



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 8 March 2024



Farewell

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Mrs O'Keeffe, one of our Inclusion Managers, will be leaving at the end of this term to pursue a new career in Music. We are naturally hugely saddened to be losing such a wonderful member of our staff and wish her well at the end of term. In the meantime we will be seeking to make an appointment to replace Mrs O'Keeffe. I will keep you updated.

International Day

Year 5 really enjoyed the International Day activities that awaited them this week. They learned about some of the Asian countries: South Korea, Japan and Russia. When in Japan, the children learned about the beauty of sakura trees, tasted some seaweed and listened to a Japanese version of We Will Rock You. They had a go at a Sudoku challenge and some even got a chance to learn some origami. In South Korea, the children enjoyed some k-pop, tried some milk bread and then played a traditional Korean board game called Yut Nori. Finally, in Russia, they practiced using the Russian alphabet and learned about Matryoshka (nesting dolls). For every country they visited, they collected a stamp for their passport.

Additionally, the children enjoyed the French theatre production 'Chasse au Tresor', finding it funny and engaging. They also wrote a postcard and explored their countries further using DigiMaps. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parent helpers and staff who shared their experiences or read a story in their mother language, for instance German, Slovak, Czech, Italian and French. The children also loved learning about the art of rangoli from India, and also understanding what life is like in South Africa.



Year 6 spent the day researching about countries from the continent; Oceania. In Snowdon Class the children looked at Australia, in Windermere they studied New Zealand and in Aviemore the children researched Tonga, Samoa and Fiji. The children were put into groups of 3 or 4 and moved from classroom to classroom. As groups they produced an A2 poster which incorporated information about all five countries. Overall, the children had a very enjoyable day.

The fun week was concluded by EAL children giving an assembly presented by Mrs Law (EAL lead).

Thank you very much to Mrs Sheen and Mrs Mallinson, who worked extremely hard to organise this week for us

Art Project with Higgins Partnership

A huge congratulations to our wonderful artists who created the great art boards against the Higgins development in West Byfleet. Well done to Oliver W (St Johns Design); Elyse (West Byfleet design), Oliver H-C (West Byfleet Train Station design) and to Aaron, Anvi and Alifiya for being part of the paint team that brought it all to life. These boards will be up for the next year in West Byfleet, take a look, you cannot miss them!

Parent Consultations

Thank you for your support in attending the parent consultations. This is the last opportunity to meet with your Class Teacher this year. There will still be an end of Spring Term progress report and the end of Year Annual Report.



It's a Fish Out! Life Saving Competition

Good luck on Saturday to the following children who will be taking part in the Annual 'It's a Fish out!' Life Saving Competition in Dorking: Oliver W, Bea, Leoni, Archie P, Jacob P, Elyse, Imogen, James L. We look forward to hearing about how you got on.

Easter Holiday Science Workshops at The Royal Institution

There are a few very interesting science workshops for children and families during the Easter Holidays.

Extract your own DNA

<https://www.rigb.org/whats-on/holiday-workshops-extract-your-own-dna-ages-7-8-6>

<https://www.rigb.org/whats-on/holiday-workshops-extract-your-own-dna-ages-9-11-6>

The Magic of Computer Science

<https://www.rigb.org/whats-on/easter-holiday-workshops-magic-computer-science-ages-7-8>

<https://www.rigb.org/whats-on/easter-holiday-workshops-magic-computer-science-ages-9-11>



Forest Schools

Nightingale have been enjoying forest school with Whittle & Spark. They could not go under the trees in the woodland for their first forest school because the wind was blowing so strongly. They set up a new mud kitchen and helped in the garden. Then they went to the pond where they saw a lot of different water animals. They fished with a net to find more small creatures. They discovered how the water animals breathe and move. The largest animal they found was a great diving beetle which carries a bubble of air under its wing cases. They used magnifying glasses to examine the smallest creatures. They were quiet and calm around the water and the animals.

On their second forest school it was a rainy day so they had a giant blue tent to shelter under. They were allowed to explore the woodland again and they made and used their own maps. Then they read each others maps to find their way around the woodland. They sat in the fire circle and used magnesium rods and steel strikers to make sparks and light mini fires. The sun came out in the afternoon so they took down the giant tent and helped fold it up.

WBJS Poetry Recital Competition 2024!

Today we held our final of our in house Poetry Recital Competition. All finalists performed brilliantly, and deciding who is coming with us to the Hoebridge Inter School Poetry Battle was a challenge!



Our winners are...

Year 3 Winner – Sophie

Year 4 Winner – Rose

Year 5 Winner – Kai

Year 6 Winner – Leonard

LKS2 Winner – Zachary

UKS2 Winner – Rachel

Overall Winner – Matthew

Congratulations to our winners!

COLD & COUGH:

It has been brought to our attention that children are bringing in throat sweets in their bag for their cough.

There are a number of children with cough and cold symptoms and we appreciate that they are trying their best to be in school. However, any medicine including lip creams and balms, throat sweets and any ointment should be kept in the Healing Bay locked away in the cupboard. These items can be dangerous and hazardous if consumed or in the wrong hands of someone with allergies.

Please bring these items (labelled) to the school office where they will be stored and given to your child when required.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 8 March 2024
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Sat 9 Mar		It's a Fish Out Swimming Competition	Selected children
Mon 11—Wed 13 Mar	Y4	Hooke Court Residential Trip	Children arrive at school at 07:30
Tue 12 Mar	Y4	Trip to Godstone Farm (those not at Hooke Court)	
Tue 12 Mar		Science Day at Hoebridge	Selected children
Wed 13 Mar	All Years	PE for All Years	All children to wear PE kit
Fri 15 Mar		Red Nose Day	
Fri 15 Mar		Full Governing Body Meeting	08:00-10:00
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Mon 18 Mar	Y6	Trip to Natural History Museum	
Mon 18 Mar	Y4	Bikeability L1 training (Group 1)	09:00-12:15
Mon 18 Mar	Darwin	Forest Schools (session 1)	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks
Mon 18 Mar	Y3	Performance of "You're Special!"	13:45
Tue 19 Mar	Y4	Bikeability L1 training (Group 2)	09:00-12:15
Tue 19 Mar	Y3	Performance of "You're Special!"	09:30
Tue 19 Mar	Y3	Performance of "You're Special!"	13:45
Wed 20 Mar	Y4	Bikeability L1 Training (Group 3)	09:00-12:15
Wed 20 Mar	Y3, 4 & 6	PE lessons for Y3, 4 & 6	
Wed 20 Mar	Y5	Swimming lesson 9	
Thur 21 Mar	Y5/6	Reading Café Please sign up via the website (Parent Zone)	15:30-16:15
Fri 22 Mar	Y3, 4 & 6	PE for Year 3, 4 & 6	

SCHOOL RUN CLUBS AND Y6 BOOSTER GROUPS REMINDER

The following clubs/booster groups are cancelled 11-15 March:

Lunchtime Maths, Crafts With Fabric, Comic Art

Payment Reminders

Y6 Brenscombe Residential Trip

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

Frameless Immersive Experience

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

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.

Red Nose Day 2024

On **Friday 15 March** WBSJ will be turning **RED** to celebrate **Red Nose Day**. School Council has been busy organising a little fundraiser for Comic Relief. The purpose of Red Nose Day is to raise money for children around the world who are living in poverty. Some of these initiative are:

Wear something RED to school in exchange of £1 donation (i.e. red ribbon in your hair; red socks; red scarf; etc.). Any sensible red accessories are welcome on top of normal school uniform!

Buy a Red Nose Day sticker

Red themed Tuck shop with Limited Edition Jammy Toast

School Council will be collecting jokes at break time, then shouting them out using the speaker at lunchtime

Please use this QR code for the £1 (or more) donation

Red Nose Day 2024 -
Primary Schools's
JustGiving Page



Year 5 Swimming: Focus of the week:

Group 1: Kicking on front/ bubble breathing technique

Group 2: Leg kicks whilst swimming on front

Group 3: Front crawl and focus on correct technique

Group 4: Backstroke arms and focussing on technique/Breast stroke timing

Group 5: Front crawl and back free style -focussing on arms

Group 6: Butterfly - focussing on arm technique

**BOOK NOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
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**WEEK 1: TUESDAY 3RD - THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2024
CAMP RUNS FROM 8.30AM - 4PM**



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