



10th November 2023 Newsletter



On Wednesday pupils learnt about Remembrance Day in our whole school assembly. They have impressed me with how knowledgeable they are and it has been great to hear them articulate how much they value the people who have given so much for us.

From Monday 13th November until Friday 17th November we are supporting and raising awareness as part of the Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is "Make a Noise About Bullying". We will be focusing on this theme in our weekly assembly and will be offering pupils an opportunity to take part in a variety of activities to promote awareness about bullying.



To begin Anti-Bullying Week, we will once again be celebrating 'Odd Socks Day' on **Monday 13th November**. Odd Socks Day helps children to recognise that every person is unique and different, and that our differences are something to be celebrated. We don't not tolerate at BWA. If you ever have any concerns about bullying, please do not hesitate to share these with us. It may be helpful to know that our policy can be found on our website and [here](#).



BWA Book Fair - 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th November

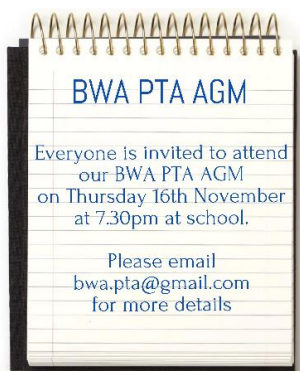
Today we held our first Scholastic Book Fair event. These will continue into next week, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of November in the middle hall. We hope you can stop to see the books on sale at competitive prices, whilst helping the school expand their library. This is a great opportunity to promote reading for pleasure and for families to purchase affordable books with their children. Our school also gets credits to buy books with the purchases made.



Times Tables Workshop for Year 3 & 4 families - *Understanding the year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' and supporting your children in learning their 'times tables'*

Having quick recall of times tables facts gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables facts provides the building blocks for understanding higher learning, such as long multiplication, long division, fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

To help parents with strategies to support children learning their times tables and in understanding the Year 4, MTC we are pleased to offer a virtual 'workshop' on **Tuesday 14th November at 2-3pm and again at 5.30-6.30pm.** An email has been sent out with the Zoom details to join the events. I do hope you can attend one of these sessions.



Our PTA

It was wonderful to speak with so many parents at our Cheese and Wine event on Tuesday evening. Sincere thanks to everyone who came to support this event and to our awesome PTA for organising it for us.

I do hope you can all come to our PTA AGM. Every parent and carer is a member of the PTA and it is such an amazing part of our school community.

Upcoming events are at the bottom of this newsletter.

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ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate



Pupils in our Nursery class have been celebrating all week with a whole host of exciting activities to learn about what Diwali who celebrates it is, and how. One of their favourite activities was making our very own diya lamps out of clay that they painted and decorated. Reception have also had a wonderful time learning about Diwali this week.



In RB, pupils were inspired by the story of Diwali when they read Rama and the Demon King as part of their 'Understanding

the World' learning. Whilst role playing the story using masks, one of the pupils began to draw around his to make a template and then added fine detail for the features, to make his own mask. It was such a wonderful idea, and well executed, that everyone wanted one. Now all of RB have been making masks and role playing this exciting story.

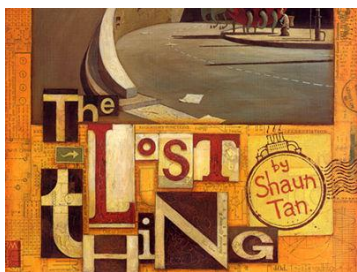


In Science, pupils in our Year 1 class have been exploring materials, their uses and how to describe them. They carried out an experiment testing their partner to name the material of an object based on how it feels and how their partner described it. The pupils were brilliant not only at identifying materials but also considering why, for example, some cups are made of plastic while others are made of ceramic or glass.

One of my highlights this week was seeing the engagement and enjoyment of our pupils in 2B during the specialist dance lesson this week. Pupils followed the teacher instructions to help them improve their movement, focusing on the position of different parts of their body. I am looking forward to seeing some of these movements during the year 1 7 2 disco next Friday evening.

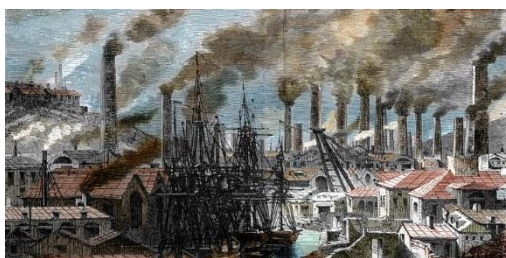
Pupils in Year 3 have been comparing how objects move on different surfaces. They explored how easy or hard it was to pull a toy car across wood, paper, foil and a jumper. Pupils discovered that the rougher the surface the more friction there was, meaning it was harder for the car to move.





This week, pupils in Year 4 have been planning to write their own versions of their class book, 'The Lost Thing'. After creating beautiful similes about their mysterious new friend, they are preparing to write their own narratives based on the Shaun Tann classic.

In History this half term, Year 5 are learning about the legacy of the Ancient Greek civilisation. This week they focused on how the Ancient Greeks have influenced sport and carried out research comparing the ancient games with today's using a range of historical sources. They particularly enjoyed learning about London 2012 which was before any of them were born.



Pupils in 6B have started their new History topic - The Industrial Revolution, with an immersive diary entry. They imagined themselves as a time traveller, originally from pre-industrial Britain, who has stepped through a portal to post-industrial Britain. Pupils included descriptions of how life would have been starkly changed and used their senses to bring the entry to life.

This week in Science, Year 6 have been building circuits with batteries, wires, bulbs and motors as part of their learning about electricity. They have learnt to draw scientific diagrams of circuits, using the correct symbols for each component. I was very impressed with their accuracy. Pupils also investigated how bulbs can become brighter and concluded that additional cells will create more power.



Football fever has taken over KS2 as pupils have been building their foot-eye coordination in PE. This week they started to add in some attacking and defending in various games. A highlight for the week is when Year 3 participated in the game 'take it to the house' – pupils go 1:1 against similar ability classmates. The aim is to end with the ball in your half after 1 minute. Pupils worked incredibly hard and made Mr Butler very proud. Awesome job Year 3.



Pupils in Year 2 had a wonderful time learning with our brilliant resident artists. They all created a colourful peacock inspired by Indian art folk, delving into the colour wheel and learning about primary and secondary colours. They experimented with acrylic paint mixing to gain a better understanding of colour mixing and explored patterns inspired by Indian Gond art.

Everyone was very proud of their final piece of art. I am sure you agree they should be very proud of their artwork.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Are Creative</u>			
Lanah	RW	Hector	3B
Sacha	RB	Duaa	Y4
Leila	Y1	KJ	5LT
Jackson	Y2	Bella	5M
Olivia	2B	Milo	Y6
Layla	Y3	Electra	6B



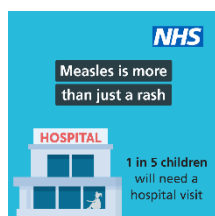
Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Information on Measles / MMR vaccination – message from the NHS

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Dates to Remember

- **Open days** – we are holding Open Days on **Thursday 16th November** and **Tuesday 21st November**.

Last day of Autumn term

- **English Stream** - Thursday 21st December at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** - Thursday 21st December at 3:15pm

Wishing you all a super weekend.

Miss Henry

Upcoming PTA Events

Thu, 16 Nov	BWA Open Day - English Stream	9am-11am	Help us show prospective parents around our great school, together with BWA teachers and PTA reps, and answer any questions they might have. ***Volunteers needed***
Thu, 16 Nov	PTA AGM	7.30pm-8.45pm	All BWA parents are warmly invited to attend our official PTA Annual General Meeting. We encourage everyone to join!
Fri, 17 Nov	BBC Children In Need	All day & collection at drop off	All children are invited to wear yellow, spotty or bright coloured clothes on the day, in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 on Friday morning, at drop off. Funds collected will be donated to Children In Need
Fri, 17 Nov	Y1/Y2/GS/CP Disco	5pm-6:15pm	Tickets are now available for purchase on bigcartel
Tue, 21 Nov	BWA Open Day - Bilingual Stream	9am-11am	Help us show prospective parents around our great school, together with BWA teachers and PTA reps, and answer any questions they might have. ***Volunteers needed***
Fri, 1 Dec & Sat, 2 Dec	Christmas Tree Sale	Pick up slots on Friday afternoon & Sat morning	Orders for Christmas trees are now open on Bigcartel, with pickups scheduled for 1st December (from 3pm to 7pm) and 2nd December (from 9am to 12pm)
Fri, 1 Dec	Christmas Fair	3.30pm-5.30pm	Anticipate a festive after-school fair for the children! We will need your help to run the games and activities, and make sure this great event can go ahead. ***Volunteers needed on the day***
Fri, 1 Dec	Festive Friday's Donations	Drop off	Toys and games' collection to support disadvantaged children. Benefiting charity TBC soon
Thu, 7 Dec	National Christmas Jumper Day	All day	All children are encouraged to wear their festive jumpers
Fri, 8 & 15 Dec	Festive Friday's Donations	Drop off	Collection of food essentials to support local food banks, at a time of year that is difficult for many
Thu, 21 Dec	Tinsel Thursday	All day	All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers all day, in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 on Thursday morning, at drop off. Funds collected will support the school PTA
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Fri, 19 Jan 2024	Y3/Y4/CE1/CE2 Disco	After 5pm - exact time TBC	Mark your calendars! Tickets will be on sale early January
Fri, 1 Mar 2024	Y5/Y6/CM1/CM2 Disco	After 5pm - exact time TBC	Fourth and final disco! Tickets will be available in February

*** As you all know, we need volunteers to help us run some of these events ***

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these events, please join our volunteer group on WhatsApp (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/13S1wNjZOMZLSG975dhw9Y>) or send us an email at bwa.pta@gmail.com and we will add you to the group

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/>

We're excited to share a hassle-free way for you to support BWA every time you shop online.

Simply visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/> and sign up. By doing so, a portion of your online purchases from thousands of retailers will be donated to our school at no extra cost to you. Think of it as a small contribution that makes a big difference every time you shop!

