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What a difference a year makes!

From left: The Benjamin Franklin House Student Science Centre before (image 1) and after conservation (image 2). The Glass Armonica (image 3) the instrument Franklin invented during his years at Craven Street is a part of one of the Student Science Centre's hands-on experiments. Students from Cricket Green School for children with special needs at the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Science Fair in the Student Science Centre with their award-winning investigations into heat absorption a la Franklin!

"I love to encourage Ingenuity," Benjamin Franklin to James Woodmason in Birmingham, 1780.

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Dear Friends,

Like Franklin, we are having great fun encouraging ingenuity!

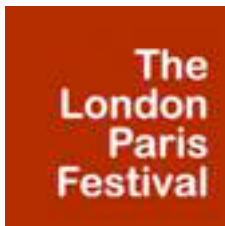
By the time school let out for summer, the Student Science Centre had welcomed nearly 600 children, while our Education Officer, Ana Doria Buchan, took her Benjamin Franklin Traveling Suitcase to 10 schools to teach workshops on invention. The House was again abuzz with children during our August Family Day featuring games and special activities ranging from kite making to Georgian architecture and fashion.

And while London schools were on hiatus, our Tuesday student days saw large numbers of adult learners from the University of the Third Age who explored Franklin's London science in the Student Science Centre, while a group of experts from Britain's Science Museum tried their hand at Student Science Centre offerings.

Overall, we have had some 6000 visitors to the House to date and our many efforts to encourage awareness and visitation are described below. Do consider attending one of our upcoming special events, picking up an item or two from our new online shop from mid-October, and using the House for evening entertainment!

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Saturday, 7 October, 2:30 pm**



An American in Paris – Royal Geographical Society Education Centre

Journalist Charles Glass will address the Parisian-American love affair from Ben Franklin to Liberation Day 1944. World-famous journalist, broadcaster as well as author, Glass was Chief Middle East Correspondent for ABC News from 1983 to 1993. His writing appears in the London Review of Books, Harper's Magazine, The Independent and the Spectator. Tickets may be purchased via Ticketweb on 08700 600 100 or the [festival website <http://www.ig2londonparisfestival.com/>](http://www.ig2londonparisfestival.com/) . Contact the festival on info@ig2londonparisfestival.com

***Saturday, 7 October, 4:30 pm**

Story Telling Event at Benjamin Franklin House, £6.50 per child (best for 5 - 10 years olds)

RSVP by emailing info@BenjaminFranklinHouse.org or calling 020 7839 2006

***Thursday, 26 October, 7:45 am**

The Pilgrims Society Franklin Breakfast at the Savile Club (69 Brook Street, London W1)

Professor James C. Humes OBE will share his interesting insights into the life and times of Benjamin Franklin. Professor Humes has been a lawyer, legislator, diplomat, actor, author, scholar and White House speechwriter. He has written thirty books, including books on Benjamin Franklin, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln and William Shakespeare.

RSVP by emailing sec@pilgrimsociety.org

***Wednesday, 1 November 2006, 6:30 pm**



Benjamin Franklin House Symposium with the Eccles Centre for American Studies at the British Library
(96 Euston Road, London NW1)

Franklin - Man of Science and Letters, £10 includes talk and reception

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Join us for a stimulating evening featuring Lord Robert May on science, and Kate Muir and Jonathan Fenby on letters. Lord May is former President of the Royal Society (2000-2005), and holds a Professorship jointly in the Department of Zoology, Oxford University, and at Imperial College, London, and is a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford. For the five-year period ending September 2000, he was Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government, and Head of its Office of Science and Technology. Kate Muir is an author and journalist and her books include *Left Bank*. She writes a regular column for *The Times* and has been the newspaper's correspondent in Paris, New York, Washington. Jonathan Fenby, a distinguished journalist and author, was formerly the editor of the *London Observer* and the *South China Morning Post*. He has also worked for the *Economist*, the *London Times*, and *Reuters*.

***Monday-Tuesday, 13-14 November, 6:30 pm - 9 pm**

Patriotism: An Artistic Investigation of the Complex Web of 18th Century Relationships, an installation by Benjamin Franklin House staffer, Michael De Guzman

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***Wednesday - Sunday, 22-26 November**



Thanksgiving special entry. For every one ticket you buy for the Benjamin Franklin House Historical Experience receive one free

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOUSE IN THE NEWS



Benjamin Franklin House has been feted in the press. From a feature in the August edition of *Town and Country*, to a designation by the *Chicago Tribune* as one of the top reasons to love London. As reporter Anne Chalfont reports of our museum as theatre Historical Experience, "The house...conjures up the spirit of Ben...." Click on the links below for a range of the coverage over the quarter.

* *Chicago Tribune* <<http://www.chicagotribune.com/travel/chi-0609100063sep10,0,7883484.story?track=mostemailedlink>>

* *Home and Abroad* <<http://www.homeandabroad.com/viewSiteDetails.ha?mainInfold=71702&rank=0.0&sortType=0&page=1&selectedLocation=0&selectedSiteCategory=0&selectedTripStyle=&selectedAlphaCharacter>>

* *London Town* <http://www.londontown.com/LondonInformation/Attraction/Benjamin_Franklin_House/af76/>

* *Boston Herald* <<http://theedge.bostonherald.com/travelNews/view.bg?articleid=158981>>

* *Penn Club of Metro New Jersey* <<http://pennclubmetronj.com/>>

* [Trip Advisor <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g186338-d262785/London:United-Kingdom:Benjamin.Franklin.House.html>](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g186338-d262785/London:United-Kingdom:Benjamin.Franklin.House.html)

NEW ONLINE SHOP



From mid-October, visit our homepage at www.BenjaminFranklinHouse.org <<http://www.BenjaminFranklinHouse.org>> to shop online for Franklin-related items. You will be following in the mode of Franklin, who liked to indulge in a bit of 'retail therapy' and kept careful lists of his London purchases to be sent back to Philadelphia!

ENTERTAINING AT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOUSE



Benjamin Franklin House has been the choice of KPMG, Carrier Corporation, ICE Futures, and Wildfire TV for private events and filming. Contact us to find out how our unique 18th century space can be put to service.

Finally, we are very pleased to report that the Pew Foundation has granted Benjamin Franklin House a \$150,000 challenge grant. Stalwart supporter, Mr. Robert H. Smith, who endowed the Robert H. Smith Study Centre at Benjamin Franklin House, has pledged \$100,000 toward the challenge. Such funding is vital to ensuring the future of this incomparable building and its many aims.

As Dr. Franklin wrote in a letter from Craven Street in 1767, "I wish you the compliments of the approaching season, and a succession of many happy...years." Watch for news of the final months of our opening year in our December 4th quarter E-Gazette.

All good wishes,

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