



Summer Term 1:
Friday 5th May 2017



Since returning from the Easter break, the children have settled back into class routine really well and have embraced the content of the summer term curriculum for their year group.

Be sure to ask the children what their topics are for the summer term. The teachers have been working hard to integrate the topics into various subject areas – ensuring a purposeful outcome for the children as well as enjoyable learning opportunities.



The summer term will literally fly by (it always does) and before we know it the Y6 pupils will be leaving for secondary school and the current Y2 pupils will be starting their journey into junior school. There will be lots of events taking place throughout the summer term – and as always, I'm hoping that we can count on your support. Please do get in touch if you ever have any questions, concerns or queries. Have a great term.

Mr Darren Campbell

Good Luck Year 6:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of the Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in their upcoming SATS tests. The year group, along with every other Y6 cohort in the country, will be sitting their End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) next week. The pupils will be sitting tests in reading, SPAG, spelling, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning.



As much as I disagree with the whole regime of testing in primary schools and the education policies this government is currently trying to push through onto schools, I have to say that I'm extremely proud of the way the schools staff and pupils have approached this difficult period of the school year. They have been working exceptionally hard in the build-up to these assessments and the pupils are now ready to show off what they know.

They are a real credit and I wish them all the very best of luck for next week.

Year 5

There's still a year to go before the Year 5 children will sit their SATs but they can see how hard their upper school friends are working and they are putting just as much effort into their learning, which this term turns to



rive rs as a topic unit and life cycles for science. The Year 5s are looking forward to a change in weather as they learn more about butterflies; the subject of their longitudinal study for science. Year 5 is also already looking forward to a local field trip to The Moors to study the source of the



River Hamble, and then a trip to Marwell Zoo to understand more about the lifecycle of animals



Year 4

The Vikings, and their relationship with the Anglo Saxons, has become a topic of learning in Year 4 and the children are looking forward to learning a lot more about this powerful and influential civilisation. Shape is now the major maths topic for the start of the term and in computing the children are using presentation software to create adventure stories using hyperlinks. In science, there will be experiments and discussion about the changing state between solids, liquids and gases, but this half term most of the excitement (*and some nervousness*) is reserved for the upcoming trip to Stubbington, which for some will be the first time away from home.



Year 3

Educational Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace

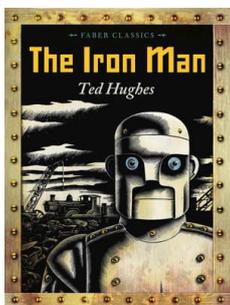
Yesterday, Year 3 went on an educational visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace. They were very keen to ask questions and had clearly been doing their own research when it came to answering questions from the centre staff at Fishbourne.



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.



Pupils in Y3 have also been very busy with art and DT as they have completed their junk model Iron Man robots, as part of their English unit based on the book by the same name, and they are now using saws and other tools to make wood photo frames.

Puzzle Challenge Day

On Monday 24th April, the whole school took part in a puzzle challenge session. Each year group completed a range of puzzles that required them to work collaboratively, persevere and creatively to solve the challenges. There were a number of ways in which each one could be solved but they required a lot of thinking.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and it was great to get such good feedback from our presenter. She commended the children on their attitude towards the puzzles and their overall impeccable behaviour during the sessions. She said they are a real credit to our school and I couldn't agree more with her.

Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to FOBs for making this awesome day possible!

(Report by Mrs. Mars)

Gardening Club

The vegetable beds are coming along nicely. We waited for the frosts to disappear before planting out our Dwarf French Beans and salad crops. Children made a great job of sowing both of these in seed trays before Easter. The potatoes are just showing themselves. Fortunately they missed the frosts too.



This week children have dug and raked the soil before sowing carrots, and planted Climbing French Beans under a wigwam of canes.

Great job gardeners!

Mrs. Barclay and Mrs. Harris did a fantastic job of repainting the garden shed - It looks tremendous and has really helped in refreshing our garden area. Thank you very much for your wonderful efforts ladies.

(Mrs. Bradley)



Junior Maths Challenge

Last week, ten of our year 6 pupils sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The event, which is open to pupils in Y8 or below, involves answering a set of 25 very challenging maths problems. The answers are multiple choice, which you might think makes the challenge easier. You'd be wrong! The questions increase in difficulty, with the final ten questions actually deducting marks if a wrong answer is given!



The pupils all showed excellent perseverance and we wait to hear if any of them have achieved a bronze, silver or gold certificate for being in the top 40% of participants.

Well done to *Liam H, Hunor J, Freddie F, Hollie A, Alec P, Harry B, James B, William P, Jessica F, Ben C.*



Other News

The school's timetable of extra-curricular clubs begins next week and the school grounds (*plus the shed*) have already been given the full makeover treatment by the gardening club. In addition, this term we have a small number of invited children attending cooking club for which we again thank Davina Tibbetts, a local home economist and mum of past pupils, who is giving her time to the school.



And talking of mums...we all want to pass on our congratulations and very best wishes to Mrs Daniels and her husband for the arrival of their son Elliott. Whilst Mrs Daniels settles into the parenting life, Miss Pearmain continues to support the school, staff and children in her role of Acting Deputy Head Teacher.

Thank you to FoBS

I'm pleased to be able to announce that at a recent FoBS meeting, committee members unanimously agreed to give BWJS the go ahead to spend up to £5000 on upgrading the lighting system that we use as part of the school productions.



The PTA work incredibly hard organising events for both the children and parents and without them we would never be able to afford to purchase equipment of this nature.

A huge, huge thank you to the PTA – and to all the parents/children for supporting the fund raising events.

Traditional Sports

Over the next few weeks, all of the pupils at Bishop's Waltham Junior School will be participating in a wide range of athletics events, as part of the PE curriculum.

As a school we need to select the 2 highest placed boys/girls from each year group (for each athletics event) to represent our school in the forthcoming District Sports competition on Tuesday 13th June



In order to select these pupils we will be holding a 'Traditional Sports Day Run Off' on **Wednesday 24th May (1.15pm)**

We will let you know in due course if your son/daughter has been selected as one of the TOP 8 finishers, across their year group, during the heats. Hopefully you can then come to support your child on 24th May. They will then compete in the run off against the other 7 competitors.

As stated earlier, the children who finish first/second in their respective event(s) at the traditional run off will progress to represent our school in the district athletics competition.

Reserve date for the traditional run off = **Thursday 25th May (1.15pm)**

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.

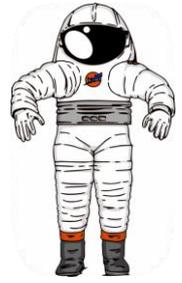
We are very lucky this year because Pippa Howard from P.A.G.E.A.N.T, (*please have a look at their website*) will be in attendance one of the days selling locally made Gambian handcrafts.

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.**

Thank you

Bishop's Waltham Carnival:

This year, Bishop's Waltham Carnival will take place on Saturday 10th June and we want BWJS to be involved. The event promises to be bigger and better than ever – with over 60 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 (Space style!) and join in with the large procession – walking together behind the floats to the show ground.

Obviously, if the children are already participating in the carnival with other local groups/organisations (scouts/brownies/dynamos/church etc.) then they should commit to representing those. Let's hope for a bright sunny day!



Sun Awareness – in readiness for a brilliant summer!

The children are advised to wear baseball style caps/sun hats during these periods of sunny weather and to keep their water bottle topped up with fresh water - so they can keep their brains hydrated! If children are involved in outdoor events it would be advisable for them to apply a sunscreen product before school.

Online Safety:

Please pay careful attention to your children's use of social media, communication via email/text message etc. There have been recent incidents of inappropriate messages being sent between pupils, which have caused significant upset. We educate the pupils about appropriate online safety/conduct etc. at school but need and appreciate the reinforcing of these messages at home.



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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.bwjuniors.hants.sch.uk



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| | <p style="text-align: center;">May: Monday 8th – Thursday 11th: Y6 SATS Week Monday 15th – Friday 19th: Y6 Bikeability Training Thursday 25th: Last day of half term Friday 26th: INSET Day</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">June:</p> <p>Tuesday 6th: Fire Brigade working with Y6 pupils Wed 7th – Friday 9th: Y4 Stubbington Residential Tuesday 13th Pyramid Athletics Competition (BWJS 9.30-12.00) Reserve = Friday 16th: Wednesday 14th Swanmore College Science Club Tuesday 20th Pyramid Field Events Comp (St John's 9.30-12.00) Reserve = Friday 23rd: Monday 26th Pyramid Rounders Comp (Curdridge 1.00-3.00pm)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">July:</p> <p>Tuesday 4th: Reserve date for the Rounders Competition Thursday 6th: Transfer Day (Y6 to Secondary School) Thursday 6th: Transfer Morning (Pupils spend morning in new classes) Thursday 6th: Parents Open Afternoon (3.15-6.00pm) Thursday 6th: Presentation evening for new Y3 parents (Hall 6.00-7.00pm) Friday 7th: End of year school reports sent to parents Monday 10th: Y5&6 Cricket Festival (1.00-4.00pm) Tuesday 11th: School Fun Sports Y3&4 9.15am start Y5&6 1.30pm start Friday 14th: Summer BBQ (6-8pm) Wednesday 19th: Y6 Summer Production (7.00pm Hall) Thursday 20th Y6 Summer Production (7.00pm Hall) Friday 21st: Rocksteady Music Concert (2.45pm) Monday 24th: Y6 Leaver's Party (4.00-6.00pm) Tuesday 25th: Last day of term</p> |
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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.

**Mr D Campbell
Headteacher**