

## Events Calendar 2023

### January



#### **Ben's Birthday and the House's Anniversary Bash!**

**Tuesday 17, 5pm-6:30pm**

Celebrate Ben's 317<sup>th</sup> birthday and the House's 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being open to the public with an after-hours tour and slice of cake!

Party guests will be treated to an after-hours tour of the home Franklin knew and loved, music from his Glass Armonica, fun facts and an array of 18th century celebrations (not forgetting cake) in his parlour.

A toast to the man will follow the tour!

**£15/per person (refreshments included)**

Book tickets [here](#).



#### **Franklin's Young Scientists: Electricity**

**Thursday 19, 5pm-6:30pm**

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 famous kite and key experiment.

Franklin's Young Scientists is made possible with generous support from the US Embassy London and the DAR Walter Hines Page Chapter.

## **February**



### **Family Day: Inside Benjamin Franklin House**

**Thursday 16, 11am-12:30pm**

The event is designed to introduce children (KS1-3) to Georgian architecture, design, and history as we investigate the conserved 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, building on the knowledge gained during the visit.

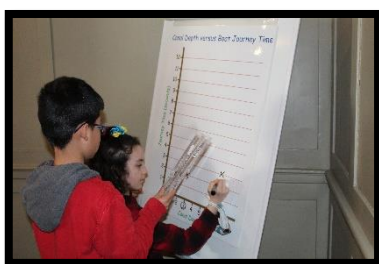


### **Frankly Speaking Debate Competition in collaboration with the US Embassy in London and DAR Walter Hines Pages Chapter**

**Friday 24, 9am-5pm**

Our annual Benjamin Franklin House Debate Competition in collaboration with the US Embassy London and the DAR Walter Hines Page Chapter will see heats, semi-finals, finals and the awards ceremony all held at the United States Embassy London. The prize for the Year 10/11 category will include a private visit to the House of Lords and the winner of the Year 12/13 category will take part in the US State Department's Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Summer Institute in the US.

See photos from last year's event on [our website](#).



### **Franklin's Young Scientists: Forces**

**Thursday 9, 5pm-6:30pm**

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!

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## March



### **Franklin's Young Scientists: Sound**

**Thursday 09, 5pm-6:30pm**

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.

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## April



### **Family Event: Easter**

**Monday 03, 11am-12:30pm**

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



### **Coronation Day**

**Saturday 06, 11am-5pm**

Benjamin Franklin House is organising a celebration for His Majesty's Coronation. We will be hosting special tours and live streaming the events of the day!

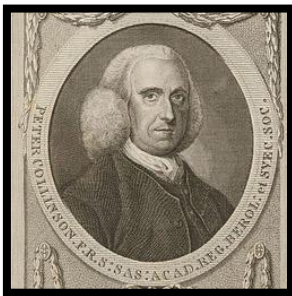
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### **Family Event: Coronation Celebration!**

**Monday 08, 11am-12:30pm**

In 1761, Benjamin Franklin attended the coronation of King George III while living in London. Over 250 years later, we will once again welcome 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.



### **Franklin and Collinson: All Commends the Thought of the Inventor**

**Wednesday 10, 12pm ET/5pm BST**

Explore how Benjamin Franklin's dual roles as scientist and statesman collided, and how his relationship with botanist and publisher Peter Collinson proved mutually advantageous featuring our Graduate Researcher in Residence, Alice Hopkinson.

Register [here](#).



### **Franklin's Young Scientists: Light** **TBC**

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 will be in the spotlight as we explore the science of light and make our very own light mazes using the power of reflection.

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### **Fulbright Lecture: Extinction Rebellion, Eco-Drama, and the Myth of 'Saving the World'**

**TBC**

Our annual Fulbright Lecture is back! Daniel Larlham will discuss the science, politics and communications around climate change. Further details coming soon. More information will be following soon. Details will be posted on our website when available.

## June



### **Family Event: Let's Go Fly a Kite!**

**Thursday 01, 11am-12:30am**

Watch an electrifying demonstration of Franklin's famous kite experiment featuring 250,000 volts from our Tesla Coil; 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. For KS2 school children; recommended age is 7-11. Accompanying adults welcome.

### **Science on Stage**

**TBC**



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.

See photos from last year's event on [our website](#).



### **Franklin's Young Scientists: Fuels and Costs**

**TBC**

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 learn how to be fuel efficient! We will set some common household foods alight to uncover the energy stored within them!

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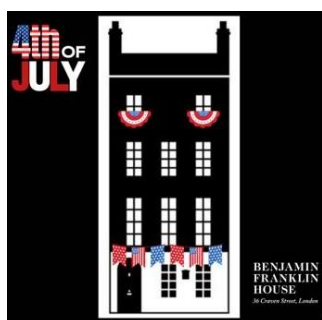
## July



### **Family Event: 4th July**

**Saturday 01, 11am-12:30pm**

What better way to celebrate America's Independence Day than coming to the 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.



### **American Independence Day**

**Tuesday 04, 11am-4pm**

Join Benjamin Franklin House for a tour and celebration of Independence Day!

As a founder of the United States, Franklin was the only statesman to have signed all four documents that created a new nation, including the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Paris, and The Constitution. The first of these was signed on 4 July 1776.

**£15/per person (refreshments included)**

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### **Franklin's Young Scientists: The Human Body**

**TBC**

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 on another famous 36 Craven Street resident, the anatomist William Hewson. We will learn all about the human body and how ours works!

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## August



### **Summer Break at Ben's House: Calligraphy**

**TBC**

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

**Suitable for children aged 5-11. To book, email**

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### **Summer Break at Ben's House: Portraits**

**TBC**

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!

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### **Summer Break at Ben's House: Archaeology**

**TBC**

Our third workshop will give children an opportunity to become archaeologists for the day, allowing them to handle real artefacts from across history and learn about the conservation effort that went into bringing Benjamin Franklin House back to life.

**Suitable for children aged 5-11. To book, email**

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### **Family Day: Children's Summer Fair**

**Saturday 05, 11am-4pm**

During our annual Summer Fair, we will collaborate with friends from other museums and historic houses for a fun filled day of workshops and activities for all the family.

Suitable for ages 5-11. To book email  
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## **September**



### **Open House London 2023**

**Saturday & Sunday, 09-10 & 16-17 September**

Open House London is the capital's largest annual festival of architecture and design. This annual event allows the public to cross the threshold of many of London's most interesting buildings, including Grade I, 1730s Benjamin Franklin House.



### **2023 Robert H Smith Lecture in American Democracy**

**Details will be available on our website**

Our annual Robert H Smith Family Foundation Lecture in American Democracy will be held in partnership with the LSE Department of Government.

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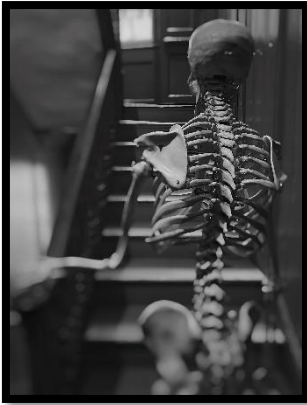


## October



### **Family Event: Halloween** **TBC**

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!



### **After Dark: Cadavers at Craven Street** **Thursday 26, 5pm-8pm**

Explore the darker side of the 18<sup>th</sup> century pursuit of knowledge with the team at Benjamin Franklin House. As you make your way through our Grade I, Georgian building, you'll discover why over 1200 bones were unearthed in the basement.

**£15/per person (refreshments included)**

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## November



### **Family Event: Thanksgiving** **TBC**

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!



**After Dark: Thanksgiving**  
**Thursday 23, 6pm-8pm**

Join us for this important American holiday and celebrate with a tour of Benjamin Franklin's London home followed by pumpkin pie in his parlour! Franklin, in addition to suggesting the turkey become one of America's national symbols, practised cooking it as part of his early work on electricity.

**£15/per person (refreshments included)**

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**December**

**Family Day: Christmas**  
**TBC**



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 mantelpiece! **Suitable for children aged 5-11.**



**Annual Friends and Neighbours Holiday Party**  
**Tuesday 06, 5pm-8pm**

Celebrate the festive season with friends of the House and our Craven Street neighbours. In the great British holiday tradition, enjoy a mince pie and a glass – or two – of homemade mulled wine!

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### **After Dark: Christmas at Craven Street**

**Thursday 14 & 21, 5pm-8pm**

Step back in time and experience the House in true eighteenth-century style this winter with our festive candlelit tours. Mulled wine and mince pies in Franklin's parlour before exploring the House and its unique history.

**£15/per person (refreshments included)**

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