

## 8th October Newsletter



Sincere thanks to everyone who took part in the PTA Foodbank drive today. It was a lovely start to Friday seeing the pupils coming into school wearing their favourite autumn outfits in return for donations of food.



Letters have been sent out to BWA English Stream classes inviting you to book a meeting with your child's class teacher. The dates of the meetings are set out in the table below. Appointments should be booked online using the links in the letter that has been sent out. We kindly ask that all appointments are booked by noon on Monday 11th October.

Day	Class
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2M</li> <li>• 3M</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception</li> <li>• Year 1</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery</li> <li>• Year 6</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2G</li> <li>• 3S</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4</li> <li>• Year 5</li> </ul>

We are more than half way through the first half term already and I couldn't be happier that our pupils are settled at school and engaged in their learning. Here are some of our highlights from this week.

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen     Helen Oxenbury



### Developing a love of stories in Nursery

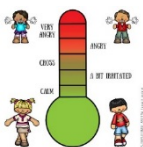
This week nursery have been very busy retelling the story '**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**' and have used some great language from the story. You may like to watch this video at home of the very talented author Michael Rosen telling the story with actions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qyl6ykDwds>



### Reception – learning how we use maths in real life

In Maths this week RW have been learning about **length and height**. When they arrived at school on Monday there was a massive tower on their carpet - they decided Tom, their teddy had built it! They have been making towers for their teddies ensuring the structures are tall enough for them to fit inside. Pupils used cubes, lolly sticks and other resources to measure how tall the structures were.



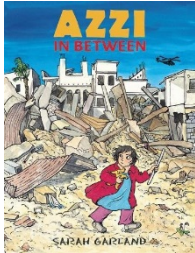
### Learning how we can manage our emotions in Year 1

1B really enjoyed their PSCHE lesson - 'How can we calm down when we are angry?' Pupils acted out scenarios when they might get angry and then suggested what strategies they could use to calm themselves.



## Year 2 learning about significant events that happened in the city we live in

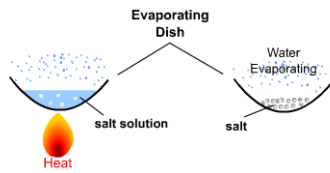
2G have been using some excellent writing skills this week in English. We have been creating diary entries as if we were living at the time of the **Great Fire of London in 1666**. We challenged ourselves to use old fashioned language like "My heart was full of trouble" and "I made myself ready".



## Year 3 – Relevant Books

In their English lessons this week, 3M have been reading '**Azzi in Between**', a tale of a family having to flee their home due to war. Azzi leaves behind everything she knows and loves, most importantly her grandmother. When Azzi and her family arrive in a new, unfamiliar country they must learn a new language and live among strangers. Everything is different for them. Azzi is both resourceful and brave and slowly learns how to adapt to her new life in a safe country.

Pupils were able to relate the story due to the recent news stories they have seen and heard about. They demonstrated very sympathetic and mature attitudes when engaging in discussion about how the family must feel about their loss and displacement.



## 5B Science experiment

The excellent learners in 5B enjoyed another rich and rewarding week of learning. During a science lesson, the crackle of excitement in the classroom was palpable as the pupils conducted an experiment in which they investigated how to separate the solvent and the solid in a salt and water solution. As well as generating much discussion around how evaporation in the wider world could be of use, it was fantastic to see how confidently and comfortably the pupils were using scientific vocabulary in the spoken interactions and class discussions. Well done to the super scientists of 5B.

## Yr 6 Art

Last Thursday 6B studied Van Gogh's painting of '**Starry Night**' with our resident artist. Van Gogh was inspired by the view from his window at the Saint-Paul-de-Mausole asylum in Saint-Rémy, in southern France, when painting this picture. 6B learnt how to cut lino to create a print of this picture. I think they have created fabulous masterpieces. Look at the photograph of an example of the work produced and compare it to the original.





### **World Mental Health Day 2021**

Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We learnt more this special day during our assembly on Thursday and in class activities today. It's normal to have ups and downs and we can all struggle with how we are feeling at times. For many the pandemic has been a challenging time and the little things may have got us through it - the morning walks, singing in the shower, the perfect cuppa, watching a new film, knowing the teacher was always there to help. As a school we know how important it is to be mindful of the issues facing our young people and that is why we aim to spread awareness by educating our pupils about mental health in order to support others and remove the social stigma.

### **WANDSWORTH October is Black History Month in the UK**



I hope you have been able to look at the local events Wandsworth are organising for families. Click [here](#) for a list of the events if you haven't had the opportunity to do so.

Here are a list of books which each class is reading during Black History Month.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Book</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	Handa's Surprise
<b>1B</b>	Sulwe
<b>2M</b>	Little People, Big Dreams - Wilma Rudolph
<b>2G</b>	Little People, Big Dream - Rupaul Charle
<b>2B</b>	The Proudest Blue
<b>3S</b>	My Friend's a Gris-Kwok
<b>3M</b>	Masai and I
<b>3B</b>	Too Much Talk
<b>Year 4</b>	Blast off into Space like Mae Jemison
<b>4B</b>	The Ogress and the Snake
<b>Year 5</b>	Counting on Katherine
<b>5B</b>	Walter Tull
<b>Year 6</b>	The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole
<b>6B</b>	Poetry by Karl Nova



### **Parent Governor Elections**

October.

Last week we sent out information about an exciting opportunity to join our LGB. Please do get in contact with us if this is something you would like to know more about. The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 18<sup>th</sup>



### **PTA Coffee morning with APL**

You are invited to a coffee morning onsite next Friday at 9am. Please get details from your parent class rep.

## **2M Learning with our Resident Artists**

2M had a wonderful time this week learning with our **resident artist** as you can see from the pictures below. They used oil pastels and water colours to create fabulous, colourful artwork. Everyone focus very well when learning new techniques to draw and when blending colours.



**Our resident artist**



**Proud of what we have learnt**



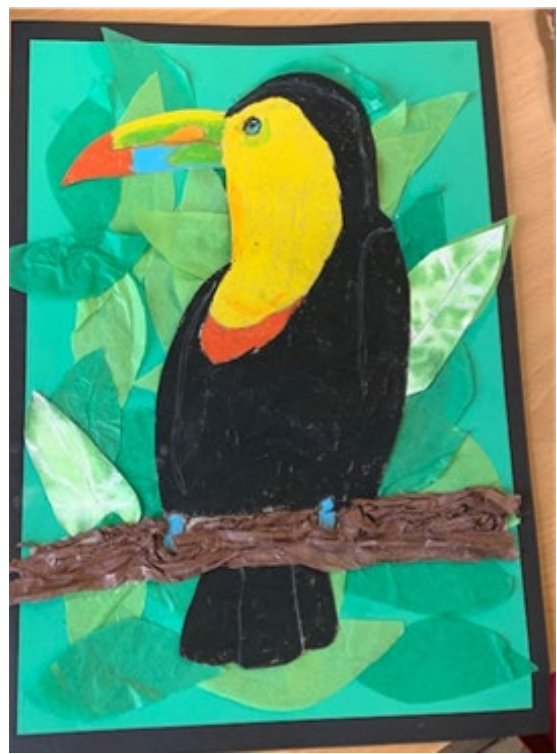
**Developing skills and knowledge**



**Learning together**

**Look at our finished artwork...**





Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry