



Year 6 SATS Tests:

I just wanted to congratulate all of the Y6 pupils for the sustained effort and positive learning attitude they put into their SATs tests earlier this month, but more importantly for all their amazing hard work and effort over the course of this year.

The pupils faced each test with a positive mind-set and demonstrated incredible resilience throughout the week. There has been a lot of media coverage recently regarding the increased difficulty levels of these new assessments and whilst I disagree with the government's approaches to assessment, I have to admire the way in which the pupils and staff worked together, supporting each other and encouraging one another throughout. They should feel very proud of themselves!



The children will now turn their focus to the end of term Y6 summer production – 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.'



Bikeability Training

Last week, Year 6 pupils participated in the Bikeability training scheme, a week-long cycling proficiency course which taught them the basic of bike safety both on and off the road. On the Monday, they had their bikes checked, and they covered some basic training on the playground. Throughout the rest of the week, they took to the streets of Bishop's Waltham - in a variety of weather conditions - learning how to transport themselves safely. It was a great experience for them, especially coming the week after SATS.

Traditional Sports Day

Our athletics competitions started yesterday with the first of 3 sports days. Over the past few weeks within the children's PE lessons, they have been practising the track event races, in the hope of being picked as one of the top 8 children from across the year group to run at yesterday's sports.



It was a great afternoon of running, skipping and jumping and we were blessed with great weather too. The top two children from each race will now be invited to take part in the District Sports event to be held on Tuesday 13th June at 9.30am. Thank you to all the children who took part and to the parents who came to support. We hope to see you in June at the District Sports event.



Art Project

This week, the Year 6 children along with the children who attend Art club took part in a project for the Bishop's Waltham Festival. They painted various figures who once attended the all-boys and all-girls school in Bishop's Waltham. These painted figures will be placed in various windows along the High Street during the festival.



Bishop's Waltham in Bloom

We are participating in the 'Bishop's Waltham in Bloom' hanging-basket competition. The school will be entering an Upper school and Lower school basket, both of which have been created by the pupils.



The baskets will be hung within the centre of Bishop's Waltham. See if you can spot them!

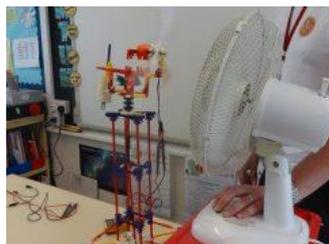
Good luck children. They will help make our village look beautiful!

(Mrs. Bradley)



Year 5&6 Technology Construction Challenge

Pupils in Year 5&6 this week took part in a technology challenge arranged by Mrs. Senior. Thanks to a STEM (*Science/ Technology/ Engineering/ Maths*) initiative our school was provided with equipment and a brief to design and build wind turbines using K'NEX. Power output of each turbine was measured to find the team generating the most electricity.



It was fantastic to see our pupils working together, following instructions and using their initiative to create these models. Much problem-solving and modification was required to keep within the design brief and achieve success.



Car Club

This year's Car Club is up and running. We have fewer sessions this year due to a late Easter, however pupils have agreed upon their car designs (*that will be raced and judged at the Goodwood Festival!*) and set to work already.

We have a UNICORN and a BAGETTI CHEW-ON (Bugatti Chiron -of course!)



Last year's Banana car is going to be modified so that it becomes a 'Baguette.' This will take some papier-mâché work and painting. The second car is to become a 'Unicorn.' This week, pupils made a great job of carving the beginnings of a 3 dimensional horse's head out of a foam block. They worked from a 2 dimensional template to gauge size and profile.



Great start Car Clubbers!

(Mrs. Bradley)

Mini Tennis competition

Earlier this month, 4 children from the Lower School took part in a mini-tennis competition at Swanmore Tennis Club. This was the first of three separate competitions to pick a team to represent our Sports Partnership at the forthcoming Hampshire Games.



The children played in four matches throughout the course of an afternoon with the matches lasting seven minutes in total. The children had to score their own matches, which promoted communication between both players. At the end of each match, each individual score was recorded and added to the total team score. Overall, BWJS scored 156 points and finished 4th in the tournament - 2 points behind 3rd place.

It was a great afternoon of tennis and the team really did BWJS proud showing great tennis skills and sportsmanship. Well done to Jake, Chloe, Ava and William – and thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to support (*a special thank you to Mrs. Barnes who was our official photographer!*)

(Report by Miss Pearmain)

Year 3 History trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

On Thursday 4th May, the Y3 pupils and staff spent the day at Fishbourne Roman palace as part of their new History topic.



They were very keen to ask questions and had clearly been doing their own research when it came to answering questions from the centre staff at Fishbourne. The children were able to dress up as Roman slaves and take part in lots of activities such as cooking and cleaning in a Roman kitchen, playing Roman games and making mosaics. They got to look around the gardens and learn about the plants used as medicines.



Finally they were able to look at the original mosaics and brick work excavated in the 1960's when the palace was discovered – along with Roman coins, pottery and jewellery. The children behaved brilliantly whilst we were at the Palace and the Year 3 team would like to thank them for their enthusiasm throughout the day.

Junior Maths Challenge



Earlier this month, ten of our Y6 pupils sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The event, which was open to pupils in Y8 or below, involved answering a set of 25 very challenging maths problems

We recently received some excellent results following this very tricky maths challenge! Alec P and James B both achieved a bronze certificate, Ben C achieved silver and Harry B was our highest scorer, also achieving a silver certificate.

Well done to all of the pupils who took part – you demonstrated high level mathematical thinking skills and represented the school very well indeed.

Walk To School Week 2017:

Well done to all of the pupils/parents and staff who managed to walk all/part/some of their journey to and from school last week. The 'Walk to School Week' event is organised by the Hampshire Road Safety Team is designed to promote road safety, healthy lifestyles and energy conservation.





See Maths in action!

After half term, we will be offering parents of children in Year 3, 4 & 5 the opportunity to have a tour of the school during our Maths sessions. This will allow parents to see the types of activities we do at BWJS. It will also allow you to see the content of the parent workshops in action.

The following dates and times are available:

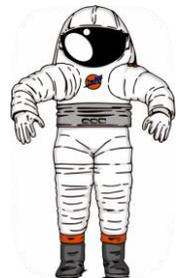
- Monday 5th June: Arrive at 9.10am to tour from 9.20 – 10.20am (NOT YEAR 5 AS THEY ARE SWIMMING)
- Wednesday 14th June: Arrive at 9.10am to tour from 9.20 – 10.20am (NOT YEAR 4 AS THEY ARE SWIMMING)
- Friday 23rd June: Arrive at 9.10am to tour from 9.20 – 10.20am

Mrs Mars (*Maths leader*) will briefly meet you in the hall and then you will be free to go to any classroom around the school during the maths lesson.

Bishop's Waltham Carnival:



The countdown is on for the Bishop's Waltham Carnival. The event will be taking place on Saturday 10th June and we are hoping for lots of pupils and parents to form part of the carnival procession to represent BWJS.



The carnival promises to be bigger and better than ever – with numerous stalls, BBQ & bar and lots of things to do for the children.

The theme for 2017 is 'Space – The Final Frontier' and we would like to get as many children/parents as possible from the school dressed up and join in with the large procession – walking together behind the floats to the show ground.

Worldclass Fayre

This year, the Worldclass Fayre will take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th June. (10.40 - 11.00am) & (3.00 - 4.00pm)

Our school has been running the Worldclass Fayre for 12 years now and it is something we are very proud of.

This year we have 62 of children taking part in the fayre and they are doing this to raise money for Pahali, Assan and Isatou to have a full time education in The Gambia. Each child has their own responsibility within their chosen group and they are already eagerly discussing what they will be selling.



We are very lucky this year because Pippa Howard from P.A.G.E.A.N.T, (*please have a look at their website*) will be in attendance one of the days selling locally made Gambian handcrafts.

We would welcome any donations of toys, books, cakes on the day, sweets and DVD's. If you have any of these items to spare please bring them into the school office for the attention of **Mrs. Mars Worldclass Co-ordinator.**

INSET Days 2017-2018:

Monday 4th September 2017 (same as BWIS)
 Tuesday 5th September 2017 (**NOT** the same as BWIS)
 Monday 30th October 2017 (same as BWIS)
 Monday 4th June 2018 (same as BWIS)
 Monday 23rd July 2018 (same as BWIS)

BWJS Blog:

Please keep up to date with all school news/events etc. via our School Blog. You can view the blog by following the link below via the school website:

www.bwjunior.hants.sch.uk

	May: Friday 26 th : INSET Day
June: Tuesday 6 th : Fire Brigade working with Y6 pupils Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th : Y4 Stubbington Residential Tuesday 13 th Pyramid Athletics Competition (BWJS 9.30-12.00) Reserve = Friday 16 th : Wednesday 14 th Swanmore College Science Club Tuesday 20 th Pyramid Field Events Comp (St John's 9.30-12.00) Reserve = Friday 23 rd : Monday 26 th Pyramid Rounders Comp (Curdridge 1.00-3.00pm)	July: Tuesday 4 th : Reserve date for the Rounders Competition Thursday 6 th : Transfer Day (Y6 to Secondary School) Thursday 6 th : Transfer Morning (Pupils spend morning in new classes) Thursday 6 th : Parents Open Afternoon (3.15-6.00pm) Thursday 6 th : Presentation evening for new Y3 parents (Hall 6.00-7.00pm) Friday 7 th : End of year school reports sent to parents Monday 10 th : Y5&6 Cricket Festival (1.00-4.00pm) Tuesday 11 th : School Fun Sports Y3&4 9.15am start Y5&6 1.30pm start Friday 14 th : Summer BBQ (6-8pm) Wednesday 19 th : Y6 Summer Production (7.00pm Hall) Thursday 20 th Y6 Summer Production (7.00pm Hall) Friday 21 st : Rocksteady Music Concert (2.45pm) Monday 24 th : Y6 Leaver's Party (4.00-6.00pm) Tuesday 25 th : Last day of term

Safeguarding Statement

At Bishop's Waltham Junior School the health, safety and well-being of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

Home-School Links

At Bishop's Waltham Junior we strive to form positive working relationships with all parents/carers. We want you to be involved in the educational development of your children and welcome any feedback, comments and suggestions on any area of school improvement. Please also do come and speak to us if you have any concerns or questions.

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Headteacher