



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 15 September 2023



We have enjoyed a busy week at WBJs, including wonderful visits from Life Space; Forest School started with our lovely Forest School Lead Mrs Webber; and Year 6 held their Evacuee day, to name but a few highlights of the week.

Life Space Visit

This week the children participated in workshops planned by Coram Life Education, the providers of our SCARF PSHE scheme. The children thoroughly enjoyed the multi-sensory experience, and helping Harold the Giraffe to solve his PSHE-related conundrums - from making healthy choices to friendship dilemmas! We look forward to welcoming Harold and friends back to WBJs in the near future.



Year 6 Evacuee Day

Year 6 immersed themselves in their topic by imagining what the lives of evacuee children in WWII would have been like. It was brilliant to see all of the children dressed as evacuees whilst we listened to old war songs, wrote postcards home, filled in identity labels and shared artefacts from the war, such as gas masks and suitcases. It was a fantastic day and a great way to kick off our topic!



Pupil Success

On Sunday, Edward from Darwin competed in the regional gymnastics grade qualifier in Maidstone. It was his first big competition for boys from gym clubs across the south east who are 9 years old. He finished 6th overall which is an excellent result for a boy who is a year younger than most of the other competitors! He has now qualified for the National Grades Competition and will represent the South East Region in Telford this coming October. He has worked incredibly hard to achieve this success a year earlier than most of the gymnasts he is competing against. If you have any great success to share that happens outside of school, please let me know by email head@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Shine Awards!

Shine awards are awards celebrating children nominated by children in certain categories namely: Entrepreneur Award, Environmental Award, Sporting Award, Drama Award, Expression Award and Community Award. Full details can be found on the school website.

Free online parenting courses for children at risk of school refusal with anxiety

A wonderful opportunity has arisen for any parents who wish to understand children with anxiety around school attendance. Feedback from those who have attended other courses has been extremely positive. It starts on Monday 18 September for three weeks, 2 hours online via zoom. No cost involved! Please follow the link below.

[Family Learning - Parenting - First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/family-learning-parenting-first-steps-to-understanding-emotionally-based-school-non-attendance)

Year 5 Residential Trip

Good luck to all the staff and children ahead of their five day residential trip to Hindleap Warren next week, led by Mrs Turitto. I will be joining the trip on Wednesday and Thursday, leaving Mrs Frommholz in charge of the school. Looking forward to feeding back to you all in next weeks newsletter.

Parents/Carers in the Community Assemblies

Last year we launched a series of assemblies where parents volunteered to share with children their chosen career. This proved very successful and inspirational for our children and something we would like to continue with. This could include parents who did talks previously (because we have new children at the school - you may wish to alter or adapt your presentation), parents who were unable to volunteer last year, or parents who are new to the school. Assemblies are held at 8.50-9.20am and 10.20-10.40am but we can be flexible. If you are interested please do contact me to discuss this further.

School Communications Policy

We have created a School Communication Policy for both staff and parents, it is located on the school website . <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=11680&type=pdf>
Please send any comments or suggestions by **Thursday 21 September**. Many thanks

Thought of the week

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Miss Lawrence
Headteacher



Unauthorised Absence from School

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child/ren out of school without authority for five or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

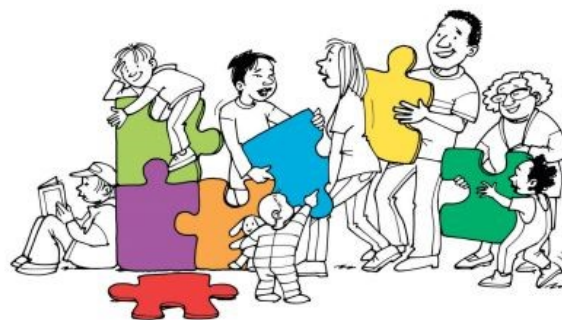
Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Stars of the Week PowerPoints can be found on the pupil zone section of the website.



Rectangular Snip

come and find out
how to get the best out
of family life



We will be running the 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents next term.

To find out more about it, come to
West Byfleet Junior School
on 11th October at 9.30am

Come for a coffee with Claire Clark, Mandy Segal & Jo Broad

We look forward to seeing you.

Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 15 September 2023
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 18 Sept	Y6 Snowdon	Forest Schools—session 2	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Mon 18 Sept - Fri 22 Sept	Y5	Hindleap Warren Residential Trip	
Tue 19 Sept	Y5	Outdoors People Activity Camp	Year 5 not attending Residential Trip
Tue 19 Sept		Parent Volunteer Safeguarding Session	14:30-15:00
Wed 20 Sept	Y4	Swimming—session 1	12:30-15:30
Wed 20 Sept	Y4	Launch meeting for Hooke Court Residential Trip	15:30-16:00 (in person)
Fri 22 Sept	Y6 Snowdon	Forest Schools—session 3	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Fri 22 Sept		Full Governors Meeting	08:00-10:00
Mon 25 Sept	Y6 Aviemore	Forest Schools—session 1	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Wed 27 Sept		Parent Volunteer Safeguarding Session	09:00-09:30
Wed 27 Sept	Y4	Swimming—session 2	12:30-15:30
Fri 29 Sept	Y6 Aviemore	Forest Schools—session 2	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag

Travel Wise Week

Next week we will be taking part in Travel Wise Week Challenge as a school. Travel Wise Week is a world-wide, week long Travel Challenge where people are asked to challenge themselves to Travel Wisely!

Travel Wise Week promotes active travel and culminates with **World Car Free Day**.

It will be taking place from 16-22 September. As an Eco School it is always our ambition to make West Byfleet cleaner, greener and healthier by encouraging our families to travel more actively and sustainably to and from school. We will also take the opportunity to talk about road safety and parking safely around school.

Teachers will be carrying out hands - up pupil travel surveys next week on how children currently travel to school, and how they would prefer to travel to school.

