a fantastic trip to Holy Trinity Church, Clapham. They had an opportunity learn why Christians pray to God and how they pray in the church. Pupils explored the different parts of the church and got to read parts of the Bible. A massive thank you to all the parent volunteers, to Miss Sockalingam and to Holy Trinity Clapham for allowing this enriching trip to go ahead.

Year 1 were so lucky this week to talk to Dr Gaston, a scientist, who is working on making a type of plastic that is biodegradable. Pupils asked lots of questions and learnt about new materials. Dr Gaston helped us learn about what we can do to save the planet which we have been looking at in our English and Science this week. Thank you Dr Gaston!



This week 2B have been having a great time learning how to read and interpret pictograms and bar graphs so they are confident when they have to draw their own graphs.



This week the pupils in Year 2 learnt how to read picture graphs - exploring the different ways in which we can represent data in tables, as tally charts, as block diagrams and as pictograms. They carried out several surveys in the classroom to record information and present it in different ways.

Over the past few weeks, pupils in Year 3 have loved reading A Midsummer Night's Dream. Pupils have written a newspaper report using their knowledge of the present perfect tense to inform the citizens of Athens of what really happened during that mysterious night in the woods - based on the dramatic sequence of events that unfolded between Queen Titania and Nick Bottom. Everyone has absolutely loved their first foray into Shakespeare and are looking forward to reading more of his plays!

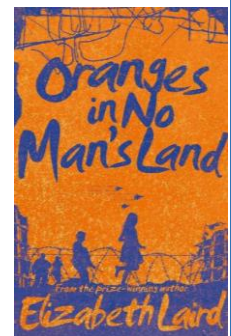


Pupils in Year 4A, who are reading Shackleton's Adventure, have loved the gripping and dramatic end to the voyage in sight. They wrote a diary entry based on how they might feel as disaster continues to loom on the journey.



Every week pupils in Year 4 go swimming. Pupils in 4W are showing a huge increase in confidence in the water and we are delighted with the improvements they have made in their swimming techniques as well as some excellent jumping in at the deep end!

5B pupils have enjoyed starting to read Oranges in No Man's Land this week. They have written atmospheric descriptions of the buildings in Beirut before and after the Civil War, using techniques such as expanded noun phrases and prepositional noun phrases.



Year 5's highlight this week was in geography. The children have been conducting thorough research on a biome of their choice, ranging from the Tundra to the Savannah. Using a combination of online research, articles and books, they collated evidence to create a fact file on their specific biome. In pairs, pupils then presented their research to the rest of the class, in true Newsround-style.



Pupils in Year 6 have been researching how the 1066 Battle of Hastings has affected our lives today. Pupils researched the feudal system and discussed whether the power the King held was fair. The King was able to gift property and titles to certain classes of people.

School Council met this week to agree on the actions they are going to take following the approval of their suggested projects by pupils across the school. These projects include a collection of much-needed items for local refugees and asylum-seekers; a pupil voice survey on playground equipment; a reflection on improving the reading provision during playtime and helping to organise Heritage Day later this year. More details to follow but it is safe to say our School Councillors will be busy in the coming months doing fantastic work for the school and the wider community! I am really looking forward to working with them on these projects.



### **Parent Governor - Election**

Voting for our new Parent Governor closes next Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup> February. I do encourage everyone to take part in this election.

We have had a Staff Governor election as well, with three candidates which I was delighted about. It shows the dedication and commitment to wanting the best of BWA.

Miss Mirfakhraie has been voted in as our next Staff Governor. I am sure you will join me in offering her our sincere congratulations.



### **Parent Gym**

As you know, I am so happy that we have secured another opportunity for BWA parents to attend this programme. This is a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. There are a few remaining places so if you have missed the deadline but are keen to join, please sign up using this [link](#) asap.



### **English Stream Parent Teacher Meetings**

We are looking forward to meeting with you next week. Please remember that you can come in 10 mins before your appointment to have a look at your child's books. There will be refreshments available and the opportunity to leave a note for your child.



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

If you haven't signed up for this webinar – I'd recommend you do. This company always run excellent sessions.

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 Don't give up</b>			
Tommi	RW	Ruben	3S
Archie	1B	Ella Mai	4A
Thomas	Y1	Luca	4W
Lorenzo	Y2	Max	5B
Jude	2B	Adam	Y5
Evie	3M	Imogen	Y6



### 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

**Last day of the Spring Term** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. English Stream classes will finish at 1:45pm. Bilingual Stream will finish at 3:15pm.

**YOU CAN HELP**

### UKHSA - School advice

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.**



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry



## **BWA PTA VALENTINES DAY EVENTS**

### **•\*Valentines Bake Sale\*•**

Our Valentine's Bake Sale is next Thursday 9th February from 3pm.

We are calling for all bakers to help contribute towards our first sale of 2023. These can be dropped off to the PTA opposite the main gate entrance between 8.15-9am on the Thursday morning. Individual small cakes, brownies, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, bagels, rocky and doughnuts welcome and feel free to add a Valentine-twist.



💳📱 Card and cash will be accepted

### **Fabulous Valentines Friday**

Pupils can come to school dressed in red or pink in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 on Friday 10th February.

All funds raised will be used to buy a Cinema screen and projector for future cinema nights.

**The BWA PTA Team xx**

### **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](#)



### **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.