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BJC School Report



It's BIG, it's CLEVER and you can be a part of it...

We're guessing that not all teachers have their own fossils lurking about in a cupboard at home so just in case you're in need of a few Jurassic things to help you out in your Big Jurassic Classroom celebration, we've got a few things you might be interested in.

Dorset Schools Library Service Resources

There are three Jurassic Coast resources available to hire to **all schools in Dorset and East Devon** from the Dorset Schools Library Service:

- **Fossil Loan Box** – real fossils with a comprehensive resource pack
- **Schools Display** – a variety of hands on activities for KS1&2
- **Fossil Dig Box** – replica fossils waiting to be discovered beneath sand



Please contact **Dorset Schools Library Service** on **01258 451151** to check availability for the Spring term. Bookings for Summer term preferably need to be made before end of March 2012. Each resource costs £34.50 (set up fee) each for 2 weeks. Please mention BJC when you book!

Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre - Fossil Loan Box

Booking procedure: Contact the Centre to check availability (currently good availability for Spring and Summer terms. Arrangements will need to be made to pick the Fossil Loan Box up and return it back to the Centre. The charge for a two week loan is £30. www.charmouth.org/chcc/schools/resources

Schools Registered This Month

- Downlands Community Primary School
- St Luke's (Church of England) Science & Sports College
- St. James First School
- St George's Primary School, Portland
- Wyke Regis CE Junior School
- Wyke Regis Infant School and Nursery

BJC Training so far...

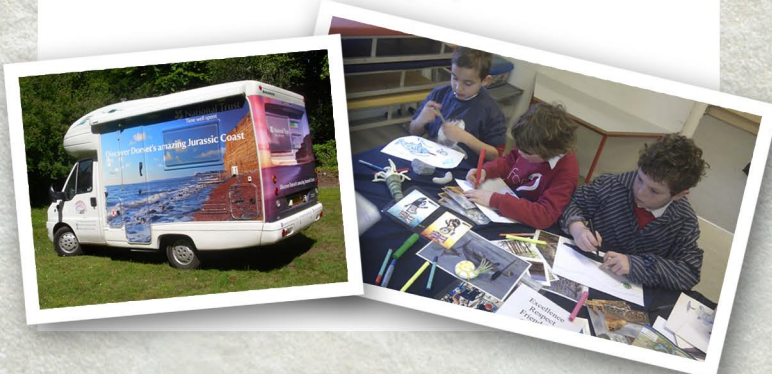
In the Autumn term we trained 60 schools across Dorset and East Devon. We are encouraging schools to link and book BJC teacher training sessions with other schools. We have found that group sessions work really well for sharing ideas and creating links. So contact us at bjc@jurassiccoast.com about booking your **FREE 2 hour training session** today!

The National Trust Does Big Jurassic Classroom

As an official partner for BJC, the National Trust Jurassic Coastin' Van is working in partnership with the Jurassic Coast Team to offer a unique day packed full of fun and interesting activities for Key Stage 1 & 2.

We want to inspire and engage children about their local World Heritage Site, fossils and the London 2012 Games. Activities touch upon a number of curriculum subjects and can form part of a larger schools display or children's logbooks, as well as covering the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

A day with the Jurassic Coastin' Van and BJC team costs £250. To book contact bjc@jurassiccoast.com.



The Big Jurassic Creative Classroom Update

In the Teachers' Guide there is a wealth of opportunities to get involved in this academic year for the Cultural Olympiad. **Contact details can be found on page 9 of your Teachers' Guide.**

Coastal Voices – performance of vocal works along the Jurassic Coast. Now completely signed up and can't invite any further participation from school groups, sorry!

Project Pliosaur – an extensive project with Portland schools, funding pending, for Moving Tides. More than happy to work with schools outside of the immediate Weymouth and Portland area on their own or other Jurassic festivities. Project Pliosaur is also very busy creating their own travelling cinema Pliosaur which will be touring the Jurassic Coast this summer as part of the Earth Festival.

Jurassic Creatures – an invitation for Dorset and Devon primary and middle schools into Mary Anning's Depot.

Smugglers' Gold – unfortunately Common Players do not have the funding to run this project, so this is unavailable until further notice.

Desert Crossings – dance workshops inspired by the Jurassic Coast which fuse contemporary and African dance.

Landance 2012 – opportunities for West Dorset schools to use the local landscape and its heritage as the inspiration for creating song and dance performances.

Jurassic Soup – through 2D and 3D artwork primary and secondary pupils will explore fossils and the Jurassic Coast. Demand for workshops is high and booking essential. The Spring Term is almost full!

UNESCO 2012 Youth Summit – secondary schools are invited to submit applications to send a delegate of young people to represent the Jurassic Coast at the 2012 UNESCO UK World Heritage Youth Summit. See www.jurassiccoast.com/makingsense for more details.

Stonecarving for 2012 – schools in East Devon and West Dorset are invited to submit sketches or ideas for carvings which will depict the history of Beer Quarry Caves.

Litter Free Coast and Sea – the team received lots of inspiring project applications for the Litter Free Coast and Sea fund. These are now being reviewed and we look forward to seeing some exciting poster, video, poetry and junk model projects taking place up and down the Jurassic coast to raise awareness of the impacts of marine and beach litter with local communities. If your school didn't get round to submitting an application then don't worry. The Litter Free Coast and Sea Education pack is available to download: www.jurassiccoast.com/downloads/Education/litter_free_coast_and_sea_education_pack.pdf

Take a Look at how Wool CE VA First School is Getting Involved in a BIG Way!

"We've got the loan box of fossils booked. We're doing 'Journeys Along the Jurassic' whole school topic next term. We're planning a beach clean at Lulworth and a session on rocks and fossils. We are looking to book a whole school trip to Lyme Regis to do a fossil hunt. We'd like to do a whole school production on Dinosaurs... All linked to the Olympic values of course! At KS2 we will concentrate on erosion, pollution and World Heritage sites. All very exciting!"

Let us know what you're planning in your school and you could win this month's competition!



Competition Corner

This month we are offering the prize to the school that sends us the most creative and inspirational ideas for getting involved in Big Jurassic Classroom.



Tell us (in less than 150 words) what you're planning in school and how it relates to one or more of the Olympic and Paralympic Values and to the Jurassic Coast. Send your ideas to bjc@jurassiccoast.com by the end of January to be in with a chance to win this fantastic print of Henry De La Beche's watercolour painting 'Duria Antiquior – A More Ancient Dorset' for your school.

See the new Registered Schools map at www.jurassiccoast.com/bjc

