



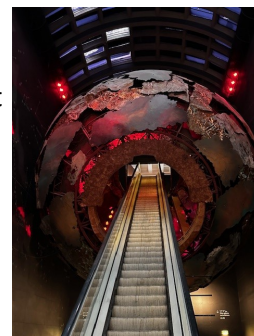
West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 22 March 2024



Natural History Museum

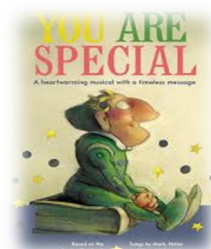
On Monday this week, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an awe-inspiring journey into the captivating world of volcanoes, earthquakes and the globe's ever changing geological forces at the Natural History Museum. At the museum, the children had the opportunity to witness the earth's raw power through interactive exhibits, immersive displays, and engaging demonstrations. From the rumbling depths of volcanic eruptions to the seismic forces shaping our planet, the children gained a deeper understanding of these natural phenomena. We're immensely proud of Year 6 for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and exemplary behaviour throughout the trip. We believe that experiences like these not only enhance their academic knowledge but also foster a lifelong love for learning. Thank you also to all the staff and parent volunteers who made this trip possible.



Year 3 Production

The Year 3 team are incredibly proud of every child in the year group. Whatever their role, the commitment they demonstrated in learning speaking parts, song words, dance moves and becoming their character, was a pleasure to witness. They exuded confidence and genuine enjoyment in all of the performances. Well done Year 3!

I cannot remember in all my years at WBJs, such a relevant, poignant and beautifully produced school production by the wonderful Year 3. The theme of "You are Special" resonates at all times but especially needed at this moment in all our lives to remind us that kindness is the key to all reality. Well done to all the children and our wonderful Year 3 team of teachers and LSAs. YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL.



Easter Service

Our Easter Services are on Monday 25 March and you are all very welcome to attend. Year 3 and 4 service takes place in St John's Church at 10-10.30am and Year 5 and 6 at 11-11.30am.

Year 4 Bikeability

Year 4 had a great week of Bikeability and the feedback from the instructors was very positive about their attitude, approach, focus and learning behaviour, well done to all those who took part!

Year 5/6 Aspire Touch Rugby

The report is available on the website:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/page/?title=Rugby&pid=846&action=saved>

Extra Curricular Clubs

After School Clubs have now finished for the Spring term. The Summer term club pack will be issued in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stars of the Week

Years 3 & 4: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12278&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12279&type=pdf>

Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 22 March 2024
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 25 Mar	Darwin	Forest Schools (session 3)	Children arrive wearing Forest School clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks
Mon 25 Mar		Poetry recital Final (Hoebridge) (selected children)	09:00-10:00
Mon 25 Mar		Y3/4 Easter Service at St John's Church, West Byfleet	10:00-10:30
Mon 25 Mar		Y5/6 Easter Service at St John's Church, West Byfleet	11:00-11:30
Tue 26 Mar		Launch of Hindleap Warren Residential Trip to current Y4 parents	15:45 via zoom
Tue 26 Mar		EXPO Extravaganza, parent invited to view exhibition	14:30-15:00
Wed 27 Mar		Y5 Swimming lesson 10	
Thur 28 Mar		Last Day of Term, school finishes at 13:20	13:20
Mon 15 April		INSET DAY	
Tue 16 April		Summer Term starts	
Thur 18 April		Young Carers Club	Art Room 12:15-13:00
Thur 18 April		Reading Café with Miss Barrett (All Years, please sign up to attend on website)	13:20-14:15
Fri 19 April	Shakespeare	Forest Schools (session 1)	Children arrive wearing Forest School clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks

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.

Payment Reminders

Y6 Brenscombe Residential Trip

Payments are due by **Sun 31 Mar** then final payment is due by **Tues 30 Apr**

Letters this week

Y4 DT Sessions - Food Tasting
 Reading Café - Change of date
 Science Week - Art lesson recycled materials
 Lonsdale Class staffing arrangements
 Inclusion Team staffing arrangements

Year 5 Swimming: Focus of the week:

Group 1 - Front crawl and push and glide
 Group 2 - Body balance and front and back crawl.
 Group 3 - Back stroke technique
 Group 4 - Dolphin technique
 Group 5 - Breast stroke timings
 Group 6 - Recap of Butterfly, strength, kicks and diving

Forest Schools

Darwin Class have been enjoying forest school with Whittle & Spark out in the woods, the garden and the pond. On Friday we got to explore the pond area in small groups. We used a net to scoop out lots of different water animals. We put them in trays of water and watched them swimming and hiding under leaves. They all moved in different ways. Some wiggled like mermaids tails - the damselfly larvae, some zoomed about with special legs which look like oars on rowing boats, then there were tiny little Daphne, the water fleas, which are so small they jump through the water. We learned about insect eyes and got to find out how different the world looks to different animals by looking through prisms and mirrors. Dragonfly adults have really good eyes and see the world more 3 dimensionally than we do. We made an amazing 5 star hotel and restaurant where we served celebrities. It was really fun. On our second session on Monday we were challenged to make a map of the whole woodland. We measured distances with our steps and measured direction by looking at angles with our arms. Our maps were amazing and helped us find things hidden in the woodland. We used magnesium rods and steel strikers to make very hot sparks. We lit cotton wool with the sparks and started to feed the small flames with kindling to make little fires. It took a lot of kindling to get a fire going. We created our hotel and restaurant again only this time it gained 10 stars and attracted even more celebrities. Cooking and serving in the restaurant kept us very busy. The children worked well with the challenges set by staff and themselves. They cooperated beautifully in groups and when asked would share the information they had gained and teach the next child to arrive at an activity. They took responsibility and grasped new concepts well. Beautiful days out in nature.

Mrs Webber





2024 CHALLENGE



Have you got what it takes to take on a sponsored challenge over Easter? ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

MEGA PRIZES TO BE WON!

Raising money for phase 2 of the playground development

You are challenged with raising £20.24 (or more) over the Easter Holidays, you could do this by a sponsored Run, Swim, Walk, Silence, Read, Hold a Bake Sale, Help with chores or any activity you choose!

Please scan the QR code or head to the website listed below to register to create your own individual sponsorship page to send to family and friends.

www.goodhub.com/wbjs2024challenge





The £20.24 challenge is an opportunity for children to get directly involved in raising money for their school. The children have been encouraged to choose a challenge for the Easter holidays and to have their effort and achievements recognised by sponsorship from friends, family and organisations.

The challenge could be anything from a sponsored read, run, silence, swim or helping around the house, holding a bake/plant sale, learning a new skill or any activity you choose!

The money that the children raise, will be going towards phase 2 of the playground development - installing new sun shades, seating areas and further enrichment activities for the playground.



Please follow these instructions to set up your child's sponsorship page

- 1. Click on the link sent by the PTA or enter: goodhub.com/wbjs2024challenge**
- 2. Click on the red "Fundraise" button.**
- 3. Enter your email address and create password so that you can edit your page at any time.**
- 4. Add a few details about your child's chosen sponsored activity and why they are fundraising.**
- 5. Upload a photo for the fundraiser page (if you want).**
- 6. You will receive a welcome email with a unique link to your child's fundraising page.**
- 7. Share the link with friends, family or anybody who you think may sponsor your child.**

Good luck everyone, please do send share with us photos of the challenge being completed, we would love to share everyones efforts. email us at wbjsptaewest-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk