



BWA Newsletter

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Welcome Back
to the
Summer Term

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. It has been a joy to welcome everyone back after the two week break and to hear all about the amazing adventures that have taken place – as well as the amount of chocolate consumed!

The final term of the year is a very busy one and we are all looking forward to successful term, learning together.

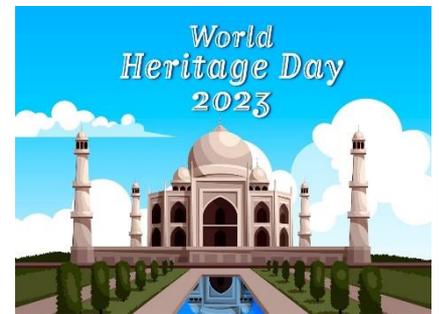
Heritage Day Events at BWA

The projects that have been carefully carried into school with pride are absolutely phenomenal. It really is wonderful to see the thought and time that has gone into showcasing the magnificent heritage sites in countries our families are from. Thank you so much for spending this time with your children – I do hope you loved the project as well.

We have been so fortunate to have so many parents volunteer to come in to speak with the pupils about the places they are from. We are so grateful for your generosity in sharing your knowledge and experience with us.

Yesterday the pupils dressed up in national costume, we had a wonderful assembly to hear about the heritage of staff and to showcase the magnificent models of heritage sites from around the world. After school we had the most delicious buffet, sampling foods from all across the world. We can't thank you enough for participating so actively in these events – you really made the difference.

I would also like to thank Miss Mieville and Miss Gordon who had the lovely idea and organised the whole celebration...with help from colleagues. I know you will also join me in thanking them for creating such a great experience for every pupil and family.



Strike Action Dates

Please be aware that there are two NEU strike days. These are scheduled for 27th April and 2nd May. I would advise that you make alternate arrangements for your child on this day until we are in a position to inform you of the impact it will have here at BWA.

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LEARNERS who are:

- inquisitive, resilient and have high expectations of themselves
- critical and creative thinkers who can solve problems and evaluate effectively
- confident, collaborative and articulate
- excellent learners

The first four days of our summer term had been terrific. Here are a few of the highlights we would love to share with you.



PE at BWA

Summer Term has started and Mr. Butler has promised that he packed the sun in his suitcase this time – let's hope he really did!

In PE, pupils have started their Striking and Fielding unit which will culminate in games such as Cricket, Rounders and even Softball. The skills that are important for success in this unit are many different hand-eye coordination movements such as striking (batting), catching and throwing.

Pupils have started learning more about the techniques for throwing - the main focus has been the correct technique of underarm throwing for Early Years and overarm throwing for KS 1 & 2. Mr Butler encourages you to invite your child to show you their best 'Soldier, Aeroplane, Muscle Man, Step, Throw' for KS1 and 2 or 'Swing, Step, Throw' for EYFS.



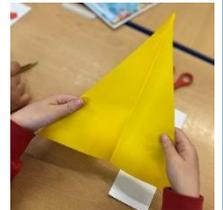
This week, pupils in Nursery began their new topic about Space. They have been very creative using the playdough to build their own aliens and loved exploring the Space Station in their classroom.

Pupils in RW have been learning about height. They have measured lots of objects inside and outside of the classroom using different resources and then ordered them from the shortest to tallest. Pupils also measured how tall they were so they can see how much they grow over the next term.

In 1B, pupils have started to learn about the history of the world. They researched different eras of the Earth, from the Azoic Era to the modern-day era. Pupils were able to identify that dinosaurs lived during the 'Mesozoic Era' or the era of the reptiles.

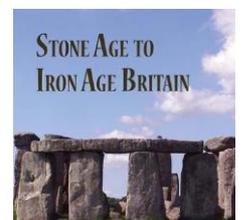


Pupils in Year 1 started learning about fractions. They solved the problem of how to share a cake equally between two friends and then moved on to showing this using paper shapes. Pupils have been fantastic in articulating what a half is using mathematical vocabulary.



Year 2 and 2B launched their new English topic on Roald Dahl's classic novel, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' this week. They were delighted to be handed a small piece of chocolate which they were not allowed to touch initially, having to imagine what Charlie Bucket was feeling when he longed for some wonderful Willy Wonka chocolate. Pupils were then given five minutes to savour it before writing some descriptive pieces of their experience using all their senses. They cannot wait to read more of the book.

To launch their new History topic based in the Stone Age to the Iron Age, pupils in Year 3 walked back through time and identified the chronological span of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages. As these periods were such a long time ago pupils went outside and created their very own timeline, where they placed markers each 1000 years and discussed the significant events that took place during the period of time. Pupils couldn't believe just how long ago the Stone Age was.



Having touched on the topic in their French lessons, it was wonderful to see how much pupils had remembered and that they were able to transfer this knowledge. As they have also covered significant periods such as the Romans and the Ancient Egyptians this year, it led them to wonder what the current age is called and they have discovered we are living in the Holocene Age.



This week, Year 4 have started studying their new Geography topic of 'Coasts'. They began by looking at two very different coastlines in Plymouth and Northern Ireland and comparing the two before using question matrixes to generate our own unique questions about our coasts in the UK.



Pupils in Year 5 welcomed some new insect friends to their classroom this week as part of their new Science unit - Living Things and Habitats. During this unit, pupils will be comparing the life cycles of caterpillars/butterflies with that of stick insects. They have discovered that the caterpillars should reach Chrysalis stage within 1-2 weeks, whilst the stick insects may take 6 months to reach full maturity. Pupils have already made some great initial comparisons between the two and will do a fantastic job ensuring the environment best nurtures the growth of both insects.

5B have started their new topic of percentages in Maths and have been greatly enjoying reading the graphic novel 'New Kid' in English.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard writing their newspaper reports. They could choose to report on the Sheriff's murder or the schoolhouse fire in Green Lake (the fictional town in which their novel Holes is set). Pupils have really understood the purpose and the context of this writing.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Are Creative</u>			
Victoria	RW	Vivienne	3S
Cesar	1B	Benjamin	4A
Freddie SL	Y1	Estelle	4W
Skylar	Y2	Electra	5B
Elsa	2B	Maeson	Y5
Yassine	3M	Khayyiel	Y6

Dates to Remember



- **Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May – no school for pupils**
- **Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – 8th May** is a Bank Holiday so no school for any pupil on this day.
- **Half term – week beginning Monday 29th May**

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry

Help for Households

The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) which is an arm's-length body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions offers free and impartial guidance to help people to make the best with their money and pensions. Please use this link to access the information. [Help with the cost of living | MoneyHelper](#)

MoneyHelper have just included a Benefits calculator to help people know the list of the benefits they could qualify for and how they can claim them. <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/benefits/benefits-calculator>.



LA Support Offer

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/



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.