



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Thursday 28 March 2024



Science Expo

I have been absolutely blown away by the enthusiasm and interest shown by all the children following on from the Science Expo work. The effort put in by all the children and families has been extraordinary, and the skills learnt in explaining about all the varied scientific concepts has been inspiring. Huge thanks to Mrs Turitto for all her inspiring leadership in Science.

School Values Awards

School Values Awards for Spring Term have been awarded to the following children:

Spring Term	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aspiration	Andrii	Alifiya	Nancy	Matilda
Resilience	Oliver B	Rose	Earth	Maryam
Opportunity	Coco	Zach	Eisa	Lily
Creativity	Immie K	Joao	Andreea	Harrison
Kindness	Franklin	Theo	Mariam	Harry T

Poetry Recital

WBJs performed brilliantly at the Hoebridge Poetry Battle! Out of twenty-three children, two of our children won! Congratulations to Leonard for winning the Year 5 and 6 award, and to Matthew for winning the Overall Winner!

Forest Schools

On Monday Darwin Class visited the woodland for their final forest school session with Whittle & Spark. After games and laughter and a little bit of plant identification, we settled around the fire circle to remember how to safely use a knife and to learn to use secateurs. The children cut their own willow and used first knives to whittle them beautifully. There was a fire lighting session followed by marshmallow toasting. Everyone worked so well that there was time for many more activities and to re-visit favourites. There was a lot of carving and some fantastic drumming reverberating through the spring sunshine of the woodland.

Pupil Success

Julie Sianne Theatre Arts presented the spectacular show 'Dance Variations 2024' at Leatherhead Theatre last week. Congratulations to all the JSTA students for their outstanding performances that showcased a range of dance and musical theatre. Martha and Rose performed in Aladdin and The Little Mermaid.



Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Service for both years 3/4 and Years 5/6 in St John's Church, West Byfleet on Monday. As always it is lovely to share such a special place together and we thank Rev Elford for allowing us to share this once again.

Children may return to school for the Summer Term wearing the summer uniform if desired (however only blue polo shirts with the school logo displayed are permitted).

Whatever Easter means to you, I wish you all a wonderful time with those special to you at this very lovely and important time of the year.



Enjoy a wonderful Easter Holiday.

WBJS Science week

This year, we have been really fortunate to have Dr Richard Metcalfe, Unity Trust Outreach, to come and help us deliver some great challenges connected to this year's topic of Time. Year 5 and 6 children were challenged in making foam rollercoaster clocks which the children had to calibrate to exactly five seconds. The children showed great team effort and precision skills. At the end of the challenge, two teams joined together - creating one massive roller coaster ride. Thorpe park, brace yourself, we have some budding engineers in the making.

Year 3 and 4 children were enticed in calibrating pendulums and building and testing water clocks. Once again, the Year 3 team are incredibly proud of the level of attention to detail in planning, making and presenting their EXPO projects. Their enthusiasm and curiosity about the Science we have been learning this week has shone through, which has continued with our enquiry lessons, thanks to Dr Metcalfe.

Year 5 EXPO - children really surprised us with their amazing scientific concepts this year as well as their confidence in presenting these to others. Big thank you to our amazing parents who took time to come and see these concepts and help their children with the selection and build. We very much hope you had some great conversations around the science at home.

To join Art and Science, the children were tasked to create a 3D model or collage of a scientific concept using their gained skills of Art and DT. We enjoyed the assembly hosted by Mr. Campbell, who talked about his work as a BA pilot and brought the concept of time zones and time in general into the perspective of his daily job. There were many questions from the children showing great interest in the topic presented. Year 5 concluded their science week of activities by spending time outside cloud spotting and making barometers in their classrooms.



Diary Reminders & Updates

Newsletter week ending Thursday 28 March 2024

Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 15 April		INSET DAY	
Tue 16 April		Summer Term starts	Gates open: 08:30-08:45 Summer uniform permitted
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

Forest School Easter Holiday Adventures with our wonderful forest school providers Whittle & Spark.

Enjoy the freedom of the forest and the excitement of games, camp fires and discovering amazing woodland skills. Play your own way! Be part of a caring community of adventurers for the day!

Easter egg hunts, chocolate making on the fire, marshmallows, willow dens, climbing into tree houses, exploring wild paths in our private woodland, whittling and learning to use tools safely for exciting projects.

Wednesday 3rd: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-school-adventure-day-tickets-861430651267?aff=oddtcreator>

Wednesday 10th April: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-school-adventure-day-tickets-861433319247?aff=oddtcreator>

£40 per child. 10am-4pm. Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and snack. Ages 5-12yrs inclusive. Limited spaces. Small group size.

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/carers 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/carers 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 5/6 **GIRL** CRICKETERS WANTED to join our exciting girls cricket teams!

Pyrford Cricket Club is now open for registration for the 2024 Season

Places are limited and coaching will be every Friday afternoon @ PCC throughout the summer

Please email PCC for further information: smnclifton@gmail.com

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

Launch of Hindleap Residential Trip - hard copy only

Y5 Forest Schools

Uniform Summer Term

Y3 Swimming - hard copy only

Y6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 5 Swimming:

Year 5 enjoyed their end of term fun session on Wednesday. Well done to all children who took part in swimming lessons this term. All children will receive their swimming certificate in the new term.



Spring Term



Art Competition

Fancy yourself as a budding Artist?

The Art Gallery is in need of some new art work!

The theme for all competition entries is 'The Colours of Spring' and the judges will be looking for the most creative/inventive use of your artistic talent. You can create a 2D (A3 or A4) or 3D piece of Art work and use any media you like (paint, pencil, collage).



All entries must be handed to Miss Heatley by: 19.4.2024

Good Luck!

The 2024 challenge is here! Each child is challenged with raising £20.24 (or more) over the Easter holidays, this can be done by a sponsored run, swim, walk, silence, read, hold a bake/plant sale, help with the chores or any activity they choose!

The money raised from the 2024 challenge will go towards phase two of the playground development, which will include sun shade, musical equipment and more.

Please head to www.goodhub.com/wbjs2024challenge to create an individual sponsorship page which can be sent onto family and friends.

There are prizes to be won for the child who raises the most and the class who raises the most as a collective. The 2024 challenge will close on Friday 19th April.

Good luck to all the fundraisers!


**WEST BYFLEET
JUNIOR SCHOOL**





**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



WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL 2024 CHALLENGE

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 achievement recognised by sponsorship from friends, family and organisations.

The challenge could be anything from a sponsored read, run, silence, swim, 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, new seating areas and further enrichment activities for the playground.

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

Instructions on Setting up a Mini Sponsorship Campaign from the Campaign Page As A Single Entrant

1. Click on the link sent by the school or PTA
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 the fundraiser or participant, for example, your child's name and any details on their chosen activity.
5. Provide a few lines of text so that visitors to your child's page know exactly what they're doing and why.
6. Upload a photo for the fundraiser page (if you want).
7. You will receive a welcome email with a unique link to your child's fundraising page.
8. 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 wbjspta@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk

WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL 2024 CHALLENGE

Sponsorship ideas



Run



Read



Swim



Silence



Help with chores



Hold a bake/plant sale

