



# West Byfleet Junior School

## Week ending: Friday 19 January 2024



### Forest Schools

On a cold frosty day Eden enjoyed learning new woodland skills with Whittle & Spark forest school. They used first knives to carve magical willow wands. There was knot learning and wool winding. The children also mixed and served each other hot chocolate to warm up. They had a cosy shelter, out of the light but penetrating North wind, with a bucket of warmth for hands. There was a long skipping rope to turn for other people to jump through. A good warming game. The wands looked beautiful and could make amazing magic happen in the children's imagination.

### Quiz Club Science National Semi Finals

The Semi Finals have been rearranged to Thursday 25 January.

### Parent Assemblies

A huge thank you to Mrs Bensberg, mum of Talea, who delivered a wonderfully inspiring assembly about her role in language translation and as an interpreter. Mrs Bensberg speaks an amazing eight languages and her enthusiasm for learning so many came well and truly across to the children. The children were enthralled and it really helped to let the children see how valuable languages are and what doors are opened to use languages in establishing a great career and service to others. Please do email me if you are willing to come in and talk about your role in the community.



### Winter Wonderland Art Competition

Thank you from Miss Heatley to the children who spent time over the Christmas holidays. I am looking forward to judging them with Miss Lawrence and adding them to our school Art Gallery.

### Big Bird Watch and Fundraising for wildlife

As part of our Science curriculum this term, the children will be engaged in our annual Big Bird Watch to survey and find out which birds visit our school grounds. Children will be learning about different types of birds, making bird feeders, playing games and many other science and nature related activities. Along with participating in The Big Schools' Birdwatch, our school will be fundraising to support nature and wildlife conservation projects around the UK and overseas. Collectable RSPB's wildlife pin badges will be available for the children at break time from Wednesday 24 January, with a suggested donation of £2. By collecting a pin badge, children will be helping to save rare species, look after iconic landscapes and speak up for nature at a time when it really needs us. Thank you Maisie, Y5 pupil librarian for drawing the lovely poster.



### Art competition linked to Higgins Partnership

As you are aware the Higgins Partnership are developing the new development in West Byfleet. They would like some children from our school to paint some decorative hoardings showing children's perceptions of the area in an artistic way. We are looking for some designs from children, who if selected, will go along to the development supervised to paint the hoardings. If your child wishes to send in a design, please let me have them by Friday 26 January.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Diary Reminders & Updates**  
**Newsletter week ending Friday 19 January 2024**  
*Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change*

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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
Fri 25 Jan		Y3/Y4 Multi Skills Inspire Competition (selected children)	13:00-15:00
Mon 29 Jan	Kew	Forest Schools—session 1	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks and shoes to change into
Tue 30 Jan		Young Voices at the O2	
Wed 31 Jan	Y5	Swimming—lesson 4	Children to wear PE kits
Wed 31 Jan		PE lessons for Years 3, 4 & 6	All children wear PE kits
Wed 31 Jan		Parenting Puzzle Workshop	09:30-11:30
Wed 31 Jan		Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Thur 1 Feb	Y3	Chertsey Museum—Roman Workshop	
Fri 2 Feb		PTA Disco's	Years 3 and 4: 15:30-17:00 Years 5 and 6: 17:30-19:00
Mon 5 Feb		Parent Consultation Bookings will be live on SCOPAY—exact time tba	
Mon 5 Feb	Kew	Forest Schools—session 2	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks and shoes to change into
Wed 7 Feb	Y5	Swimming—lesson 5	Children to wear PE kits
Wed 7 Feb		PE lessons for Years 3, 4 & 6	All children wear PE kits
Wed 7 Feb		Parenting Puzzle Workshop	09:30-11:30
Wed 7 Feb		Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Thur 8 Feb	Y3	Fishbourne Palace Trip	

### 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.

#### West Byfleet Community Fridge

##### \*New volunteers training session\*

Our local Community Fridge, run on Saturdays from 10am, provides free food and drinks too good to waste to the community. The next training session for new volunteers is on 27th Jan at 9:45 at St John's Church, West Byfleet. The aim is to let people see how the fridge works and then go through the simple training/admin etc. It should only take 1 hour maximum.

Anyone who is interested in joining then please email

[wbcommunityfridge@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk](mailto:wbcommunityfridge@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk)

to let them know you plan to attend.

Thank you.

#### Whittle and Spark Forest School

Forest school and Woodcraft skill day with Whittle & Spark in our willow woodland in Docket Eddy Lane, Shepperton. A beautiful day where we can climb, explore, learn to whittle, make amazing things. We'll spark a fire and cook something yummy on it. Pancakes or marshmallows or maybe both! You can choose to weave a beautiful willow heart to bring home to give to someone you love!

Come rain or shine we'll be having fun on our exciting day.

Small group size,

Wednesday 14th February, 5 - 12 year olds

£40 / day, 10am - 4pm,

Find us on Facebook and Eventbrite.

### SCOPAY

Thank you to everyone for signing up and loading balances onto the new online payment and communication system. Just a reminder re school dinners, once you have loaded money onto the account you then need to book meals on the days required. Further guidance how to make dinner money, trip, extended schools and club payments is available on the website:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12058&type=pdf>

#### Problem of the Week:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12078&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=12075&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12076&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!**

**TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
NOW!**



**BROAD  
ENTERTAINMENTS**  
SINGER, DJ,  
ENTERTAINER

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