



BWA Newsletter

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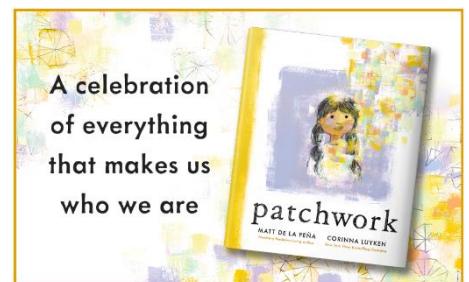
MARCH

It is March – already! There are so many exciting things happening in March for us all – first day of meteorological spring, World Book Day, Girl's Football Day, a variety of school trips, St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and the start of the Easter holiday to name a few.

World Book Day at BWA – Thursday 9th March

We will be celebrating our love of reading on Thursday 9th March.

Our learning in English will focus on a special book, Patchwork, by Matt de la Pena and Corinna Luyken, to fit in with the theme of this year's them, 'Making it Your World Book Day'.



Pupils will be taking part in various workshops or talks, as well as celebrating with a special Assembly and parade of World Book Day costumes. We are looking forward to seeing pupils come into school dressed as their favourite book characters! Letters have been sent out with the details of the wonderful events planned.

We would appreciate you sending in photos of where your child loves to read - the more unusual, the better!



BWA Netball team

Mr Butler was so excited to take nine of our Year 6 pupils to Burntwood to play in the Bee Stingers 5 a side netball competition. Pupils were dedicated to being well prepared and generously gave up some of their lunch times for additional training. Mr Butler saw an incredible increase in skill level and understanding of the game of netball by everyone in our netball club.

During the competition, BWA secured 2 draws and came in 6th place, in our division. However, Mr Butler says we were so close to snatching a couple of wins.

We are all exceptionally proud of the pupils who represented our school.

A special thanks goes out to Mr Hayball, our parent volunteer for the day. He was a second coach on the day and really rode the highs and lows with the team. Thank you Mr Hayball and Mr Butler.



Ukulele Club

We are passionate about ensuring every pupil has the opportunity to play a musical instrument and pursue additional study in music if they want to learn more. Pupils who attend our weekly Ukulele Club have been learning a traditional song called Yellow Bird, which they are now able to sing beautifully in accompany using single pitches on the ukulele.

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ENGAGEMENT

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

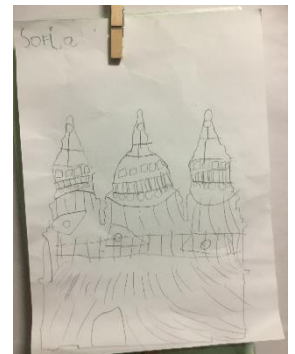
We had another wonderful week of learning at BWA this week. It is clear to see our Intent statement is guiding the curriculum provision. If you haven't read our

LEARN statement, do click [here](#). Here are a few of our highlights.



In our Nursery, pupils have been reading the story, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. They have particularly enjoyed cooking and tasting their own pancakes, as well as creating pancakes with the playdough. I am sure you agree they look delicious.

In RB, pupils have been learning about London. They discovered it has famous buildings and iconic symbols, such as buses and taxis. Pupils used templates to make drawings of London Landmarks and it was wonderful to hear their descriptions as they looked closely at the patterns they discovered in the photographs. We were very impressed to see how well the pupils included these details in their artwork. Look at this brilliant drawing.



Pupils in RW have been reading the Traditional Tale, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They have been making props from the story to help them to retell the story. One of my favourite props was the basket they made by weaving strips of paper, the junk model cottages were super as well. It was lovely to see the pupils use these props in the role play corner to help them retell the story.

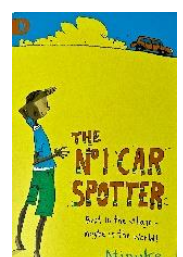
In Year 1, our pupils have been writing some fantastic adventures. They planned their stories, then rehearsed their story by telling it to their peers before committing to paper.

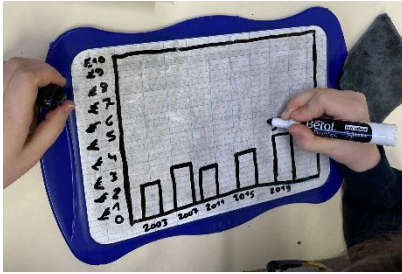
Pupils in Year 2 have been learning about the Solar System, in Science. They can now remember the name and order of the eight planets in our Solar System from the Sun. They showed great use of scientific vocabulary when discussing the key question, 'How does Earth orbit and rotate?'. Pupils thought about why we have day and night and why different parts of the world are experiencing different times and seasons, in a moment in time.



During their French lesson, 3M continued their exploration of Ancient Britain. Pupils have been really excited to study a history topic in French – they have enjoyed finding links and making comparisons with English. Pupils have discovered that sometimes words in different languages can be very similar.

Pupils in 3S have continued writing their car adverts based on The No.1 Car Spotter. They really focused on using emotive language and other persuasive writing techniques in order to advertise the Toyota Corolla.





Pupils in 4B have been learning about Bar Graphs and Line Graphs. They explored how bar graphs can be useful to analyse data quickly, for example: which category had the most/least or what is the difference between categories. Pupils also learnt that line graphs are more useful when you are comparing data points over time.

In 4W and 4A, pupils have been engaged in their new topic on Micro-organisms. Pupils used glitter to explore how microbes and germs spread (and end up everywhere) and then became experts at spotting potential hygiene risks when cooking cupcakes.



As a treat for putting in effort (one of our school values) during 'independent learning', our Year 5 pupils made their own board games. In teams, pupils used their creative skills and collaborated effectively to plan, design and create their own board games. Many of us hope there is no wet play, however Year 5 can't wait to play their new games during their next wet play time.

Pupils in Year 6 and 6B were very fortunate to have Frances, a local magistrate, visit to talk to them about her role and how the courts work. Pupils are more knowledgeable about the different courts and what cases would be heard in each one. They learnt how a punishment is decided according to law and individual circumstance.



During the visit, pupils took part in a mock trial – which was fantastic. Pupils took on different roles such as the prosecution, the defence and the accused. Pupils had to decide whether they found the two defendants guilty or not guilty. Based on the evidence provided, both parties were found guilty by majority ruling.



Cases at BWA

We all want our dedicated staff to be well and be in school supporting every child, every day just as we want all pupils to be well and in school learning every day.

I kindly ask that you continue to adhere to the [advice](#) set out for parents. The advice, aimed at parents, states that if your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Please know that your vigilance and care is much appreciated.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

Excellent Learners			
Not scared to make mistakes			
Ginevra	RW	Georgia	3S
Jayda	RB	Rejhana	4A
Cornelius	Y1	Chase	4W
Caterina	Y2	Kristina	4B
Sebastien L	3B	Armani	Y5
Timi	3M	Omari	Y6
		Eliana	6B



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. When you wake up tomorrow on 4th March – perhaps you can start the day thinking of this quote.

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.