

Education Events Calendar 2023

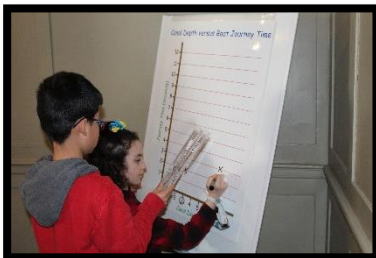
January



19th - Franklin's Young Scientists – Electricity

Franklin's Young Scientists is our FREE science club for aspiring scientists in Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14). In this session, we will carry out some exciting experiments with static electricity in our Student Science Centre and learn all about Franklin's Key and Kite. [BOOK NOW](#)

February



9th - Franklin's Young Scientists - Forces

Franklin's Young Scientists is our FREE science club for aspiring scientists in Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14). In this session, we will learn about Franklin's experiments with hydrodynamics as well as his trips to Holland and the Lake District!

16th – Family Day – Inside Benjamin Franklin House



The event is designed to introduce children (KS1-3) to Georgian architecture, design, and history as we explore the preserved rooms of Benjamin Franklin House.

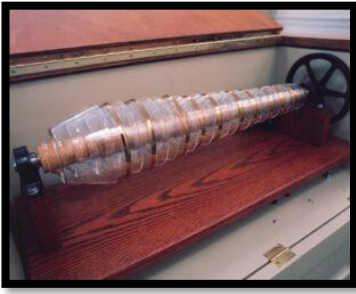
We will begin with a tour of 36 Craven Street that explores how each room would have been used almost 300 years ago! In the second half of the session, families will create their very own Georgian home in an arts and crafts workshop that builds on the knowledge gained during the initial tour.

24th - Frankly Speaking Debate Competition – Taking place at the US Embassy in London.



A Benjamin Franklin House debate competition in collaboration with the US Embassy London and the DAR Walter Hines Page Chapter.

The 2023 competition will take place on Friday 24th February. The heats, semi-finals, finals and awards ceremony will all be held at the United States Embassy London. The debates follow an 'Extended Mace' format with 2 students in each team. There is a Year 10/11 category and a Year 12/13 category.



March

TBC - Franklin's Young Scientists - Sound

Franklin's Young Scientists is our FREE science club for aspiring scientists in Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14). In this session, we will learn all about Franklin's Glass Armonica – from its invention to its popularity through the centuries.



April

3rd – Family Event: Easter

Join us for Easter-themed crafts and games. Learn all about Easter in the 18th century and take part in a special Easter egg hunt inspired by Benjamin Franklin's inventions and scientific work. Create an Easter card, decorate eggs and make Georgian Easter bonnets!



May

8th – Family Event: Coronation Celebration!

In 1761, Benjamin Franklin attended the coronation of King George III whilst living in London. Over 250 years later, we find ourselves once again welcoming a new king to throne. In this very special Family Day, we shall celebrate the coronation of King Charles III by learning about some of England's most famous monarchs from 1066 to 2022.



TBC - Franklin's Young Scientists - Light

Franklin's Young Scientists is our FREE science club for aspiring scientists in Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14). In this session, Franklin's bifocals come under the spotlight as we explore the science of light and make our very own light mazes using the power of reflection.

June

1st – Family Event: Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Watch an electrifying demonstration from our Education Manager who will recreate Franklin's famous kite experiment. Our Tesla Coil will send 250,000 volts zapping through the room, you won't want to miss it! Create your very own kite and put on your lab coat as we unpick the science behind Franklin's experiments with lightning and electricity.



This is an event for KS2 school children and our recommended age is 7-11. Accompanying adults welcome.



TBC - Franklin's Young Scientists – Fuels and Costs

Franklin's Young Scientists is our FREE science club for aspiring scientists in Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14). In this session, we will explore the invention of the Franklin Stove and how to be fuel efficient! We shall burn some common household foods to uncover the energy stored within them!



TBC – Science on Stage!

Science on Stage, held in partnership with The Royal Institution, illuminates the National Curriculum through a variety of activities which demonstrate how the work of Franklin and scientists at the Ri arose from a spirit of awe and curiosity about the world in which they lived. The content is appropriate for upper Key Stage 2 children with the focus on a range of learning styles to enable all children to benefit from the experience.

July

1st – Family Event: 4th July



What better way to celebrate America's Independence Day than coming to London home of the man who signed all four of the key documents that granted the United States its independence from Great Britain. Learn all about Franklin's role in the drafting the Declaration of Independence as well as his involvement in the early formation of the US.



TBC - Franklin's Young Scientists – The Human Body

Franklin's Young Scientists is our FREE science club for aspiring scientists in Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14). In this session, we focus our attention to another famous 36 Craven Street resident, the anatomist William Hewson. We will learn all about the human body and how we work!

August

TBC – Summer Break at Ben's House – Calligraphy



Following the success of our 2022 Summer Season, *Summer Break at Ben's House* returns for more exciting workshops to keep your kids busy during the long school holidays! Our first workshop will be on 18th century letter writing where kids get to produce their very own letters using our quills, ink and parchment paper!



TBC – Summer Break at Ben’s House – Portraits

Following the success of our 2022 Summer Season, *Summer Break at Ben’s House* returns for more exciting workshops to keep your kids busy during the long school holidays! Our second workshop explores the history of portraiture as we examine some of the most famous portraits in history. We will then make our very own paintings to take home and enjoy!



TBC – Summer Break at Ben’s House – Archaeology

Following the success of our 2022 Summer Season, *Summer Break at Ben’s House* returns for more exciting workshops to keep your kids busy during the long school holidays! Our third workshop will give kids an opportunity to become archaeologists for the day to handle some real artefacts from across history and learn about the conservation effort that went into Benjamin Franklin House.



Bank Holiday Weekend – Summer Fair 2023

Our annual Summer Fair will be going ahead as the end to our wonderful summer season. We hope to collaborate with other museums and historic houses to provide a fun filled day of workshops and activities for all the family. Location TBC.

September

October

TBC - Family Event: Halloween

Trick or treat! Join us at Benjamin Franklin House for a fun-filled afternoon as we explore the history of America's spookiest holiday and craft some terrifyingly good decorations to take home! This event is most suitable for families with kids aged 5-12. However, everyone is welcome - dead or alive!





November

TBC - Family Event: Thanksgiving

Join us as we celebrate the traditional American holiday of Thanksgiving. Uncover the origins of this North American holiday. You will learn all about how Thanksgiving was celebrated through the ages including Benjamin Franklin's time and find out why turkeys are most commonly associated with it. Decorate Benjamin Franklin House with your very own hand-crafted Thanksgiving displays for all to see!



December

TBC - Family Event: Christmas

Join us as we celebrate Christmas at Benjamin Franklin's wonderful Grade I-Listed Georgian town house in the heart of London. You and your family will learn all about the rich history of Christmas in the 18th century and discover which Georgian traditions have survived to this day! Create your very own Christmas decorations to take home. From a toilet roll Santa to top your tree to sparkly icicles to hang from your mantlepiece!