

Newsletter for week ending 15th December 2023

Throughout this week we have welcomed families into school for an afternoon musical performance. Thank you to everyone who came to watch the pupils perform songs they have been learning in their Music lessons this term. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the whole class performances and individual performances and was very proud.



On Thursday afternoon, we were fortunate to be joined by Grieg from 52 Lives, a charity which seeks to change people's lives and spread kindness. In their own words, "We believe that kindness has the power to change people's lives, strengthen communities and ultimately change the world."

Pupils attended a workshop about the meaning of kindness and its benefits, for others and for themselves. Each class then went away to prepare a token of kindness for someone in their lives, whether that be a friend, member of family, staff at BWA or someone in their community. We were blown away by the words and acts of kindness created by the pupils, which we hope spreads far and wide with what they learned. Thank you very much to 52 Lives for a wonderful, informative and inspiring afternoon.

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ENGAGEMENT

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



This week, Year 3 had a brilliant Roman Day. They explored mosaic creation, designed their own Roman shields and even tasted some modern foods that would have been popular during Roman times. Thank you very much to our wonderful parents for supporting with very convincing Roman outfits for the children.





Pupils in our Nursery have been busier than Santa's elves continuing to learn about, and prepare for, Christmas. They have been printing their own patterned wrapping paper, designing and writing Christmas cards for their families. Here they are closely looking at the sounds in their names before writing it. They have made 'snow' much progress this term!

This week in RW, our pupils have been enjoying a selection of Christmas activities. They have been designing and making their own Christmas card and a calendar for 2024. Pupils have also been working hard wrapping presents in Santa's grotto, cutting the paper carefully and cello tape.



In Year 1, pupils have been developing their writing using positional language. They have gained an understanding of how to use positional language and how this helps the reader to picture a setting in detail. This resulted in brilliant outcomes in which the pupils described the wonders of the audience, thinking about how they could explain this to a new born baby who had never seen the ocean before.

Pupils in Y1B have been looking at poems this week. They have had an amazing time looking at a lot of poems along with Julia Donaldson stories to consider what makes a poem a poem. They've even had the chance to perform a poem called Down at the Doctors by Michael Rosen.



Pupils in Year 2 were delighted to welcome our visitors from the local Metropolitan Police this week, as part of their learning in RE about 'Rules and Laws'. They were engaged throughout the session, thinking about why we need rules and laws to keep ourselves and others safe, as well as to ensure fairness and respect in our community and beyond. Pupils reflected on the choices made by Goldilocks in the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and discussed how she had broken rules and laws, and what consequences there could be for her.

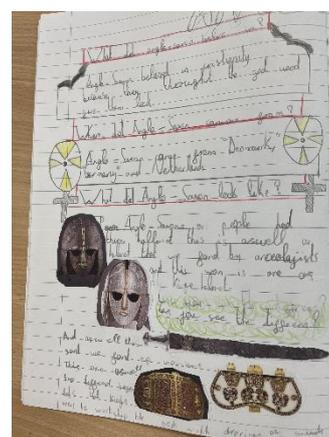
They asked some insightful questions, including: Did the government make the laws? What is it like being a police officer? How long do you have to stay in prison if you steal a car? What happens if the police break

the law?

Year 4 have been consolidating their learning on the Anglo-Saxons by creating beautiful double page spreads to showcase their knowledge.

After a week of excitement and anticipation preparing, on Tuesday 5M performed their Greek myths in their history lesson. Whether playing a role in 'Midas and the golden touch' or 'Theseus and the Minotaur', pupils worked hard to master their lines and most definitely showcased their acting abilities. It seems some of our pupils may be destined for the stage.

Pupils in 5LT were introduced to their new 'space tourism' unit and have been challenged to plan and design their very own space brochures for a trip to the moon. They have been using facts about the moon and their persuasive writing skills to generate incredibly creative ideas all week. We are all very excited to see next week's final product.



In 5B, pupils have been creating double page spreads in Geography. They showcased their knowledge and understanding of their topic, 'Earth's natural resources', being sure to include information gathered from each lesson. Pupils wrote about water scarcity and the solutions to this problem as well as the emergence and importance of renewable resources and the impact of fossil fuels on the planet. 5B chose carefully how to present their learning with creativity and colour to draw the attention of readers.



This week, Year 6 wrote letters to their younger selves, describing many of the wonderful aspects of school life that they will get to enjoy. They gave their four-year-old selves advice on perseverance, resilience and kindness, exploring what they may do differently if they got to start again. It was fantastic to hear so many of their stories and their memories of previous teachers. They displayed maturity in their writing and worked collaboratively to support each other during the writing process. Well done, Year 6.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Want to learn more</u>			
Alfie	RW	Chloe	4B
Tommi	Y1	Ryan	5LT
Sixtine	1B	Chase	5M
Betty	Y2	Charlotte	5B
Maeva	Y3	Armani	Y6
Oskar	Y4		



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to your generous support during our Festive Fridays, we are making a difference, helping disadvantaged families and children at a time that is challenging for many.

Festive Friday #1 – collection of new toys and games for three local charities



On December 1st, together with APL Ecole de Wix, we collected new toys and games for three brilliant charities who are supporting families and children all year round: HomeStart Wandsworth, Young People Matter in Lambeth and Streatham Youth & Community Trust.

Thanks to your donations, we were able to deliver **330 gifts to children, aged 0 to 14**, and make sure they all got a present for Christmas this year.

Festive Friday #2 – collection of food and other essentials for the Wandsworth Food Bank



Last Friday, together with APL Ecole de Wix, we collected long-life food and other essentials for the Wandsworth Food Bank.

Our lovely volunteers delivered FOUR cars full of your donations to their warehouse! Total donations weighed **287.7 kg**, which the food bank estimates will provide **685 meals** for our neighbours having a hard time at the moment.

This is just fantastic and so heart-warming!

We couldn't be more grateful, so a VERY BIG thank you to you all!!!

The BWA PTA xx



Birthday Treats

When it is a child's birthday during the school term, parents and carers can choose to celebrate this special occasion by bringing in food to share with the class if they wish. This food is given out at the end of the school day so that parents and carers can decide if their child consumes it. If you do choose to bring in food for the class, we would really appreciate it if, in addition to nut-free, consideration could be given to other allergies, religious and dietary preferences, so that all children can share in the class celebration.



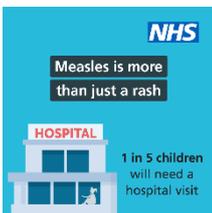
Communication

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

Last day of the Autumn term

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

First Day of Spring Term

- **English Stream** – Tuesday 9th January
- **Bilingual Stream** – Monday 8th January

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry