



# BWA Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at BWA. One of my many highlights was spending time with our Key Stage 2 pupils as they took part in the mini marathon around the school on Wednesday morning. The atmosphere was delightful and it was particularly special to see so many parents come along to support and join in. Events like this really capture the strength of our school community. Beyond the physical challenge, pupils had learnt the importance of pacing themselves, showing resilience and encouraging each other to reach the finish line.

On Thursday morning our Parent Gym programme started, which we feel so fortunate to be able to offer at school. [Parent Gym](#) is a well-regarded course designed to support parents in building confidence and developing practical strategies to support their children's behaviour, wellbeing and development. It covers areas such as communication, routines, boundaries and emotional understanding, all in a supportive and welcoming environment with other BWA parents. I would strongly encourage any parents who are interested to take part. You can find out more later in this newsletter. Parent feedback from previous courses has been incredibly positive. If you would like to join the next session, please do let the school office know or [sign up here](#).

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable long bank holiday weekend.

**Séana Henry**  
Headteacher

## Important dates:

**Bank Holiday** – Monday 4 May. School closed.

**Summer half term** - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May.

**First day of Summer Term 2** - Monday 1 June.

**Last day of Summer Term 2 for Bilingual Stream** - Wednesday 15 July.

**Last day of Summer Term 2 for English Stream** - Friday 17 July.

**Full term dates for both streams are [available on our website](#).**

## Important information:

- Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school**. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our [communication table](#) should help with any queries you have.

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Fleur
RB	French Week
Y1	Ava
1B	Sara
Y2	Hamish
2B	Elyas
Y3	Margot
3B	Douglas
Y4	Jay
4B	French Week
Y5	Rico
5B	French Week
Y6	Gaspard
6B	Liam

## Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Milo
RB	French Week
Y1	Finnegan
1B	Josephine
Y2	Kadijah
2B	Sophie
Y3	Xaraeyah
3B	Nouri
Y4	Mohamed
4B	French Week
Y5	Ava
5B	French Week
Y6	Noah
6B	Owen

## Follow us on social!



Wandsworth Family Information Service [has many resources available](#) to help **support families with children with SEND**.

## Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

**Nursery** have had a great week, enjoying the sun and engaging in lots of learning outdoors. The children have shown a lot of creativity and collaboration in their self-directed play, using outdoor equipment to build complex "space stations" and obstacle courses for cars.

This week in **Reception**, the children have loved exploring the world of pirates. They enjoyed making pirate ships, reading *The Treasure of Pirate Frank*, and creating their own pirate hats. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm throughout the week.



**Year 1** have really enjoyed their plants unit so far this term, learning all about the different parts of a plant including the stem, leaves, roots, buds, and fruit. This week, the children had the opportunity to plant their own seeds, such as sunflowers, cosmos, basil, zinnia and echinacea. They carefully placed them in the soil and gave them water to help them grow.

This week in Maths, **1B** have been focusing on their knowledge of numbers to 40. Using manipulatives like dienes has supported their understanding of place value and representing ten and ones when working with 2-digit numbers. They had a terrific time challenging their partner to visually represent 2-digit numbers!

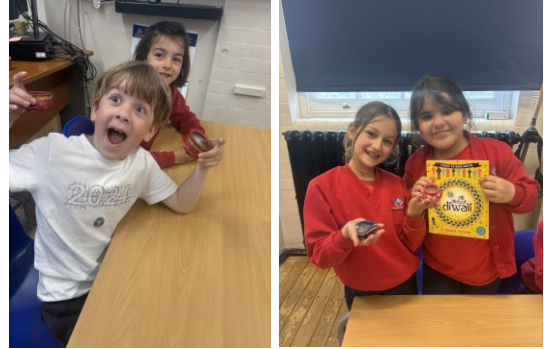


This week in **Year 2**, the pupils had a fantastic time taking part in a fun and exciting workshop from the chocolate factory. They learned all about how chocolate is made and discovered where it comes from around the world. One of the highlights was getting to taste a variety of chocolates, each with different flavours and textures. It was a wonderful experience that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed, combining learning with a delicious treat!

**2B** have had another fun week looking at the text *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The pupils have immersed themselves in Charlie's world through writing a diary entry. They have also been looking at how pollution affects the River Thames and other rivers in their local environment. They are now river experts!

## Our Week – Key Stage 2

**Year 3** have had an excellent week. A particular highlight was learning more about our REW topic, Hinduism. The pupils explored the importance of Diwali and other religious festivals for Hindus. They created their own Rangoli patterns and explored a range of Diwali books and candles, which play a huge role in the celebrations.



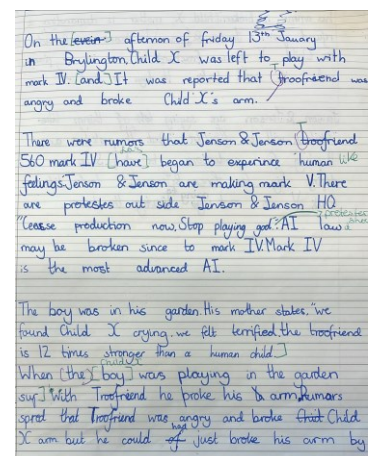
This week in **3B**, the children have been exploring the fascinating world of light and shadows. The children investigated how different materials - such as opaque and transparent objects - affect the shadows they create. Through hands-on experiments and observations, they discovered how light travels and how shadows can change in size and clarity depending on the material used. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity shine as they tested their ideas and shared their findings!

This week in science, **Year 4** explored an intriguing question: does size really matter when it comes to hearing? To investigate, pupils carried out a hands-on experiment using paper cones of different sizes to act as "ears." By listening carefully to sounds through each cone, they compared whether a larger surface area helped them hear more clearly. The results were fascinating. Many pupils discovered that the larger cones often made sounds seem louder or clearer. This led to thoughtful discussions about how sound travels and how bigger shapes can collect more sound waves, directing them into the ear more effectively.



This week in **Year 5**, pupils have been working on their newspaper reports. They are reporting on a story about a Troofriend that allegedly broke a child's arm, exploring the events from a journalistic perspective. Pupils have been developing their skills in writing to inform, focusing on clear, factual reporting and engaging their reader.

**Year 6** and **6B** pupils have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their upcoming SATs, showing determination, focus, and a positive attitude towards their learning. Throughout the term, they have been building their skills in reading, writing, and maths through a range of engaging lessons, revision activities, and practice papers. We are extremely impressed with their resilience and willingness to challenge themselves, as well as the support they show one another. As the tests approach, the children are continuing to grow in confidence and are well on their way to achieving their very best.



## Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football League

*"Over the course of the past few weeks, Pupils have been taking part in football leagues during Friday lunchtimes. Years 5 & 6 boys league is the first group to complete 3 sets of games to finish a season.*

*The competition was very fierce, and all three teams did very well. The final scores were Leandro's team seven points, Henry's team nine points and Harvey's team, 11 points. There were several awards to give out, the golden boot for the player who scored the most goals and the golden glove for the best goalkeeper. The golden boot was awarded to Harvey and Leandro, who both scored seven goals. The golden glove was awarded to Keenan, who Mr Hennessy thought was the best goalkeeper throughout the league. The tournament was enjoyed by all who competed, and we hope to stage another one soon."* Review written by Evelyn Mackenzie.



## Parent Gym

We are running a Parent Gym Course in Summer Term 1. Parent Gym 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. Come along to meet other parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. **The programme, normally worth £1000 per parent, is free of charge.** Everyone is welcome but spaces are limited!

Each weekly session will take place on Thursdays from 9am – 11am, from 7 May to 25 June (excluding half term week and SATS week). **It's not too late to sign up – [please register here.](#)**

- Week 1: Chat – 7th May
- SATS week: no session 14th May
- Week 2: Love – 21st May
- Half-term: no session – 28th May
- Week 3: Behave – 4th June
- Week 4: Care – 11th June
- Week 5: Discover – 18th June
- Week 6: Together – 25th June

## International Families Day – Friday 15th May

We are excited to share with you that we will be celebrating International Families Day on Friday 15th May at BWA. To celebrate our diverse and international family community, we will be hosting a range of events during the school day and after school.

We hope that you can support us in our efforts to make this a memorable and enjoyable experience for all. Please [sign up with this link](#) to join us for a small workshop in school or to volunteer to help out at the buffet.

