



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 1 March 2024



International Day

Year 3 enjoyed learning about South Africa, Tanzania and Morocco, as part of International Day. From spices, to storytelling, to biltong; the children were able to experience and immerse themselves in each of these African countries. A special thank you goes out to the Anderson family in Eden class, for providing flags and delicious, traditional South African delicacies, which the children loved tasting!



Year 4 started the day by creating our own WBSJ passports and then 'visited' the Americas. The students had an opportunity to learn about life in Washington DC (USA) from Mr Zlatkov, who was covering Shakespeare class and had recently returned from living and working in the country. We then made Samba music in Darwin class to get a feel of the Brazilian culture and created colourful carnival masks in Nightingale class, immersing themselves in the Caribbean Island experience. We were fortunate enough to have a special guest Ms Chergia, who showed us Indonesian shadow puppets and inspired us to create our own. We also heard about Slovenia from Mr Charles-Jones and his mum, and listened to The Gruffalo Child translated into Slovene. Lastly, Years 3 and 5 were entertained with a French rendition of Peppa Pig by Mrs Bensberg. The whole school were also entertained by a wonderful French/English production of 'Chasse au Tresor' by the Joy4kids theatre company. A big thank you to all those who shared their time and cultures with us!



ACS Cobham

Many thanks to our wonderful Educational partners ACS Cobham for loaning out their VR headsets, as part of our International Week.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that next week we are holding our Parent Consultations on Monday 4 March, in person only (4.00pm-7.00pm) then Wednesday 6 March in person (3.40pm-4.40pm) and (5.00pm to 5.50pm) via SCOPAY online system.

Y6 Booster Groups

A reminder Y6 booster groups will not run on Wednesday 6 March due to Parent Consultations.

Science Expo

We are delighted to return to a very successful Science Expo. This year, we have linked our topic to TIME – the theme of the British Science week 2024. The aim of the 'Expo' is to raise awareness of how we can work scientifically and increase the enjoyment of the subject in school and at home. As part of the children's home learning for the next three school weeks, each child is asked to research a scientific concept linked to the theme TIME. From this, they will produce a model or demonstration, along with an accompanying poster or A4 information sheet explaining the science behind their project and a list of resources used in research of the topic. You may help your child with this home project, but keep in mind that they must understand what the scientific concept is and be able to answer questions about their project. Assistance will also be given in school. We politely ask that models are a reasonable size, do not create too much mess, and that all items are taken home at the end of the presentation. The children are expected to bring their complete work to school on Monday 25 March and present it to their class. The children will be presenting their models to their class parents on Tuesday 26 March in their classrooms at 2:30pm.

Stars of the Week

Years 3 & 4: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12234&type=pdf>

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Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 1 March 2024
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 4 Mar	Nightingale	Forest Schools—session 3	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks
Mon 4 Mar		Parent Consultations	16:00-18:50—in person
Tue 5 Mar	Years 5&6	International Day, Y5&6 children may wear Flags of the World Mufti	
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
Sat 9 Mar		It's a Fish Out Swimming Competition	Selected Children
Mon 11—Wed 13 Mar	Y4	Hooke Court Residential Trip	
Tue 12 Mar	Y4	Trip to Godstone Farm (those not at Hooke Court)	
Wed 13 Mar	Y5	Swimming—session 9	
Fri 15 Mar		Full Governing Body Meeting	08:00-10:00

Year 5 Swimming: Focus of the week:

Group 1: Faces in water, leg kicks and flotation

Group 2: Floating on back and front, single front crawl with float

Group 3: Backstroke, floating and arm and kicking techniques

Group 4: Dolphin stroke, breathing

Group 5: Breast stroke and front crawl breathing with arm pull.

Annual British Science Week competition is back - please look at the information on the school website: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12233&type=pdf>

The deadline is Friday 22 March. There are some awesome prizes to be won!!

Letters this week

Y3 Production (paper copy only)

Y4 London Trip Cancellation

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.

St John's Church Car Park—Tue 5 Mar

The driveway into the church car park will be closed from 10am on Tuesday 5 March for drainage works to be carried out; if you use the car park ensure you leave the car park promptly after school drop off on this day as you will not be able to exit after this time.

School Uniform Direct is holding a Flash Sales Event **this weekend only** for your school's uniforms and Accessories, including Shoes and Stationery, with **15% off almost everything**. It is available in stores and online from Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd March only. There is no Discount Code Needed – it will automatically give the discount at checkout and in-store. ALL Stores are closed on Friday (so in-store purchases would be on Saturday and Sunday)

Payment Reminders

Y4 Hooke Court Residential Trip

The final payment was due by **Thur 29 Feb**

Y6 Brenscombe Residential Trip

Payments were due by **Thur 29 Feb**, then **Sun 31 Mar** then final payment is due by **Tues 30 Apr**

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

Online consent and payment due by **Tues 27 Feb**

Y6 Natural History Museum Trip - March 24

Online consent and payment due by **Tues 27 Feb**

Frameless Immersive Experience

Payment is due by **Friday 8 March** to secure your child's place.



Problem of the Week:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12232>

A poster for Skillzone Soccer Easter Camps. The background is dark blue with a soccer player in a yellow jersey. At the top, it says 'BOOK NOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR VISITING WWW.PLLGROUP.CO.UK'. Below that, 'WEEK 1: TUESDAY 3RD - THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2024' and 'CAMP RUNS FROM 8.30AM - 4PM'. There is a QR code with 'SCAN ME' below it. Logos for 'Skillzone' and 'ALLSTAR HOLIDAY CAMPS' are in the top right. The main title is 'SKILLZONE SOCCER EASTER CAMPS' in large, bold letters. Below that, '@ WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL' and '25% OFF YOUR BOOKING USING CODE: EARLY25'. It also says 'EXPIRES 01/03/2024'. At the bottom left, it lists 'PRIZES EVERY DAY', 'IMPROVE TECHNIQUE', 'FOOTBALL INFLATABLE', 'PROFESSIONAL COACHES', and 'SMALL SIDED TOURNAMENTS'. At the bottom right, there are two circular images: one showing a player holding a trophy and another showing a group of children posing. At the very bottom, it provides contact information: '01483 270 160', '@SKILLZONEUK', and 'INFO@SKILLZONESOCCER.CO.UK'.

West Byfleet Junior School's



We will be hosting cake sales across the year, the year group who raises the most funds, win a prize for their classes!



Year 6



Friday 8th March
Field Gates from 3.15pm

All cakes welcome!

PLEASE NO NUTS.

Ask a member of the PTA or your class rep for more details.

On Your Marks...Get Set...BAKE!!