



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 25 January 2024



School Council Stationery sale

Many thanks to the School Council for selling school stationery at our sale last Friday, it has really helped boost supplies of vital equipment for the children in school to aid their access to learning.



School Council RSPB

The School Council have also been busy raising funds for the RSPB and school, they will be selling more RSPB badges on Wednesday 31 January.

Parent Assembly/Class talks

A huge thank you to Mrs Cook, a parent who is an Optometrist, she very kindly came in to talk with children about her role and the importance of regular eye examinations. As I know you are aware, good eyesight is crucial in making sure a child develops to their full potential both at school and socially. Anyone can develop sight problems, but it is especially important to look after children's eyes. The eye is still developing throughout early childhood so if problems are treated early, it can make a lasting difference.



Parent Assemblies

These have been amazing and I welcome more parents to come forward to share your very varied and interesting roles in life to our school community. Please email me if you need further information at head@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Art Competition

Thank you to everyone who has entered the winter art competition. Keep your eyes peeled for our next one. Well done to our winners:

Olivia (Darwin), Ollie W (Lonsdale), Henry (Curie) and Elyse (Lonsdale).



Quiz Club Science National Semi Finals

Well done to the Science Quiz team who took part in the National Quiz Club Semi Finals on Thursday. It was fun quiz with some very challenging science questions. The team were amazing with their knowledge, were hugely impressive and finished 17th out of 150 teams nationally. The team had such a high score that they now progress to the online National Finals on 1 July 2024. Congratulations to: Oliver A, Matthew D-W, Vineeth and James B.

Monet Follow-Up Activity Day

Following the recent visit to the Monet Immersive Exhibition the children have had a wonderful activity day of art and literacy. Many thanks to Mrs Scott for her artwork with the children who focused on four of Monet's paintings, Cliffs at Etretat, Sunset; Water Lilies; Poppy Field near Argenteuil and the Red Boats at Argenteuil.

O2 Young Voices

Our annual trip to the O2 takes place next week and both children and parents are looking forward to this great opportunity. Thank you in advance to those parents who are helping. Also a big thank you to Mrs Singh for the wonderful wigs and pompoms that will identify us from the thousands, photos to follow on next week.



Wishing you a very pleasant weekend.

Diary Reminders & Updates

Newsletter week ending Friday 25 January 2024

Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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
Mon 5 Feb		Parent Rep Meeting	09:30-10:00
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		Y5/6 Aspire Orienteering Event (selected children)	09:00-12:00
Wed 7 Feb		Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Thur 8 Feb	Y3	Fishbourne Palace Trip	
Thur 8 Feb		Y6 Girls Football Tournament (selected children)	09:00-15:00
Thur 8 Feb		Young Carers Club	12:15-13:00
Fri 9 Feb		Y6 Boys Aspire Football Event (selected children)	13:00-15:00
Mon 12—Fri 16 Feb		Half Term	

Forest School - by Ms Webber, Whittle & Spark

After a blustery stormy night Eden class went out for their final session of forest school with Whittle & Spark. This time we went to an area of the school grounds which most of the children had never visited before. The far meadow. It was exciting to discover a whole new area of the school. A second field beyond our sports field. We examined the small meadow area and saw that flowers had grown in the longer grass next to the baby trees. We could see the old flower and seed heads. We all helped to carry the kit in a trolley. We had everything we needed to make ourselves hot chocolate as well as a giant bundle of fresh green willow stems, games, tools and a mobile shelter tent. We weren't allowed under the big trees around the field because of last night's storm. Our job was to plant the willow in boggy ground to make a miniature village of willow houses. We learnt to plant and weave the willow in special ways and had to work as a team to get everything done. It looked lovely at the end, like an ancient stone-age settlement. We made up some games and we learnt a great new game on the way back to school. Some of the willow we planted is meant to grow and most of the stems we woven are meant to hold the mini houses in place.



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.

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.

Year 5 Swimming: Focus of the week:

Group 1&2– Breathing technique and body position

Group 3 - Front crawl & breathing

Group 4&5– Breast stroke and front crawl

Anxiety Presentation for Parents by Aimee Arias

Then link for the recent anxiety workshop can be found below. Apologies for the delay.

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12106>

Problem of the Week:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12105&type=pdf>



Stars of the Week

Years 3 & 4: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12107&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12108&type=pdf>



The British Science Week 2024 poster competition NOW OPEN

This Year's Science Week Competition Theme is TIME

British Science Week 2024 marks the 30th anniversary, the inaugural Science Week took place in 1994.

Ideas for your poster can include:



showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time

the advancement of time-telling technology itself

how we use time today and in the past

go futuristic - show us how you think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at

nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics

Explore scientific innovations since the British Science week first started in 1994, or explore 1994

itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

Explore how the role of a scientist has changed over time

**All entries need to be submitted to Mrs Turitto in Year 5 Franklin class
by Monday 22nd March 2024.**

The entries will be shortlisted for the best 5 entries to be sent to British Science Week organisers. Every participant will receive 10 house points and your work will be displayed in school and on the school website.

You can work in a group, all members and their age needs to be mentioned at the back on the poster.

WHAT YOU NEED TO INCLUDE AT THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER:

Your Full name

Your age

Year group

If you submit your work as a group, name all the participants.

Categories that include our school age are:

INFANT (age 5-8) Year groups 1-3

JUNIOR (age 8-11) Year groups 4-6

GOOD LUCK!!

How were the posters judged last year?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Members of the British Science Association will shortlist entries, and a panel of judges will select a winner in each category. The two runners up in each category will be uploaded to their Facebook page and the public will decide on a fifth 'popular vote' winner.

What are the prizes?

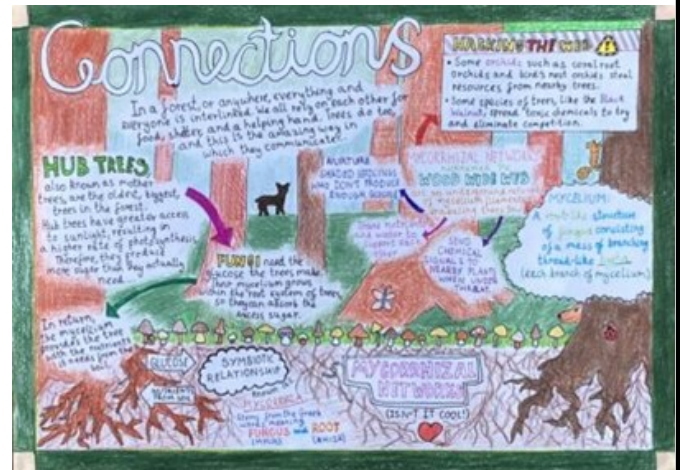
Prizes for the 2023 competition winners included:

- 3D information book
- AD magazines
- Animal adoption pack
- Art posters
- Buildable playsets
- Digital adventure picture book
- Eco bags
- Experiment book set
- Family ticket to the Brooklands Museum
- Space-themed prizes including fun branded bookmark and doorhanger, space-themed sweets, a set of glow-in-the-dark stars, and best of all – a pack of astronaut food!
- Stickerbook or wallbook
- SuperQuesters books
- Vegetable books

Prizes may vary by age category and by availability and we reserve the right to make changes to the prizes. Any prize awarded will be split across the team should a poster be submitted by a team.

For further information, rules, terms and conditions please visit:

<https://www.britishsienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>



Last years' winners:

