



# West Byfleet Junior School

## Week ending: Friday 2 February 2024



### Young Voices

At the O2 there were many different acts such as MC Grammar, he was an ex-teacher who is now a globally known, dedicated rapper who turns school lessons into songs. Natalie Williams is a jazz singer who has just finished touring Europe. She made a song for the O2 called, "All you've gotta do is be extraordinary." That we all loved to sing along to.

Our favourite parts were Nandy Bushell (a 13 year old talented drummer and saxophone player) who came on stage to lead the band for a rock medley that Natalie Williams wrote and sang. Our favourite song was Pop Medley including, "Crazy what love can do," "A sky full of stars," "Hearts upon our sleeve." It was a very late night and everyone was tired but we couldn't have done it without Mr Broadbent, Miss Lawrence, Miss Hollins, Mr Edwards and Mrs Bingham. Written by Darcy, Maya and Daisy.

Photos are now available on the school website: Young Voices on the photo gallery



### Hobgoblin Theatre Visit



Year 5 had a fantastic morning watching a production of Perseus and Medusa! We have spent a lot of time in class learning about the myth, and this experience really brought it to life. Throughout the performance, we had the chance to discuss different plot points and recap, and then took part in a drama workshop



in the afternoon. We loved creating freeze frames of different moments in the story, and even used a partner as a ball of clay!

### Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

It was that time of year again... The stage was set for another of our favourite school sports events - Sportshall athletics at Guildford Spectrum. Last year saw us slump to our lowest overall finishing position for 5 years; 6th. But this year, we were determined to get back to winning ways and compete with some amazingly talented schools; the likes of Goldsworth and St. Dunstan's to name just two. Going into the first event the children looked nervous with anticipation. However, that was soon eradicated when the girls sprint obstacle team put in a stellar performance to romp home first, in the first race of the day. From then on, there were some exceptional performances in the field events (chest push, vertical jump, standing long and triple jump, speed bounce and soft javelin). Wins in all categories for various children very much helped our push to the finish. Meanwhile, back on the track the performances were becoming more consistent, with six consecutive third place finishes. This meant that with two events to go, the gap between first, second and third was exceptionally small (WBJs being one of these places). The last two races saw us finish in third place, again in both races, this lead to a very tight overall points tally between ourselves, St Dunstan's and Goldsworth. Frustratingly, this year we had to settle for third place (our favourite position this year it seemed). Congratulations to Goldsworth in second and eventual winners St Dunstons.

### Multi Skills Inspire

What an amazing opportunity it was to attend the WASPs Inspire Multi-skills event in association with Freedom Leisure at Woking Leisure Centre. The Year 4 children who attended seemed to have a thoroughly enjoyable time, learning skills in football, basketball, athletics and dance. Along with enhancing their hand to eye coordination and throwing and catching skills. Their behaviour was amazing and they represented the school in an impeccable manner, doing us all very proud. One of the students who attended the event commented, "This was the most fun I've had doing sports at this school, it was brilliant." I think it's safe to say they had a great time and we look forward to attending similar events in the future.

### Higgins Partnership Art Competition



Thank you to all the children who took part in the Higgins Partnership art competition, with the chance to be part of the group of children who will be painting the hoardings on Friday 9 February. The following children have been selected to take part on Friday: Elyse B; Ollie W; Aaron D; Anvi N; Alifiya H; Oliver HC.



## Diary Reminders & Updates

**Newsletter week ending Friday 2 February 2024**

***Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change***

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 5 Feb		Parent Consultation Bookings will be live on SCOPAY at 18:00	You may wish to set up alerts on SCOPAY
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		Y6 Maths Challenge (selected children)	13:45-17:00
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	Y6	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		PE lessons for Years 3,4 & 6	Y3, 4 & 6 children wear PE kit
Fri 9 Feb		Y6 Boys Aspire Football Event (selected children)	13:00-15:00
Mon 12—Fri 16 Feb		Half Term	
Mon 19 Feb	Kew	Forest Schools - session 3	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks and shoes to change into
Wed 21 Feb	Y6	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Wed 21 Feb	Y6	Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Thur 22 Feb	Y5	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Mon 26 Feb	Nightingale	Forest Schools - session 1	
Wed 28 Feb	Y3	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Wed 28 Feb	Y5	Swimming - session 7	
Wed 28 Feb	Y6	Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Thur 29 Feb	Y4	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Fri 1 Mar	Nightingale	Forest Schools - session 2	



### Forest School - by Ms Webber, Whittle & Spark

This week Kew class visited the school woodland to enjoy their first session of first school with Whittle & Spark. We learned about the special wildlife area in the woodland and looked around for signs of sorting. We decided to put up some protection for little spring bulbs we found coming up. We played a lot of games and had a lot of fun



pretending to be different animals. Then we created our own amazing art using natural materials. We had to search all over the woodland to find what we needed. We mixed up hot chocolate drinks and went around the woodland to admire each others pictures.

### 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 - Focussing on arms and kicking technique

Group 3/4 - Arm technique, using only arms for front crawl and breast stroke

Group 4/5 - Back stroke, sculling and dolphin technique

### 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=12136&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12137&type=pdf>



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