



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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WB 14th February

We have made it to the half term break and I know that the children and staff are looking forward to the half term holiday and a break. Once we return to school, we will be operating the same times for entry and pick up but we won't be sanitising the children's hands. They will be hand washing in school as normal.

INSET Day – A reminder that our **INSET day is on Monday 28th February** and the school will be closed for teacher training on reading, drama and oracy. We re-open on **Tuesday 1st March**.

Work Party – We are running a Grounds Working Party on **Saturday 5th March 10 – 12 noon**.

We would love families to come and help us clear away the winter leaves and set the grounds up for the Spring. We will supply refreshments. Please let the office know if you can help - even for half an hour. Many thanks in anticipation.

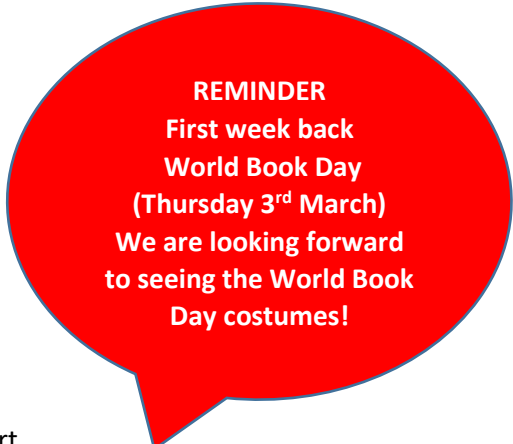
Henry Adams World Book Day competition – Henry Adams are running a competition for World Book Day. The children need to **design a flag**. Please see the leaflet attached. The entries can be sent in to school by the **closing date Tuesday 8th March**.

Cake sale – To raise money for School Council's chosen charity 'Family Support Workers' on **Friday 4th March at 3pm on the front playground**. Cakes will priced at 10p, 20p and 50p – change cannot be given. **Cake donations gratefully received please drop off on the morning of the sale.**

Reading – The Pulborough library is open during half term and it has great books for every reader, so please do visit and read during the holidays.

Science Competition - Details about the competition can be found on the following link and the attached document. <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

Big Top – Year 6 had a great film night and watched 'The Lion King'. **Polly, Billy and George** ran a tuck shop before the film and raised **£75 and this was match funded by Mr Barnes (we are hugely grateful)**. Thank you to everyone involved and for Miss Turner and Miss Callender for overseeing this event.



Curriculum – How we teach our curriculum is so important for our learners, and we know that we want to make a difference to them every day that they come in to school. We have such a fantastic curriculum and we want the children to “know more, do more, remember more” and we want these aims to shine through in the way that we teach.

When we talk about our school Mission, we talk about the learners swimming through a deep and broad curriculum and it is important that they knit their skills and knowledge together, to make them effective learners.



World of Work – What a fantastic day St Mary's had, learning about a whole host of different types of jobs and careers. Learning how each person chose their profession and what they do and this gives the learning in school a meaning and a sense of purpose.

In Reception and KS1 the children enjoyed talks from an Air Traffic Controller - Dr Leach, an Environmental Officer- Mrs Cargill, a Marine Animal Scientist - Katy Lester, a Midwife - Mrs Moggridge and Simon - a member of the Armed Forces.

KS2 were joined by a Bodyguard - Ben, a Software Engineer - Dr Ezeoke, an Electrical Engineer- Dr S Leach, a Midwife Mrs Moggridge, a Marine Animal Scientist - Katy Lester and Simon a member of the Armed Forces.

Thank you so much to these amazing individuals for giving up their time to talk to us. It makes such a difference!



Homework grids – The class homework grids are up on the Google classroom and half term would be a great opportunity to have a look and spend some time on a piece/s of homework. Little things can make a difference and this is a great chance to learn about something that interests your child We love seeing art work that uses skills they have been taught or a science experiment, or a DT project where the children make something work or composing a song to help someone else remember something.

Swimming Gala at The Pavilions – Well done to the swimmers who represented our school this week in the gala. We wanted to bottle the atmosphere, as it was electric. We saw the children swim in a variety of races and become ‘experts’ in different strokes and the team took home a second place overall. **Well done to Luke, Charlie, Molly, Misty, Ella, Olivia, Anna, Lexi, Scarlett, Henry, Caleb, Martha, Nicholas, Freddie, Alex B, William C, William K, Harry C, Harry H, Ruben, Holly D, Antonia, Jessica and Max.** Thank you to Mrs Treadwell for organising this event.



Governors – We are so fortunate to have the most enthusiastic board of Governors and they have certainly helped us ‘swim’ through the Covid journey and keep the school running effectively and with the focus on learning. They met this week to keep the focus on the impact they are having for the children through their core functions. If you would like to know more about the Governors then please email office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and we can ask one of the Governors to make contact with you. I am truly grateful for this team who go above and beyond to make a difference to our “little fish”.

Core Strategic Functions of Governing Boards

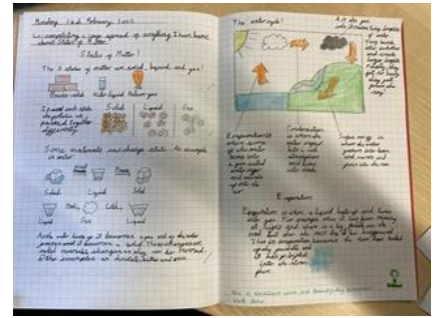
Core 1	Core 2	Core 3
Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction	Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff	Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent, including pupil premium



Worship - A group of children led worship around the theme of forgiveness. They acted out the story of the Lost Son and considered questions about the moral and God's forgiveness.



Year 4 - The Water Cycle – this is a great examples of Science learning from Y4.
Well done to Martha (SL)



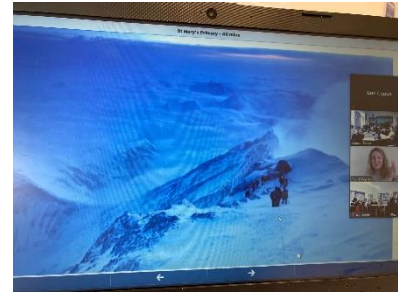
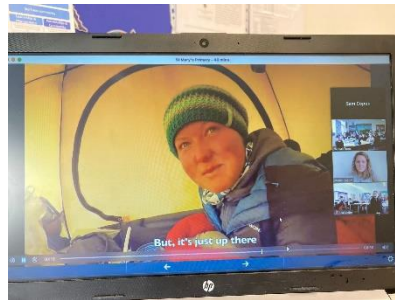
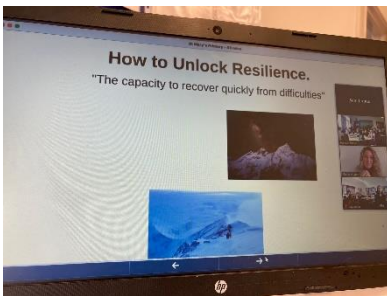
Year 4 - Greek masks for DT - As the Design and Technology unit comes to a close for Y4, look at the amazing Egyptian headdresses that the children have created.



Year 6 Learning - As part of our Science unit on 'Living Things and Their Habitats,' Year 6 have been designing and making microorganisms this week! We discovered that fungi, plants and animals are all eukaryotic microorganisms, whereas bacteria are prokaryotic microorganisms. Next, we looked at examples of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells and discussed their similarities and differences. Using this knowledge, the children then created their own microorganism, describing its name, classification, uses and effects (harmful or helpful) in a fact file.



Zoom call – We were so fortunate today when Year 6 met Mollie Hughes. Mollie is a British sports adventurer and explorer who, in 2017, broke the world record for becoming the youngest woman to climb both sides of Mount Everest and in 2020 became the youngest woman to ski solo to the South Pole. Mollie spoke about resilience, courage and perseverance and finished the Y6 topic on Adventurers and Explorers. What an inspirational speaker!



Vine leaves

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Billy B, Polly B, George F

For services – they did a fantastic job of organising the Tuck Shop for the Yr6 Film night. A brilliant contribution to our Summer Production fund, such ambassadors for the school.

Isabella (Ita)

For showing acceptance and doing her best to wait her turn.

Flora B (Ita)

For your forgiveness and compassion. You truly amaze us.

Ted (Ita)

For showing patience and resilience during a difficult time.

Spencer N (NZ) for showing great kindness to all he meets and doing so with a smile on his face.

Caitlin T (NZ) for showing perseverance in all her learning.

Achievements –



Mattie P (Ita) for passing her Stage 2 swimming



**Florence, Beatrice
Niamh**
Achieved their Red belts in Karate



Jessica L (SA) for her swimming award.

Ava Moran (UK) for getting her Level 1 swimming award.

Olivia A (SL) for her love of reading and showing us the interest that she has in reading and from a variety of authors.

Luke T (SA) for his leadership skills and encouragement to others. You were determined the team were going to give their best.

Thank you for your support and please take time to enjoy the half term break with your families.



Henry Adams is delighted to announce our

Design a Flag competition

for World Book Day 2022

Win a book for yourself and £500 worth of books for your school!

This year we are inviting you to design and make an eye-catching FLAG to celebrate your FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER or AUTHOR on the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day.

Begin with an A4 piece of paper/card and using any materials you wish, draw, paint, cut out or stick to create an eye-catching and colourful flag. Let your imagination run wild as you consider what features to include to represent your book character or author well.

Please bring your completed flags to your local Henry Adams Office, we'd love to see you, or back to your school by **Tuesday 8th March**.

Don't forget to add your **Name, Year Group and School** on the reverse of your entry.

Prizes will be awarded for a winning flag in each year group at your school as well as the chance for one design across all of our participating schools to win £500 worth of books for their school library or classrooms.

Please ask your parents to share your designs on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and tag Henry Adams so we can share them.

We look forward to seeing all your wonderful designs and will be in touch with your school after the closing date to let you know who the talented winners are!

Thank you for taking part!

Come and join us for



We are meeting again this Thursday!

3:45pm - 5:30pm

at

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre



Have Fun!

Games



Make Friends

Messy Crafts

Have a meal together



Life
Community Church
Storrington



POSTER COMPETITION

Pupils can get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual, UK-wide poster competition! They can make a poster about any version of 'Growth' that they like and be in with the chance of winning an array of prizes. The activities found in this pack, marked with a paintbrush symbol, could all be used as a source of inspiration to get pupils started.



Kit list

Paper (A4 or A3)

Creative materials,
such as:

pens
pencils
scissors
glue
watercolours
paints
crayons
felt
thread
wool
foil
clay
string
beads
stamps
foam
pompoms

Instructions

Encourage pupils to think about different areas of growth so they can come up with ideas to include in their poster. Here are some points and questions to get you going.

- **Get pupils to think about their personal experience of growth** – from growing their own cress plants to overcoming a challenge that they thought they could not do! How has it helped them to become stronger, braver, kinder, or more accomplished?
- **How do pupils think the world has grown?** You could help them to consider population growth, plant growth, economic growth or even the growth of cities and society. What is an example of good growth?
- **Can pupils think of people who have helped or inspired them to grow?** Perhaps they could create a portrait of them to show this?

From the learning of new skills to the development of places and ideas that enable us to do things more efficiently in our everyday lives, growth is everywhere!

Making the poster

Once they've done the thinking, it's time for children to get creative! Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to take a photograph of each one so it can be sent to us online for judging. Pupils can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters.

Submitting the poster

Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well they have been made or drawn. Once a child's poster is complete, take a photo of it and complete the online form to submit it as an entry.

Next steps

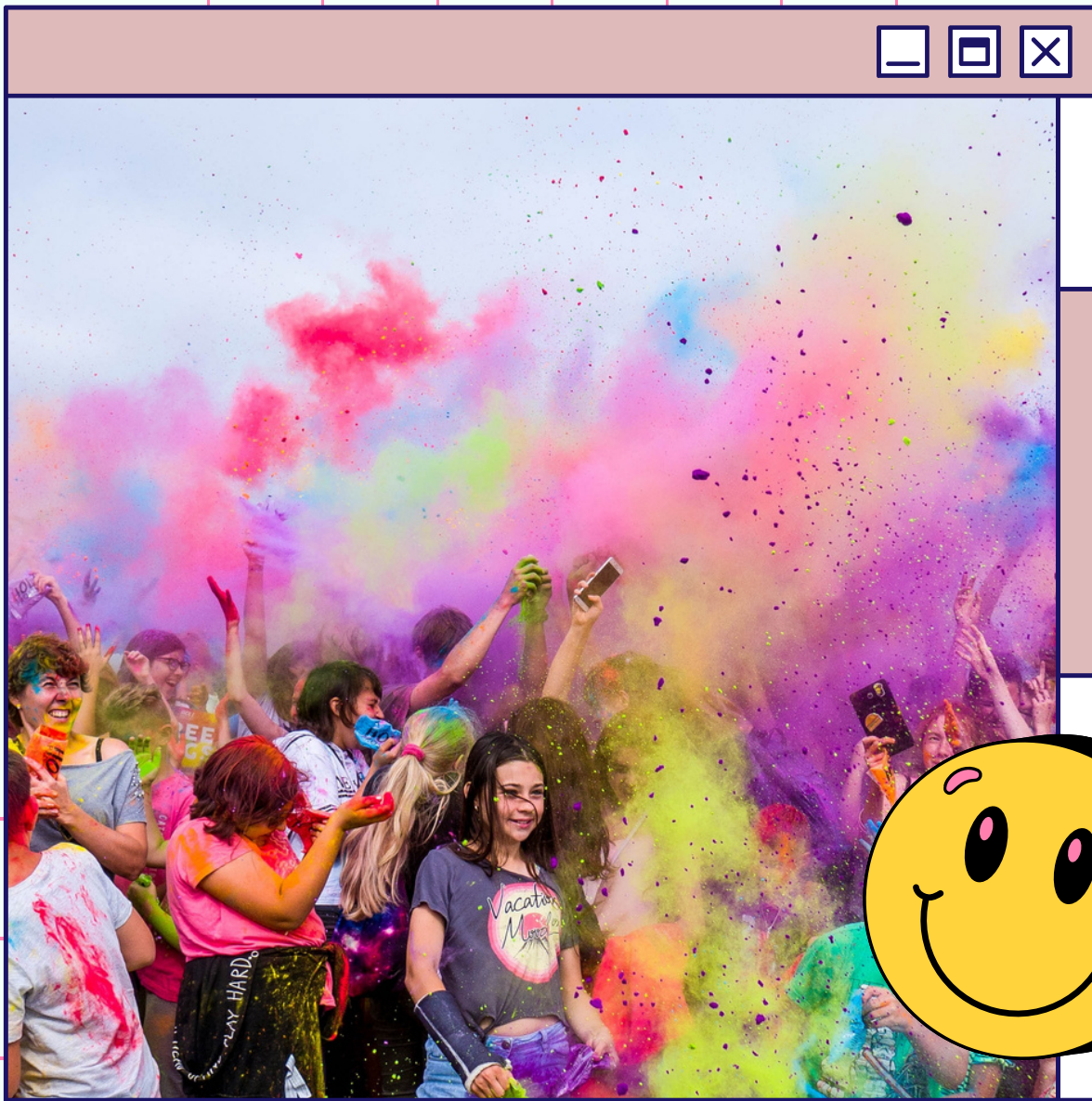
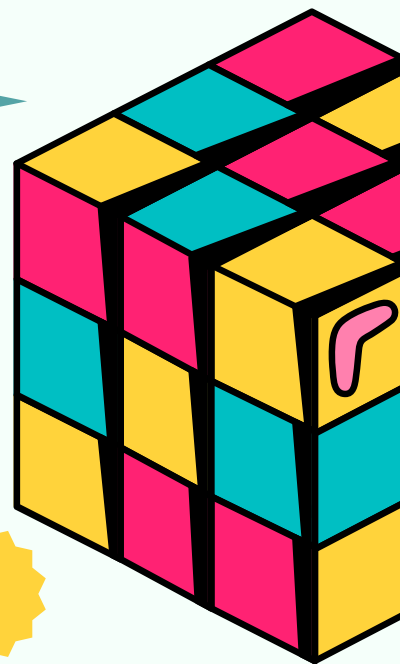
Celebrate! For more details, along with the full set of poster competition rules and tips, check out our website: britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition 🎉

FIREWORKS

**Kids Club
(From Year 3 to
Year 5)**



**Different activities
each week.
Come and join in the
fun!**



**Every Friday Night
(Term Time)
6:00pm - 7:15pm
at
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Storrington**

SOUTH DOWNS DARK SKIES FESTIVAL 2022

PROGRAMME
(LIVE/VIRTUAL EVENTS)
11–27 FEBRUARY

A celebration over two weeks to explore the dark skies of the South Downs and the nocturnal wildlife that lives there. This year we have a wonderful mix of inspiring online content and some in person outdoor events.

- Explore each of our 10 Dark Sky Discovery Sites through our helpful short films before visiting them yourself
- Take a live online tour of the winter night sky
- Discover recent findings in astronomy and space exploration
- Facebook Live – join a moon-gazing and astrophotography session
- Find out about nocturnal wildlife and learn how to build your own bat box
- Walk the Solar System and discover each of the planets along the way
- Join a star party on Brighton seafront and at Goodwood Counters Gate
- See prize-winning night time photography
- Download craft activities and colouring sheets

Please note that all in person events are weather dependent and are subject to cancellation at short notice. Please check southdowns.gov.uk/DarkSkiesFestival2022 on the day.



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**SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK**

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY

▶ **SHORT FILM – SOUTH DOWNS DARK SKIES FESTIVAL LAUNCH WITH 'DARK SKIES DAN'** **V** Dan Oakley, Dark Skies Lead for the South Downs National Park, welcomes you to this year's festival.

SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY

▶ **TWO SHORT FILMS – TOP TIPS FOR STARGAZING WITH 'DARK SKIES DAN'** **V** Dan introduces stargazing in the National Park and runs through what you might see in our night skies.

▶ **6.30PM – STARGAZING EVENING AT THE OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE AT HERSTMONCEUX** **L** Come and enjoy the Observatory at night and, weather permitting, look through some of the largest telescopes in the country. For more details and to book: the-observatory.org/events/stargazing-evenings
Partner event, Herstmonceux Observatory.

MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY

▶ **WINTER NIGHTS ACTIVITY PACK AT QUEEN ELIZABETH COUNTRY PARK** **L** Try QECP's Winter Nights Activity Pack full of activities, games and information surrounding our amazing planet at night. From nocturnal creatures to the stars that fill our night sky. Pack includes – activity sheet, craft and a pack of pencils. Priced at £3.50 per pack and available to buy from the Visitor Centre from 14 February–31 March 2022.

Partner event, Queen Elizabeth Country Park

TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY

▶ **11.00AM – MOON WATCH AT THE OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE AT HERSTMONCEUX** **L**

Half day workshop for ages 6-8 years. For more details and to book:

the-observatory.org/events/moon-watch
Partner event, Herstmonceux Observatory.

▶ **6.00PM – WALK THE PLANETS AT SEVEN SISTERS COUNTRY PARK** **L**

Join us for a free event at Seven Sisters Country Park to walk our planet trail, with the planets laid out to scale. If the night is clear, there will be telescopes at the end of the walk to look through. For more details, see

southdowns.gov.uk/DarkSkiesFestival2022

▶ **8.30PM – WALK THE PLANETS AT SEVEN SISTERS COUNTRY PARK** **f**

If you can't make it to Seven Sisters, never fear – join us on Facebook for a live walk along the trail with Dark Skies Dan

WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

▶ **2.00PM – EXPLORE THE MOON TWILIGHT AT THE OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE AT HERSTMONCEUX** **L**

Twilight workshop for ages 9-11 years. For more details and to book: the-observatory.org/events/explore-the-moon-twilight

Partner event, Herstmonceux Observatory

▶ **7.00PM – MOONGAZING AND ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY** **f**

Join University of Sussex lecturer & astronomer, Dr Darren Baskill, on Facebook for a spot of moongazing and a live introduction to astrophotography.



L In person **V** Virtual (Facebook/Instagram) **f** Facebook live

THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY

▶ 6.30PM – STARGAZING ON BRIGHTON SEAFRONT **L**

Join National Park Rangers and Brighton Astro on Brighton seafront for a free event to look at the night sky. For more details, see southdowns.gov.uk/DarkSkiesFestival2022

FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY

▶ 5.15PM – NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE WALK **f**

Join National Park Ranger, Jan Knowlson, and Sussex Bat Group's Kim Dawson as they take an evening walk around their local village.

▶ 7.00PM – STARGAZING AT FINDON PLACE **L**

Head over to Findon Place to enjoy the fabulous Dark Skies above the South Downs National Park with enthusiastic astronomers from the Worthing Astronomers Club. For more details and to book: ticketsource.co.uk/findonplace/e-omaxqd
Partner event, Findon Place & Worthing Astronomers

SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY

▶ SHORT FILM – HOW TO BUILD A BAT BOX **V**

Assistant National Park Ranger Gemma North shows us how to build a home for bats.

▶ 6.30PM – STAR PARTY AT GOODWOOD COUNTERS GATE **L**

Join National Park Rangers and South Downs Planetarium for a free event exploring the night sky. So long as the night is clear, we will have telescopes available

to look through and experts to guide us. For more details, see southdowns.gov.uk/DarkSkiesFestival2022

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Partner event, Findon Place & Worthing Astronomers

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY

▶ SHORT FILM – WINTER NIGHT SKY TOUR **V**

Join Dr John Mason and the South Downs Planetarium for a wonderful winter night sky tour.

▶ 7.15PM – OPEN EVENING **L** with Hampshire Astronomical Group and National Park staff at Clanfield Observatory.

For more details and to book: see southdowns.gov.uk/DarkSkiesFestival2022
SDNPA with Hampshire Astronomical Group

MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY

▶ SHORT FILM – HOW TO DO YOUR BIT TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION **V**

Dark Skies Dan explains about light pollution and what we can all do to reduce it.

TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

▶ CHILDREN'S CRAFT DAY – SOLAR SYSTEM MOBILE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH COUNTRY PARK **L**

Join QECP for their children's half-term craft session! Decorate a solar system mobile

using pens, glue, and glitter, environmentally friendly of course! For more information, please visit hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/qecp

Partner event, Queen Elizabeth Country Park

▶ 6.00PM – WALK THE PLANETS AT QUEEN ELIZABETH COUNTRY PARK **L**

Join us at Queen Elizabeth Country Park for a free event to walk our solar system trail, with the planets laid out to scale. If the night is clear, there will be telescopes at the end of the walk to look through. For more details, see southdowns.gov.uk/DarkSkiesFestival2022

WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

▶ SHORT FILM – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ASTRONOMY AND SPACE EXPLORATION **V**

Dr John Mason of South Downs Planetarium brings us up-to-date with space news!

▶ 6:30PM – Q&A SESSION WITH DR JOHN MASON **f** Send your questions to darks skiesfestival@southdowns.gov.uk for a chance to hear them answered by Dr John Mason of South Downs Planetarium during the Facebook Live session!

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

▶ SHORT FILM – DARK SKIES IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK **V**

Explore the dark skies over the South Downs National Park through this 360° film.

SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY

▶ SHORT FILM – TOP TIPS FOR STARGAZING: ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY AND TELESCOPES **V**

Dark Skies Dan gives his tips on equipment to enhance your stargazing experience and how to get started with astrophotography.

▶ 6.00PM – STARGAZING EVENING AND PUBLIC OBSERVING AT THE BEACHY HEAD STORY **L**

Explore the skies with Eastbourne Astronomical Society. The event is free and the Beachy Head Story Exhibition and Shop will also be open. For more details: HeritageEastbourne.com
Partner event, Eastbourne Astronomical Society and Heritage Eastbourne

▶ 6.30PM – STARGAZING EVENING AT THE OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE AT HERSTMONCEUX **L**

Come and enjoy the Observatory at night and, weather permitting, look through some of the largest telescopes in the country. For more details and to book: the-observatory.org/events/stargazing-evenings
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SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY

▶ PEOPLE'S CHOICE ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY OPENS **V**

Here's your chance to pick your favourites out of the entries to this year's astrophotography competition. Winning entries to the South Downs annual Astrophotography Competition will be shown throughout the festival.

L In person **V** Virtual (Facebook/Instagram) **f** Facebook live

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