



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 9 February 2024



Staff Update

I am thrilled and delighted to announce the permanent appointment of Mr Wellman from September 2024. Mr Wellman is currently covering maternity leave but will take up a permanent position in September. Mrs Francis will be returning from maternity leave in the summer term but will then be leaving at the end of the term.



Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

Yesterday the Year 3's travelled back in time to Fishbourne Roman Palace. Despite the terrible weather, spirits were high and the children enjoyed the day. The children took part in archaeological activities and immersed themselves in Roman life. The children were given the chance to see the ancient mosaic tiles for themselves and were very excited to see these historical artefacts in real life. The Year 3 team would like to extend a huge thank you to all parent helpers and volunteers who gave up their time to help make the trip possible. We would also like to say how proud we were of all the children that went on the trip, their behaviour was impeccable and they represented West Byfleet Junior School brilliantly. A big thank you to Mr Wellman for organising a very successful trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace and to all the wonderful parent helpers. Not only was this a great trip of learning, we had great feedback from the learning office at Fishbourne:



"Today at Fishbourne Roman Palace, we were visited by all your year 3 classes. My colleagues and I wanted to write a quick email saying how impressed we were with their visit. Upon arrival, they instantly set a good example of your school. All the adults were well organised and well briefed, and this made the whole day run very smoothly. All the children were a delight to have on site. They were well behaved, enthusiastic, and engaged throughout their visit, and this made them an absolute pleasure to teach in their workshops. Everyone did very well despite travelling a long distance on coaches, having a very tight timetable, and arriving in terrible weather. All the learning team and front of house staff were very impressed throughout the day, and we even had some other visitors comment on the politeness of the children."

Annual British Science Week Competition

The Annual British Science Week Competition is back - please look at the information on the website, or the newsletter dated 25 January. Deadline is 22nd March. There are some awesome prizes to be won!!

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12158&type=pdf>

Sports Reports

This week's reports can be found:

Girls Football: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/page/?title=Football&pid=806>

Orienteering: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/page/?title=Orienteering&pid=844>

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday.

Welcome to our school's NEW reading page ...

READ 20 BOOKS IN 2024 CHALLENGE!

The Reading Ambassadors have set everyone a challenge to Read 20 Books in 2024!

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/page/?title=Helping+Your+Child+Read&pid=164>

Tuck Shop—Wednesday 21 February

In honour of The Lunar New Year, School Council will be selling Kumquat fruits at break time on Wednesday 21 February. Kumquat fruits are miniature citrus fruit that closely resembles the orange. They look like tiny oranges, but unlike oranges, these small fruits are eaten whole, peel and all! The peel tastes sweet and aromatic and it's full of healthy nutrients. We will teach children to roll the fruit between their fingers a few times. This action softens the skin and releases sweet aromas, making the kumquat taste extra palatable. Small but mighty - kumquats have many health benefits and are a true superfood. Quantities will be limited. Thank you for your support and Happy Lunar New Year to our International families!

Diary Reminders & Updates

Newsletter week ending Friday 9 February 2024

Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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
Wed 21 Feb	Y5	Swimming—session 6	
Thur 22 Feb	Y5	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Thur 22 Feb		Mufti Day for children in Rosa Parks House	
Mon 26 Feb	Nightingale	Forest Schools - session 1	
Tue 27 Feb	Years 3&4	Flags of the World Mufti Day	
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
Thur 29 Feb	All Years	Joy4Kids Theatre Visit	
Fri 1 Mar		Governors B&S Meeting	08:00-10:00
Fri 1 Mar	Nightingale	Forest Schools - session 2	
Mon 4 Mar	Nightingale	Forest Schools—session 3	
Mon 4 Mar		Parent Rep Meeting	09:30 via zoom
Mon 4 Mar		Parent Consultations	16:00-18:50—in person
Tue 5 Mar	Y4	Geography Trip to London	
Tue 5 Mar	Years 5&6	Flags of the World Mufti Day	
Tue 5 Mar	Y5/6	WASPs Cross Country Event	Selected Children
Wed 6 Mar	Y5	Swimming—session 8	
Wed 6 Mar		Parent Consultations	15:40-16:40—in person 17:00-18:00—online
Thur 7 Mar		Young Carers Club	12:15-13:00
Fri 8 Mar		Poetry Recital Final	09:00-10:00

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.

Geography Map Competition

Mrs Sheen was delighted with all the entries for the map making competition. It was hard to choose a winner as all the entries showed geographical skill and creativity, however Mia in Tate created a stand out entry and is the winner. She included a key and the compass points as well as taking scale into consideration. It was clear she put a huge amount of effort into making her map look colourful and interesting. There are several runner ups that are rewarded for their creativity. We had tea stained maps of Surrey, 3D models on an aerial view map and even an edible one! Runner ups are Mavis in Kew, Henry in Curie, Frankie in Franklin and Andrea G in Curie.

Year 5 Swimming: Focus of the week:

Group 1/2 - Focussing on back stroke, posture, arm and leg technique

Group 3/4 - Arm and leg technique for back stroke

Group 4/5 - Focussing on arm and leg technique for breast stroke to improve speed

Payment Reminders

Y4 Hooke Court Residential Trip

The final payment is due by Thursday 29 February 2024.

Y6 Brenscombe Residential Trip

Payments are due by Wednesday 31 January, Thursday 29 February, Sunday 31 March then

The final payment is due by Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Y4 Geography Trip to London - March 24

Online consent and payment due by Friday 1 March 2024.

Y4 Activity days (11-13 March - those not at Hooke Court)

Online consent and payment due by Tuesday 27 February 2024.

Y6 Natural History Museum Trip - March 24

Online Consent and payment due by Tuesday 27 February 2024.

Letters this week

Y6 trip to the Natural History Museum
Whole School Reading Café

Y3 Trip to Fishbourne—final reminders
Parent Helper request for trips

Y4 Trip to London

Y4 Activities 11-13 March (those not at Hooke Court)

Problem of the Week:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12157&type=pdf>



SOLVE PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Stars of the Week

Years 3 & 4: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12159&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12160&type=pdf>

STOP MOTION COMPETITION

February Half Term

Open to all year groups!

What is Stop Motion Animation?

Stop Motion Animation is a technique used in animation to bring static objects to life on screen. This is done by moving the object in increments while filming a frame per increment. When all the frames are played in sequence it shows movement.



We would like you to enter our stop motion animation competition.

You need to hand your entry into Miss Lonergan (Snowdon) on a named memory stick (saved as an mp4 file) by Friday 23 February 2024.

The winner will receive an exciting prize and get to play their winning entry in front of the school.

Please see below Pleiades February Half Term Camp Information

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