



BWA Newsletter

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It is hard to believe the end of our spring term is next Friday. This morning we held our second Mothering Sunday breakfast at BWA. A huge thank you to everyone who came to the two events, one last Friday and again today. It was wonderful to have you in school and the children loved it.



BWA School Video

I hope you have had a chance to look at our [school tour video](#) and shared it with your friends. We are always happy to show you, or your friends, around our wonderful school.

BWA Book Club for Adults – have you signed up?

Don't forget to sign up for this BWA if you are interested in joining us.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 27th April 2023 and our book will be *The Appeal* by Janice Hallett. Anyone who would like to take part is very welcome to do so and to support this, we recommend making use of local bookshops and local libraries to source the book. If anyone is finding it difficult to locate a copy, we will also have some spares to lend too. Please do complete this [survey](#) so that we can get an idea of potential numbers.



Childcare will be provided in the form of a volunteer-led creche in school for parents who require it.

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RELEVANCE

- recognition of the richness in diversity and inclusion
- tailored to reflect local, national and global perspectives
- clear progression in knowledge, skills, content, language, processes and concepts



Throughout this week it has been a joy to see how our Intent statement guides our curriculum provision. You can read our LEARN statement [here](#). Here are a few of our highlights from this week.

This week, pupils in our wonderful Nursery have enjoyed listening to the story, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. They have been using their fantastic drawing skills to draw their own tigers. We have all been so impressed with the details our pupils included in their drawings.



Pupils in RW have been learning about traditional tales. To enhance their understanding of these tales, they were very fortunate to have the opportunity to see Jack v Giant at the Polka Theatre. The show was fantastic and everyone enjoyed the performance. Thank you to all the adults who worked so hard to make this trip happen.

Year 1 have been working really hard on sharing objects out equally this week. They've been working with their partners and using cubes to show the security of their understanding. They are making super progress in maths.

Pupils in 2B have been reading Mae Among the Stars - a true story about Dr Mae Jemison, first African American female astronaut for NASA. After reading this incredible book, pupils wrote a diary entry about how little Mae felt on the day that her teacher told her that maybe she should be a nurse instead of an astronaut. Their favourite part of this book was when Mae's mum told her, "If you can dream it, if you can believe in it, and if you work hard for it, anything is possible."



Year 2 had a brilliant start to the week and particularly enjoyed their gardening session with Mr Crane. They got the chance to identify and smell various herbs in our garden development as well as plant beans and coriander ahead of their next topic in science about plants. It was a wonderful morning of leaning about nature and our environment.



On Wednesday, pupils in 3M had an amazing day immersed in plants. They too had a session with Mr Crane, one of our parents and gardening extraordinaire and in the afternoon they visited Streatham Common Community Garden.



During their morning session outside in our garden development, pupils planted French beans, peas and coriander with Mr Crane. It was wonderful to see them applying their new scientific and geographical knowledge when sowing more seeds and learning about other plants in the community garden. To top it off, the sun even made an appearance whilst they were having lunch in the orchard!

Pupils in 3S have been busy learning what shadows are. They carried out their own investigations to change the size and shape of a shadow. Pupils discovered that by changing the distance between the light source and the object meant the size and shape of shadow changed. We do love science at BWA!



Year 5 have been solving problems using their new knowledge about percentages. We have been very pleased to see how well they approach the problems before deciding on the method they need to use. Pupils have relied on their previous learning about fractions and decimals, to help them.

This week, Year 6 have been writing an origin story about the infamous outlaw, Kissin' Kate Barlow. They have been exploring the character of Katherine, as well as her life as a schoolteacher before she experienced a personal tragedy. Pupils considered the gravity of this tragedy in defining her actions later on in her life and have written some incredible openings to their narratives to help the reader be compassionate and understanding.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Listen well			
Margot	RW	Duaa	3S
Layla	1B	Amelia	4A
Alex TF	Y1	Ylva	4W
Jada	Y2	Omar	5B
Jackson	2B	Musa	Y5
Zaira	3M	Eliza	Y6



Lavender Leonardo's Easter Eggstravaganza with Artist Vicki Sawyer | Online Zoom | Saturday 25th March | 5-7.30pm - Free

Internationally renowned American Artist, the Fabulous, Vicki Sawyer is presenting an online Easter Eggstravaganza Family and Friends Workshop, where both adults and children can come together and create with Vicki. She will be joining in live from her studio in America to take us through her step by step process. Explaining her techniques, tips and surprises she uses in her unique whimsical take on birds, animals and wildlife creations.

Vicki will be demonstrating in acrylics, if you don't have them feel free to use pens, coloured pencils, pastel, crayons or any other form of art material. We're so pleased that we can offer this workshop for free to children, thanks to everyone involved, especially Vicki who is giving up her time to facilitate in this workshop. We are kindly asking that if you're able to, please donate for an adult space. All donations received will be used to fund budding students art practice. (Suggested donation £15 for adult)

Suitable for adults, and kids (minimum 6 years old). Adult accompaniment is not required but recommended for this workshop.

Vicki's career was established with a degree in art from Penn State University, which led to work in graphic design, handmade doll creation, and professional mural painting. During her mural painting years, she developed a portfolio of hundreds of murals featuring birds, insects, animals, grasses, and wildflowers. Her experience confidently led her to move into canvas painting of the natural world. This switch, made fifteen years ago, marked the beginning of her expansive career as a fine art painter with a growing library of over 2,500 works. Vicki's work has now been exhibited extensively around the US, you can find out more about her here on her [website](#) and instagram.

This week we have had more staff test positive for COVID19. When staff have COVID19, they are off school for at least 5 days after testing positive. We really appreciate your support with ensuring your child does not come into school if they are unwell and have a fever. Children should stay at home until they feel better and the fever has resolved.



Dates to Remember

Last day of the Spring Term – Friday 31st March.

- English Stream classes will finish at 1:45pm.
- Bilingual Stream will finish at 3:15pm.

Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – 8th May is a Bank Holiday so no school for any pupil on this day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

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.