



BWA Newsletter

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This term has flown by. They do say time flies when you are having fun....and we have certainly had many magical moments together at BWA this term both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your words of encouragement and helpful feedback on how we can improve our provision at BWA.

Yesterday we celebrated **Tinsel Thursday** as we collected food for the **Wandsworth Foodbank**. Pupils certainly looked great wearing some tinsel or festive clothing. Your generosity is truly appreciated and will make a difference to families who need support at this difficult time. Any family who is struggling is encouraged to let us know so we can try to do what we can to help. The information at the end of this newsletter may also be useful.



We are delighted to be sharing our Spring ASC offer. Letters have been sent out with details of how to sign up. Please do book the places you like by the end of next week, the end of term.

This week I was very honoured to have been in the audience for the Gymnastic Club displays. Truly inspiring and a joy to see the pupils develop in this sport as well as their commitment to continually improving.

Scarlet Fever

I am aware that there is anxiety about Scarlet Fever within our school community. I hope the emails I have sent out have been helpful. If there is anything you think we should be doing that we are not, please don't hesitate to let me know. I know that everyone would appreciate knowing if we have a suspected or confirmed case and trust that you will inform us of this.



Parent Governor

In January we will be recruiting a Parent Governor. More details will follow in the new year but I wanted to let you know in advance, hoping that you will consider if you would like to do this very valuable role. I am happy to speak with anyone before Christmas or in January.

Staffing Update

Miss Stevenson will be leaving BWA at the end of this term to go to Australia. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her dedication to the pupils at BWA both as a class teacher and most recently as our PE teacher. I know that this is an exciting opportunity for her to travel but also a sad one as she leaves BWA, her family and friends.

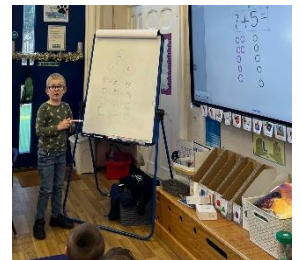
We have appointed a great PE teacher, Mr Butler. Mr Butler will be with us for a few days next week so he is ready for a January start, taking over the role from Miss Stevenson. Year 3 and 4W had a great time meeting him a few weeks ago and I am sure he will love being part of the BWA community. I thank you in advance for making him feel welcome.



This week, pupils in our Nursery have enjoyed searching for reindeers in the outdoor provision. They used their mathematical skills to count how many reindeer they could find and circled the matching numeral on their clipboards. It has been amazing to see how much the pupils have loved their Santa's Grotto as well. Miss Malone – you are so talented! Thank you.

In RW, pupils have continued to explore the Solar System. Every pupil made their own planet, using foam and paint to create a marbling effect. They thought carefully about the colours they would need for the planet they were recreating – the finished products look fantastic. They have also been very busy rehearsing for the nativity play next week – which is super exciting.

Pupils in 1T have been reviewing everything they have learned about addition and subtraction this term. They have a really secure understanding of fact families and some even had the chance to teach their peers how to use a part whole model to write number sentences. They were brilliant teachers!



During their time with our resident artists, pupils in 1B explored the seasons and used different mediums to create a season's wheel. They used stencils and watercolour to create a tree, tissue paper to represent the colours of the different season and used cotton buds to dot acrylic paint.

Year 2M got to grips with units of measurements, comparing lengths in centimetres and metres. They thought about which tools would be best to measure different objects or locations. Pupils also enjoyed measuring steps taken with a metre ruler and comparing distances, using the symbols greater than and less than. Great learning.

Pupils in 2B have been working hard too on their double page spreads in History and Science this week. They enjoyed retelling what they learnt this half-term through short pieces of writing and drawing pictures to support their understanding. I even heard them sing London's Burning – which was wonderful.

It seems like Maths has been a focus this week, as Year 3 were busy mastering long division. Even though this was the first time pupils have been introduced to the concept, they applied all the skills learnt during their multiplication and division topic and showed great determination to answer as many questions as possible.

Year 4 have had a great week finishing off the book Iron Man by reporting on the black-bat-dragon-alien invasion in Australia. Pupils interviewed one another in character to practise developing correctly punctuated quotes for their newspaper articles. They showed great reporter skills, writing newspaper reports for the Belleville Observer to inform others of the unwanted guest.



Year 5 had a super visit to the London Science Museum as part of their learning about forces and space this term. Pupils spent time exploring a space exhibit, before attending a 'feel the force' workshop after lunch. In the workshop, they were able to see a variety of forces put to the test in an interactive and practical way. Thank you to Mr Le Tissier for organising this great visit and for parents support in making it happen.

Pupils in 5B have enjoyed reading 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed. They challenged themselves (with advice from the book itself) to develop their neural pathways and write letters of advice to a student who finds Maths difficult.

After dissecting a real lamb's heart last week, pupils in Year 6 have been consolidating their learning by finding out how blood travels through the body, known as the double circulatory system.



This week in PE, pupils have been inspired by the football World Cup and have been focussed on keeping control of a football while a defender is trying to put pressure on.

Excellent Learners

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

Excellent Learners			
Want to learn more			
Victoria	RW	Charlotte	3S
Leopold	1B	Alexander	4A
Vogue	Y1	Chase	4W
Leandro	Y2	Emeline	5B
Basil	2B	Shiheim	Y5
Eden	3M	Selena	Y6



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/



Help for Households

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.



Dates to Remember

- **Friday 16th December - Festive Friday** - Min of £1 donation towards school improvement projects - pupils can wear their Xmas jumper at school that day.

Last day of term – Friday 16th December

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

Wishing you all wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry