



BWA Newsletter

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

4th November 2022



I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. By Monday break time it was hard to believe we had been off school the week before as we were so engaged in what was happening in school. Everyone settled back into the routine so well and the excellent learning behaviours of our pupils is just incredible.

This week we started our Parent Gym sessions. If you missed out on this signing up for a place this time, we do hope to run the course again.



Specific dates for Bilingual Stream Parent Teacher during the weeks beginning 28th November and 5th December are nearly finalised. If you would like to speak with the class teacher before these meetings, please do not hesitate to get in contact with them.

Open Days

We will be holding two Open Day events very soon. These events are for pupils starting in any year group. I would be very grateful if you could share this opportunity with friends.



- **Tuesday 15th November – focus on our English Stream provision**
- **Thursday 17th November - focus on our Bilingual Stream provision**

We are very proud of the provision we offer every child at BWA and have a relentless drive to improve it. If there are areas you feel we can improve on, I would be delighted to hear them so please do not hesitate to let me know. You can email me through the admin email or speak with me on the gate so we can arrange a time to explore your ideas further.



BHM project

The projects the pupil's completed during the half term were fantastic. We enjoyed sharing them with each other in class and in our whole school assembly this week. Congratulations to everyone who participated and shared their learning with us.

Learning with our resident artists

In the last week of half term, pupils in Year 5 and 6 explored the works of Salvador Dali, a pioneer of Surrealism with our resident artists. They discussed and analysed one of Dali's most world-renowned pieces of art: The Persistence of Memory. After discovering how Dali abstractly combined various physical, real-world objects, pupils were set their own Surrealist task, in the form of a banana.



Pupils in our Nursery have enjoyed using their senses to explore pumpkins. They have thought about how the pumpkins look, feel and smell.

In RB, our pupils have been inspired by the colours and patterns of Diwali. They have been creative in all areas of learning but particularly enjoyed making Rangoli patterns. It was lovely to see pupils working together to make their creations and hear them discuss their plans for what they will do next. They have also made diva lamps, firework paintings and puppets to tell the story of Diwali.



Pupils in RW were also learning about the festival of Diwali. They compared the celebration of Diwali to celebrations such as Christmas. Pupils made their own Diva Lamps out of clay, adding details using small tools. When dry, they painted their Diva Lamps with bright colours and added glitter for an extra sparkle.

This week the pupils in Year 1 started their new History topic all about how we and our world has changed. They looked at a timeline which showed how long the world has been around before humans, how it would have looked and then changed over time. Pupils were amazed to see how short the length of time humans have been on the Earth for.



Pupils in Year 2 were ready for Halloween by end of half-term when they designed some spooky backgrounds on their ipads in ICT.

This week they launched their new Geography topic - Where do people live in the world? Pupils explored different locations using a globe as well as Google Earth. They learnt what densely populated areas and sparsely populated areas are and reflected on which part of the world we live in. I was certainly impressed with their articulation of a sparsely populated area.

This week 3B have had a brilliant week exploring the Roman invasion of Britain. They explored what the peak of the Roman empire looked like and extended their historian skills to become Roman senators to debate and decide whether Claudius should invade Britain or not. Well done, 3B.

Our Year 3 pupils have been exploring their new book 'George Speaks'. Pupils were asked to predict what might happen next in the story and used dialogue to create a conversation between the Mum and Dad. They then performed their dialogues with their partners to the rest of the class with so much confidence.

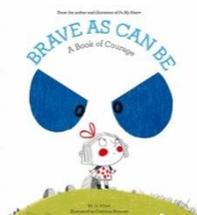


Pupils in 4B have been working very hard, especially in maths. This week they have been mastering how to subtract 4 digit numbers, from 4 digit numbers using the column method, involving renaming – this can be a tricky concept to start with. I truly enjoyed hearing them sing during their music lesson at the start of the week.

Our Year 4 pupils took part in an archaeological dig to uncover replica artefacts from the Anglo Saxon era such as brooches, coins, and necklaces. From this launch lesson, pupils are very excited about all they are going to learn in their new history topic.



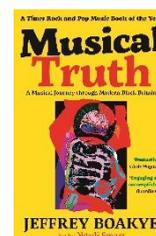
On the final day of last half term, pupils in our Year 5B had a wonderful time on their trip to the Junior Citizen Scheme. They covered topics such as Rail Safety, First Aid, Being Street Smart among many others. Their knowledge of how to be a good and safe citizen is definitely much better.



Year 5 read the book, 'Brave As Can Be' during their PSHE lesson and reflected on how we can approach our worries or doubts when we feel them. Pupils openly shared their personal experiences of overcoming challenging moments before creating brilliant 'Overcoming Worry' posters intended to help a younger person in their lives, for example siblings and younger family members.

Our Year 6 pupils have been learning about the circulatory system in Science, bringing to life how blood travels, both oxygenated and deoxygenated, round our bodies. They can't wait to look at dissecting a real heart later on in the term!

Pupils in 6B have started a new book in English called The Longest Night of Charlie Noon. They are ending the week with two great treats - a book talk by Jeffrey Boakye about influential Black musicians (based on his book called Musical Truth) and a workshop from Transport for London.



Excellent Learners

It was a privilege to congratulate our Excellent Learners in celebration assemblies this week.

Learn with others				
Zailah	RW		Henry	3S
Elliot	RB		Stefan	4A
Megan	Y1		Ylva	4W
Lucas	Y2		Sarah S	4B
Milla	3B		Vinnie	Y5
Gaspard	3M		Jess	Y6
			Arthur F	6B

School Streets – update on times

From 31 October the new times for our school street are:

Monday to Friday 8:15 to 9:30am and 2:45 - 3:45pm, term time only

The advanced warning sign on Wix's Lane is also due to be installed shortly after half term.

Free parent webinar – highly recommended

You know I think the parent sessions Role Models so generously offer are brilliant.

Following the incredible success of their last webinar, “Managing big emotions” that saw well over 1,500 registrations, Role Models would like to invite you to their next parent webinar on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm.

For this webinar we will be looking at “How to build a resilient family”.

Register [here](#) .

Dates to Remember



PTA AGM

We would like to invite you all to attend our BWA PTA AGM on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm. This meeting will take place at school. If you wish to attend, please email Emma and Julie, current co-Chairs, at bwa.pta@gmail.com, and we will send you the meeting details.

Century Workshop

Families with pupils in KS2 have been invited to a virtual parent workshop on Century this coming Monday, the 7th of November at 5pm. We hope you can attend to find out more about this online learning tool we have been using in school for some time and will now be accessible for use at home.

Individual and siblings photographs - 23rd November. We will send out a reminder closer to the time.

PTA Christmas Ball - Thursday 1st of December, 7pm – 10pm

PTA Christmas Fair – Sunday 27th November

Last day of term – Friday 16th December

- **English Stream finish** at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual stream finish** at 3:15pm



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. I am sure many of you will see some fireworks over the weekend. Personally, I adore fireworks so will maximising the opportunity to see the sky lit up.

Miss Henry