

7th October 2022



Last Saturday, twenty six BWA pupils took part in the TCS mini marathon race. It was a truly amazing experience for pupils in Reception through to Year 6 (and their parents!) to run part of the London Marathon route and cross the actual finish line, the day before the event. Reception to Year 5 pupils ran the last mile of the course. Year 6 pupils ran a longer distance of 2.6km. Miss Stevenson was there to cheer everyone on. I was at a Q1E

Trust morning so missed the occasion. The buzz at the school gate on Monday was electric as pupils wore their medals to school with pride. I know that parents really valued this amazing opportunity as well. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you Miss Stevenson for organising this experience for us.



WANDSWORTH BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

On Wednesday we launched Black History Month during a whole school assembly. Diversity, and inclusion, is embedded throughout our provision at BWA. During October will showcase great Black Authors in our book corners in every classroom. The local authority also have a range of wonderful activities that families may like to join in. You can find out more information [here](#).

Letters have been sent out to families in our English stream today, inviting parents and carers to book an appointment with their child's class teacher. After these meetings we will seek feedback on your experience so that we can make an informed decision about having these meetings in person or virtually in the future.

- **Tuesday 18th October** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- **Thursday 20th October** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – 6



Our Bilingual stream meetings will be held in the second half of the autumn term, during the weeks beginning 28th November and 5th December. If you would like to speak with the class teacher before these meetings, please do not hesitate to get in contact with them.



COVID19

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to minimise the risk of COVID19 spreading within our school community. Please refer to our BWA Family Guide setting out the procedures in place at BWA to ensure our school community keeps well and our education provision is disrupted as little as possible.



There was much excitement in our Nursery this week when pupils baked their own gingerbread men and couldn't wait to share with their parents at home time. Pupils carefully weighed out the ingredients, took it in turns to mix the dough and then rolled out the dough before cutting out their gingerbread men. There was a lot of talk about how they could stop them from running away, as in the story 'The Gingerbread Man'.

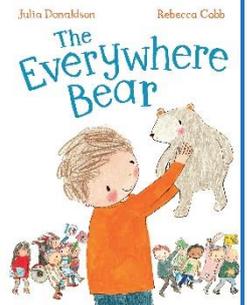


Pupils in RW have been discussing families. They listened to lots of stories all about families and learnt that not all families are the same. Everyone created a beautiful family tree using paints and their handprints.



In Year 1, pupils have enjoyed learning more about senses and using the sign language they learnt last week. Pupil explored how we see and used mirrors to find all the different parts of their eyes. They learnt about the iris, the pupil, eyebrows and eyelashes.

Pupils in 1B have been showing us what amazing authors they are. They were inspired by the book, 'The Everywhere Bear,' to create an adventure for their class bear, Tom. I was very impressed listening to their ideas in class because they could describe in detail what adventures he could get up to, linked to the location of the adventure – for example going swimming at the beach.



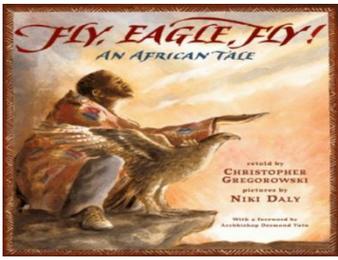
Pupils in 2B have been learning how to add 2 digit numbers with multiples of 10's, using Dines and then the column method. Pupils can confidently calculate $18 + 30$ by adding the tens together and then the ones. We have a very strong maths programme at BWA and it is wonderful to see pupils mastering the skills they need to be confident, successful mathematicians.



Our year 2 pupils really loved learning with our resident artist, experimenting with pencil techniques, sponge painting, learning how to use oil pastels and water colours.

Pupils created some wonderful works of art inspired by Aboriginal art and the theme of story-telling. We are so looking forward to displaying their master pieces around the school and in the classroom.





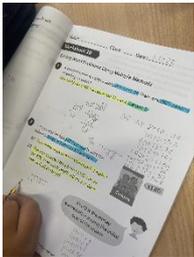
In 3S, pupils are enjoying reading the wonderful book, 'Fly, Eagle, Fly". This inspired them to plan and write a poem about the story. Pupils used expanded noun phrases in their writing as well as verses and repetition to create their fantastic poems before performing them to the rest of the class.

Pupils in 3M have been busy learning about France and Francophone countries in their French lesson. Pupils shared their knowledge of all things French, ranging from the Eiffel Tower and Emmanuel Macron to croissants. They were able to label the major cities on a map of France and now know there are twenty-nine French speaking countries in the world.

There may have been a rail strike but that didn't stop our plans to take Year 4 to the British Museum this week. Pupils in both Year 4 classes investigated artefacts from North America to deepen their understanding of our Geography unit. We are very grateful to the parents who helped us on the day – thank you. Sincere thanks to Miss Wadsworth and Mr Abraham for organising the trip to enhance pupils learning experiences.



It was a joy to see our Year 5 pupils investigating how parachutes work. Knowing how they work helped pupils plan a science experiment to establish how the size of canopy affected the speed of travel. Pupils constructed four parachutes, each with a different size of canopy and then dropped them from the same height to time how long they took to reach the ground. Pupils concluded that the greater the surface area, the more air resistance it encounters therefore the longer it takes to float to the ground.



It is so important that pupils have a quick recall of the timetables facts so they are successful mathematicians. Pupils in Year 6 have been using their knowledge of times tables facts to master long division. Pupils used partitioning, and bar models, to answer challenging word problems.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assemblies this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Can learn by themselves</u>			
Oliver	RW	Martha	3S
Louis O	1B	KJ	4A
Otterley	Y1	Estelle	4W
Jada	Y2	Zac	5B
Romeo	2B	Annie	Y5
Anna	3M	Khayyiel	Y6



Last week we launched our Instagram account. We hope you have been able to have a look at our postings to date and consider following us.

[Belleville Wix Academy \(@bellevillewix\)](https://www.instagram.com/bellevillewix) • Instagram photos and videos



School Streets – we need your help!

Our School Street status has resulted in everyone enjoying a peaceful start and end of the school day because the traffic is reduced outside our school. We do rely on your support to reduce the traffic and kindly ask that everyone helps by volunteering once or twice this term. You can sign up through this link for one or two 20 minute volunteering sessions this term. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w8pijP6BTuygxL-djxbZ_Ab60WI_9xWUyTX9NIQZD4c/edit

If you are interested in planning a more active school run, please find some [info here](#).

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry