



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 12 January 2024



New Headteacher

It was great to meet Mr Wasserberg, the new Headteacher, who will be starting from September 2024. He visited the school on Monday and was introduced to all the children in their classes. I will update you with the next visits we have planned for him to be in school. Thank you to those parents who introduced themselves to Mr Wasserberg at the end of the day.



Monet Immersive Exhibition

Some Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Monet Immersive Exhibition in Brick Lane, London last Friday. It was a fascinating trip which truly immersed all the children in the life and paintings of Monet. Not only did they learn a lot about his life, and the history of impressionism, they were all inspired by his wonderful paintings through the 360 degree digital art exhibit, which was amazing. Equally inspiring was the spectacular VR Monet experience. I would highly recommend a visit if you have not already ventured over, you could always combine with a walk alongside the river from Waterloo station taking in all the sights on the South Bank as you walk up to Tower Bridge. The children will be spending a follow up day on Monet on Friday 26 January ready for their very own exhibition. Many thanks to all the volunteers for ensuring we had a safe day out, thanks to Nathalie Scott (our resident artist); Mrs Killian; Mrs Stockford; Mrs Pay; Mrs Papworth and Mrs Gorton.



Parking Around West Byfleet Schools

Once again I have to report inconsiderate parking around local roads. On this occasion a car was actually parked on the whole of the pavement in Madeira Road causing pedestrians to have to walk with buggies in the road. Many thanks to the parent for bringing this to my attention and the photo has been sent to parking patrol.

School Basic Equipment

We are very grateful to all parents for supporting the education of their child by providing the basic but essential equipment for school. This is required for all children and school does not provide these basics. Teachers are finding it very frustrating that many children lack the basic equipment or have a large pencil case without the essential items. Teachers ask that you ensure children are not disadvantaged in class by providing these essential items as a minimum. A reminder that children should have: pencils, black handwriting pen, rubber, glue stick, scissors, a set of colouring pencils, sharpener, pink, green and purple pens for marking. The School Council stationery shop sells all the items which the children can purchase. We will be holding a special sale on Friday 19 January at 3.20pm. Thank you for your support.



Forest School

Eden came out on a frosty, snowy day for forest school. On their first session of forest school they played lots of animal games and learnt the fire safety rules. They made wild art out of sticks, seeds and leaves. All the time they had to keep running and moving in the cold or go and warm themselves by the fire. Everybody made different pictures and Mrs Webber's picture had a story about a hibernation dormouse with it. The children admired each other's pictures, and told each other what they liked. The robin flew down to check out wild art for tiny animals. They had a dance in the snow and caught snowflakes.



Year 5 Swimming

A great start to swimming for year 5 this term, thank you to Miss Moore for such great organisation and to parent volunteers for their support. We now have a new swimming scheme. At the end of each term of swimming the children will receive a swimming certificate. Please visit our website under curriculum/sport and swimming to check the scheme of swimming at WBJs.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and stay warm.

Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 12 January 2024
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 15 Jan	Eden	Forest Schools—session 2	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks and shoes to change into
Wed 17 Jan		PE lessons for Years 3, 4 & 6	All children wear PE kits
Wed 17 Jan	Y5	Swimming—lesson 2	Children wear PE kits
Wed 17 Jan		Quiz Club—Science Semi Finals	Selected children
Wed 17 Jan		Parenting Puzzle Workshop	09:30-11:30
Wed 17 Jan	Y6	Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Fri 19 Jan		PE lessons for Years 3, 4 & 6	Children in Y3, 4 & 6 wear PE kits
Fri 19 Jan		ESFA Pokemon Primary Schools Cup	12:30-15:00
Mon 22 Jan	Eden	Forest Schools—session 3	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks and shoes to change into
Wed 24 Jan	Y5	Swimming—lesson 3	Children to wear PE kits
Wed 24 Jan		PE lessons for Years 3, 4 & 6	All children wear PE kits
Wed 24 Jan		Parenting Puzzle Workshop	09:30-11:30
Wed 24 Jan	Y6	Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15

SCOPAY—Live from Friday 12 January.

If you have not yet signed up to SCOPAY, you will need to before you are able to book your child's school meals from Monday 15 January.

A reminder email has been sent today.

Olive Dining are delighted to present a Themed Lunch Day:

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY – CENSUS DAY

Beef Burger in a Bun (G, SE*, SU)

or Veggie Burger in a Bun (G, SE*)

Homemade Seasonal Wedges

Baked Beans or Sweetcorn

Chocolate Cookie (E, MK, SO)

or Fruit Pot

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.

The School Council is pleased to invite
you to our
Spring Term Special Stationery Sale
Friday 19 January at 3:20pm
(by the field gate).

~ Cash only ~

Parents who cannot attend the sale can email:

school.council@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk

We will be happy to assist!

Problem of the Week:

Challenge 2024: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=11995&type=pdf>

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PotW 11-01: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=11997&type=pdf>

KEEP
CALM
AND
SOLVE PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Stars of the Week

Years 3 & 4: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=11998&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=11999&type=pdf>

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 2ND FEB

SCHOOL HALL

£6.50 PER CHILD

YEAR 3&4 - 3.30-5PM

YEAR 5&6- 5.30-7PM

TUCK SHOP-GAMES-FUN!

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