

# Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

**17th January 2025** 

#### **KEY DATES**

- Monday 20th January 2025 Swimming for selected Year 5 and Year 6
- Tuesday 21st January 2025 9.15am-11.45am Active Surrey Sports Challenge at Nescot College Selected Year 3 and Year 4
- Thursday 23rd January 2025 Yellow House Mufti day
- Friday 24th January 2025 A&B Team Football Match V Danetree 2.25pm-3.35pm. See SPOND for more information. Girls Football Squad Training only at normal time 3.30pm-4.30pm..

# Click Here<sup>1</sup> for Upcoming Events Click here<sup>2</sup> for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

### **HEAD'S UPDATE**

#### **Celebrating Your Child's Birthday - The Birthday Book Donation**

Birthdays are always difficult to celebrate with school and so we are introducing a birthday book donation. Birthdays in class can be celebrated by your child donating a new book to the school library if you wish. This is of course purely voluntary though if you do decide to donate, then it will bring pleasure to many children over the years, long after your child has left the school. The book will have a certificate of donation in the front with your child's name on it and your child will receive a certificate of appreciation for their donation which they can take home. Birthday books also help build up new books in the library. It is voluntary so there is no pressure on individual children on their birthday. Birthday treats, sweets and any food products are discouraged due to issues with allergies and dietary needs and it takes up curriculum time checking dietary lists and distributing them etc.

Many parents and carers have already donated many books to the school and we will be sending certificates of appreciation to you (please let the office know your name when you drop them off - or leave a note with the books). Mrs Bruen is our Chief Librarian and she will be organising this scheme. We want to say a big thank you to all those children and families who have already contributed to the library - it makes a big difference to the school and we are often culling out old books for more up to date and more popular texts. If you are unsure what book to buy then do not worry as Mrs Bruen will be providing a list of popular or wanted books for the library and you can take your inspiration from that.

#### **Toys and Fiddle Toys**

Please note that children are not permitted to bring toys into school and any 'fiddle toys' must be agreed with the SENDCo (Mrs Elliot) and the class teacher. The resources will also be listed on your child's SEN plan. We have a number of official fiddle toys and various resources for children with particular sensory and educational needs. Children have obviously seen these in class and presume they can bring their own in. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar

#### **THIS WEEK**

#### Stars of the Week



This week's Stars of the Week were nominated for their **e**nthusiasm and **i**nspiration - create an excellent role model for their fellow peers. . Only one per class is nominated in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. All of the Stars of the Week receive a certificate and five house points for showing one or more of the school BELIEVE values -**B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **E**quality, **V**ision and **E**very pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.

#### **Netball Team Match Report - 17th January 2025**

Two teams from Wallace Fields Junior School played two teams from Danetree in netball matches on Thursday 16th January 2025. Everyone played brilliantly and both of our teams had significant wins. A brilliant improvement from the whole squad. Mr Sellars would like to say how proud he was of their performance and commented that they played extremely well as a team. Well done to all the team members and there was a good level of humility and dignity with the wins which were significant over the other school. This is an important aspect of sport and the Wallace Fields Junior teams made us very proud. We look forward to the next match. Well done!

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION and REMINDERS

#### Yellow House Mufti Day - Thursday 23rd January 2025

The winning house with the most house points this term is Yellow House. The mufti day has been set for **Thursday 23rd January 2025.** All children in Yellow House can wear their own clothes on that day and children usually wear something in team colours within their outfit in order to celebrate their victory. Congratulations to Yellow House.

### Selected Year 5 and 6: Swimming Starts Monday 20th January 2025

Following the swimming assessment lesson on Monday 13th January 2025, some child has been selected to continue the swimming programme in the spring term and their parents/carers have been contacted by email.

For those selected lessons will continue on Monday mornings from next Monday 20th January 2025 at Epsom College, and this will help to develop their swimming skills and ensure they are competent in water. Due to holidays and an INSET day the lessons will be on the following dates: Selected children continue: 20th and 27th January, 3rd and 10th February, 3rd , 10th , 17th and 24th March. We request a voluntary donation of £50 to cover the remaining lessons. This is a heavily subsidised cost compared to private lessons.

Children come to school in their school uniform, with their swimming things (including costumes, towel etc) in a waterproof swimming bag.

#### **Active Surrey Sports Challenge - Tuesday 21st January 2025**

Some children from Wallace Fields Junior School from Year 3 and Year 4 have been selected to take part in the Active Surrey Sports Challenge at Nescot College on Tuesday 21st January 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to build on their confidence and resilience and is a highly respected, inter-school event. Children will rotate around 6-8 different multiskills style stations and score points for their team total. There will be one winning team who will progress to the county final on Thursday 3rd April 2025. Parents of selected children have been emailed. Please give permission by Monday 20th January 2025 email office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk<sup>3</sup>. The children will need to wear their P.E. Kit and trainers and they will need to bring a drink and a snack.

#### Year 6 Leavers' Book

Mrs Dixon and Mrs Wilson are kindly co-ordinating the Year 6 Leavers' book and Hoodies. To help them get started please fill out the consent form on Google by clicking on this link by **24th January 2025**:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aYHEivPXYkllvOZ1T83TlnCvfUKO3NSNgc11UluAxbl/edit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>mailto:office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

### **NS Sport Fundraising Afternoon - Keep the Date**



#### **Music Performance Assembly Dates**

- Year 6 Music Assembly: Tuesday 11th February 2025 (late afternoon) Auditions in lesson on Thursday 6th February 2025.
- Year 5 Music Assembly: Tuesday 11th March 2025 (late afternoon). Auditions in lesson on Tuesday 25th February 2025.
- Year 4 Music Assembly Tuesday 29th April 2025 (late afternoon). Auditions in lesson on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.
- Year 3 Performance Assembly Tuesday 20th May 2025 (late afternoon). Auditions in lesson on Monday 12th May 2025.

Parents of children performing are invited in to school to watch the music assemblies. We now hold our weekly Music Assemblies at the end of the day on Tuesday so giving a precise start time is difficult to say as it will depend on the number of performers. I anticipate around 2.45pm and I will confirm the time in the newsletter the Friday before.

I will hold 'auditions' in the class lessons - please see dates above. As there are often so many children who would like to take part, I have to restrict performances to 1 minute maximum. Please could you ensure your child's performance fits within this time. If they are singing pop songs, they will need to be able to provide me with the YouTube backing track (no vocals) and the start and finish times of the selection they are singing. I can advise if they

need help choosing the 1 minute section if they come to me in advance of the class auditions.

Looking forward to some wonderful performances.

### Children's Art Exhibition Horton Art Centre 4th to 8th March 2025

Well done to all the children whose art work has been selected for entry to the art exhibition at Horton Arts Centre from **4th to 8th March 2025**. Parents have been emailed with further information about viewing the exhibition and reserving and purchasing on Scopay their framed artwork.

The Horton Arts Centre is a beautiful setting - a carefully restored chapel with exhibition spaces and an exquisite environment funded by lottery money and local charity funding. It is a grade II-listed building – the former Horton Chapel – opened in 2022, following major renovation works and offers atmospheric and welcoming spaces for live performance, events, exhibitions, workshops and hospitality. You can go along and view the artwork any time the Horton is open. Check their website for opening times. There is a café there too, so you can buy refreshments if you want to after or before viewing the children's amazing pieces.

### **School Stationery Shop is Open**

Open to all children - Tuesday and Thursday playtimes in the 4C window. The shop is very well run by Year 6 Prefects. Please send your child in with cash in coins.



#### YEAR 3

#### **Year 3 Performance Assembly - Tuesday 20th May 2025**

Year 3 Performance Assembly will be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025 and auditions to be held in class on Monday 12th May 2025.

The purpose of this assembly is to showcase musical achievement of children who have lessons on instruments/voice outside of school. If your child is selected to perform, you will be able to come and watch them at the Tuesday afternoon performance. At present, as I don't know how many performers there will be, I can only give a rough indication of the start time but it will be around 2.45pm. Whilst the term 'audition' sounds a little formal, I do need to ensure that the children are proficient and ready to perform in front of a big audience. Please could I ask that the pieces chosen are no longer than 1 minute. I am afraid I am unable to accompany children as I don't have the time to rehearse with them, but there are many backing tracks available online. Please select the appropriate one and email me (through the office) the link prior to their 'audition' date so I can get these ready in advance. If you have any further questions about this event, please feel free to email. Mrs Johnstone.

#### **PTA & FUNDRAISING EVENTS**









### **SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING**



#### **Family Learning Courses for Parents and Carers**



Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run course that are available for families to enrol on with a few simple clicks on the website<sup>4</sup>. You can cut and paste this into your bulletin for parents and carers.

Click here<sup>5</sup> for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

#### **CLUBS**

#### **Financial Help With Clubs**

Do you, or have you previously, been eligible for free school meals?

If so, we can provide your child with the opportunity to try something new or that they have not done before. We have a number of clubs that run before school, at lunchtime and after school and if your child is interested in joining one of these clubs, we can offer some financial assistance to enable them to join. Please click here<sup>6</sup> to see information about the clubs at Wallace Fields Junior School. If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please do get in touch with the School Office. They will be very discreet and will let you know some of the support available. Call 0208 393 0350 or email office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk.

#### **Year 3 and 4 Girls Lunchtime Football Reminder**

If your Year 3 and 4 child takes part in girls football on a Friday lunchtime with Mr Dowdeswell, please ensure they bring football boots and shin pads.

<sup>4</sup>https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/clubs

NS Sport Launches New Holiday Club - February 2025



#### \*\*\*BOOKINGS OPEN\*\*\*

#### **NSSport Holiday Activities**

### **Wallace Fields**

#### 17-21 February 08:00-18:00 Open to families at all schools in Years 1-6

We are thrilled to announce an exicting addition to our community offerings: a brand new Hollday Camp at Wallace Fields Janier School Beginning this February India Term, we will be hosting our Hollday Activides programme Eulored specificity for public in year 1-6. This initiative aims to provide a fina and engaging environment for children to explore, learn, and make ever firrical during their beak from school.



#### NSSport Holiday Activities is the perfect place to have **fun**

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#### Here's what we have to **offer**

WEEK 1 (17-21 FEBRUARY)\_\_\_

How do I make a **booking**?

#### All bookings via our website at nssport.co.uk

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#### Have a question?

Stay up-to-date with current activities and future events by following us on your favourite social media channels.



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### **Junior Adventure Group Wrap Around Care**



#### Kick off the Year with Special Days & Enriching Adventures with JAG this January & February!

As the new year begins and we welcome the start of the 2025 Spring term, we're thrilled to bring a fresh wave of fun, learning, and creativity to our JAG Clubs! At the heart of our clubs is the Adventure Programme- a vibrant library of diverse activities spread across seven exciting categories. This unique programme allows children to learn through play, make new friends, and enhance their education in the most engaging ways!

Our Adventure Programme comprises seven exciting categories:

- M Flavour Fest
- Global Kids
  Brain Boosters
- ♣ Wellbeing Warriors
  ♥ Power Teams
- Super Sports

By engaging in activities across these categories, we'll also celebrate special themed days in January and February, enriching children's learning, expanding their horizons, and sparking their curiosity about the world around them.

Some of the celebration days include:

#### b Lohri (13th Jan)

(a) Say goodbye to winter and welcome the harvest with vibrant festivities through activities in our Global Kids category. Let's embrace the lively spirit of this Punjabi celebration!

#### e Winnie the Pooh Day (18th Jan)

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Join Pooh and friends for a day of friendship and sweet wisdom
through activities in our Brain Boosters category. Kids will explore
the joys of friendship and curiosity.

#### International LEGO Day (28th Jan)

#### Children's Mental Health Week (W/C 3rd Feb)

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Well-being is the focus this week through activities in our
Wellbeing Warriors category. Kids will dive into mindfulness and
self-care activities to promote a healthy mind and happy heart.

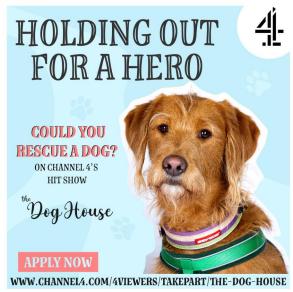
⚠ Valentine's Day (14th Feb)
Show some love through activities in our Creative Inventors category! Children will make special gifts to celebrate the friendships and connections that matter most.

Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th Feb)
 Spread joy and kindness through activities in our Wellbeing Warriors category-because the more kindness, the better!

Join us at JAG this spring term for a journey filled with adventure, creativity, discovery, and joy!

#### **COMMUNITY**





#### **Asthma Workshops for Parents/ Carers**

Beating asthma together: Asthma triggers, the effects of smoking, vaping, housing and air pollution on asthma 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-8pm



https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d69dc58-004c-4124-879 53f117c194c2@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3

Does your child or young person have asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on this webinar which focusses on what action we can take to reduce their exposure to triggers that can make their asthma worse.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team

## Beating asthma together 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30-8pm



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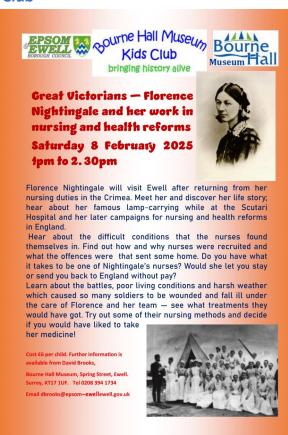
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Are you a parent or carer whose child has asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on at this event to look at the challenges facing children and young people with asthma and how we can help overcome them.

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#### **Bourne Hall Museum Club**



## **CAVE PAINTING**

Thursday 20 February

Sourne Hall Museum Kids Club 11am-12.pm & 2pm-3.pm



In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted.

They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'

Cost £6 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk