

Wallace Fields Junior School Weekly Bulletin

23rd September 2022



KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday 27th September 8pm - PTA welcome meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday 28th September - Year 3 writing and spelling workshop at 3.30pm
- Epsom and Ewell Arts Exhibition at Bourne Hall

HEAD'S UPDATE



Another busy week and more opportunities for parents and carers to come into school with the maths workshop. The Year 6 are settling into their various monitor and prefect roles and many will be able to wear their badges on their ties or jumpers for the year. Year 3 continue to gain confidence and the school routines are so well established that they go into lunch as usual without additional time - they have settled in quicker than previous years so that is a good sign. Year 4 and 5 have had a busy week with lots of exciting curriculum topics and School Council starts next week - with representatives from every class meeting with me once a month to discuss key school issues and ensure pupil voice is heard.

THIS WEEK

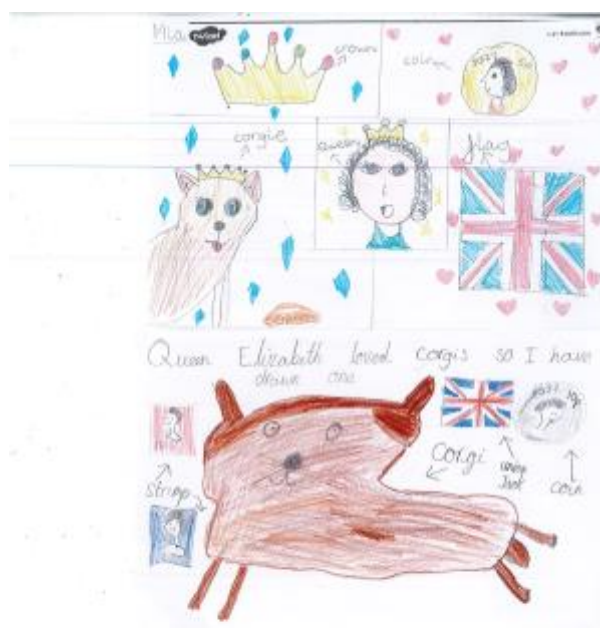
Well Done Wallace Fields Juniors Footballers

Well done to the football team who took part in the friendly tournament at Epsom College on Wednesday 21st September. It was a great start to the season.



Post Cards: Queen Elizabeth II

As part of the cultural exchanges we share in with our French exchange school, children in classes 4G and 4J have created fabulous post cards in tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch.



IMPORTANT NEWS

Pupil Online Subscriptions

We are pleased to continue our online subscriptions to **Mathletics**, **Times Table Rock Stars** and **SpellingShed**, which are used by the children both at school and to complete homework. These online portals are useful tools for children to develop their speed and confidence in maths, spelling and reading comprehension. The school can purchase these online resources at a discounted rate saving parents from subscribing at an inflated rate as individuals.

In order to cover the cost of these subscriptions, we need to request a voluntary contribution of £10 per child. (If your child is currently on Free School Meals you will not be required to pay this.) We ask that all parents make their payment via our on-line payment system Scopay.

Mathletics

Mathletics have just created a Parent Portal!

This area on Mathletics will give you an insight into your child's current learning, performance and progress in maths. It will send you a weekly report straight to your inbox once you have signed up to an account. You will need your child's login details to create a parent account. For more information click here¹.

Your child's login details will be in their reading record or homework diary. There is also a Mathletics Parent Blog where there are lots of great ideas and suggestions for supporting your child with their maths at home. As a reminder, Mathletics is set weekly in every year group. Year 3 and 4 will have one Quest set and Year 5 and 6 have two Quests set. The date it is assigned and the date it is due will have been shared with you during the Welcome Meetings and can also be found on the Year Group website pages.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning.

Miss Sarjeant



Maths Workshop

It was lovely to see so many Year 3 parents at the maths workshop on Wednesday and so many parents from other year groups who joined us remotely. If you were unable to attend please click here² for the PowerPoint presentation.

Do You Work in the STEM Sector?

After a very successful year of STEM calls and visits, we are looking to really push STEM this year within our school again. Year 4 are having an exciting call with an engineer in October and all year groups are having MoneySense workshops throughout the month of October. In November, we are

¹https://weeklyreport.prod.eastus2.mathletics.com/signup?_ga=2.124970316.750983620.1663438777-764606353.1663438777

²<https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/maths>

celebrating maths week by combining a few exciting workshops with other careers and jobs within the STEM sector.

If you have anyone at home (family or family friends) who work in the STEM sector, and would be happy to have a little Q&A with some very enthusiastic children, please email Miss Sarjeant to arrange a date. KSarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk.³

School Photographs Available to Buy

HELLO!

Your child(ren) has had their **official school photograph** taken recently, so look out for the unique ticket they were given by our photographer.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS



This ticket is the only way to access the images; simply use the details on the ticket to register and as soon as they are ready to view, you will receive a notification.

BE QUICK!
there are time limited offers that may apply.

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New Hall Barn
Manningtree
Essex CO11 2NJ
www.bentleyphoto.com

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

Please Register for Online Safety Parent Tool

As we begin a new academic year, it is important that we continue to reflect on the online world and consider how we can support our community to keep safe. At Wallace Fields Junior School we teach and discuss with the children about how to safely navigate the online world, however it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online safety - at home and at school. We are therefore excited to announce that we are working with National Online Safety - a site that provides free resources for all parents and carers to support keeping our children safe online. The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics.

To create your account with Wallace Fields Junior School, please follow our unique link and complete your details. When you're set up, you will be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and use the informative resources whenever you wish. You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including a smartphone app, by searching 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store. Joining Link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>

³ <mailto:KSarjeant@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>.

By children being reminded about online safety at school and at home, we hope to send a joint message to keep our children safe online.

500ml Bottles Needed for Science Club



EVENTS

Epsom and Ewell Art Festival

Epsom and Ewell Art Festival is still on at Bourne Hall showcasing school children's artwork from around the borough including a selection from Wallace Fields Junior School. This is an art festival driven by the local cluster of schools in Epsom and Ewell. The exhibition closes next Thursday.





School 'Save Our Planet' Art Competition

Don't forget the school art competition. Children can create a sketch on an A4 piece of paper on the theme of **Save Our Planet**. The deadline is **14th October 2022**. Please send it to Miss Jacques, class teacher 4J.

Choir to Epsom College Music Festival

The Wallace Fields Junior School Years 4 and 5 choir members have been invited to Epsom College on Tuesday 4th October to join other local schools for their annual Music Festival, led by the Director of Music, Mr Paul Johnson-Hyde. Children will be taught some songs and how to be part of a large choir and there will then be a short concert for parents at the end of the day which parents are invited to watch. Further information has been email to parents/carers of choir members.

YEAR 3 REMINDERS



The Human Machine

We are delighted to welcome 'The Human Machine' on Tuesday 11th October 2022 to deliver 'You and the Mean Machine Game Show' to year 3. This fast-paced workshop allows children to explore the world of growth and food, in line with National Curriculum guidelines.

Children will be using all their senses:

- To appreciate the importance of exercise and eating the right amounts of different types of nutrition.
- To be able to identify muscles and the ways in which they move.
- To learn about the different types of teeth and how they function for different purposes.

In order to cover the cost of the visit we would appreciate a voluntary **donation of £5.00** from each child. Without your donation we would be unable to offer the children the opportunity of this valuable experience. To make your payment please visit Scopay our online payment portal.

Pencil Case Payment reminder

As you are aware the children in year 3 were provided with a pencil case containing stationery at the beginning of term. If you have not done so already please pay the £6 payment for the pencil case via your Scopay account.

Year 3 Welcome Meetings

It was lovely to meet so many of you last week at the Maths workshop, the final events this term are:-

- **A writing and spelling workshop** will be held on **28th September 3.30pm** when the Year 3 teachers will inform you how we teach writing and spelling and explain how you can support your children further at home.
- **A Year 3 Tea Party** will be held on **13th October 2.00pm - 3.00pm** when the children invite you to come into school for a tea/coffee and a chat with other Year 3 parents and carers. The teachers also attend and this is an informal opportunity to meet each other in a relaxed setting.

Year 4 Reminders



YEAR 5 REMINDERS

Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential Trip

Remember to sign up for the Year 5 Isle of Wight residential trip by completing the consent form and pay the deposit by Friday 30th September.

This residential trip for Year 5 will be to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight from Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June 2023. The children are likely to take part in some of the following activities: abseiling, a challenge course, archery, dragon boat racing, canoeing and a zip wire. Below are some photographs showing how much fun the children had on this trip last year.

The proposed price for the trip is £570 (dependant on numbers) and can be paid in instalments. We will notify you of any adjustment as soon as we have confirmed numbers. There may be some financial assistance available to those children who are eligible for free school meals. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this. If you would like your child to participate in this residential trip, we require a non-refundable deposit of £140 by 30th September 2022 payable through our online payment system Scopay.

Children who do not go on the trip must attend school as usual that week and they will be educated in a classroom, with a member of staff, following the usual school curriculum. It would be helpful if you email Mrs Boddy on office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁴ if your child is not going on the trip.



⁴<mailto:office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>















Year 5 River Trip

On 6th October 2022, Year5 will be going on their exciting river trip. We have enough parent helpers now and these parents have been contacted to confirm their help on the trip. Thank you so much to all the parents who offered - we really appreciate it.

A reminder to all parents and carers - please can all children:

- wear school uniform on the day of the trip
- wear shoes which can get wet and muddy
- have a waterproof coat with them
- bring a packed lunch and water bottles

We will be leaving school at 9.30am and will be back before 3pm. Please drop off and pick up at the normal times.

Miss Sarjeant and Mr Hurd

Year 5 Parents Needed to Help Run the Year 5 Tea Party

Please get in touch with the PTA chair Jade if your child is in Year 5 and you (or you and a friend) would be able to help run the Year 5 tea party. We are also looking for a Year 5 Class rep to help with teacher and leaving presents and run Year 5 stalls at PTA events. Please contact Jade if you are able to help jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk.⁵



⁵<mailto:jadetombs@yahoo.co.uk>.

YEAR 6 REMINDERS

Welcome to Year 6



Deadline Bikeability Extended to 5pm Monday 26th September

If you haven't done so already please sign up for the Year 6 Bikeability training scheme run by Surrey County Council. The training will take place from either **week commencing 3rd or 10th October 2022 during the school day** and each course will include a maximum of 9 children. The course is run by **Surrey County Council** so you will need to enrol and pay using the following:

https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school_training/110393/

There is a charge of £15.00 per child for the training. Children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) should pay £4 and use the discount code sent to you previously.

Enrolment has been extended from **Friday 23rd September 2022 to Monday 26th September 2022**. Please let the School Office know if there are any appointments which may impact on their attending every day.

School Nurse Year 6 - Health and Weight Screening

Each year in England, Year 6 children have their height and weight checked as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. To find out more about the programme and how the data will be used, please visit

www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/⁶

During the autumn term members of the school nursing team weigh and measure children fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

To carry out these checks we need to have your consent, which is acquired electronically. Complete the electronic consent form with either Yes or No. Even if you do not wish your child to be measured, please complete the e-consent form so we can record your preference. Visit

<https://www.cfhschilddevelopment.co.uk/Form/NCMP> Enter your school's unique code: - SR125298

⁶<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/>

Important dates

1 September 2022

You can apply online for a school place.

21 October 2022

We suggest you submit your secondary application by this date as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.

31 October 2022

Closing date for secondary applications but we welcome early applications.

1 March 2023

Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for ParentComms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

By 15 March 2023

You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

By 29 March 2023

If you wish to appeal for a community school listed on your form, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 15 June 2023. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

Is your child in year 6?

If your child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2022**.



Apply online
apply on time by
31 October 2022



Parenting Help and Support

Join Parenting Puzzle Workshops to help support your child's development

"To help to help you if doing with children that happen in a day today"

"Ladder of Cuddles to help you"

"Before then expected, more we then differently than, better outcome"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



01483 333 333 or 01483 333 333

The Nurturing Programme Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Where
Surrey Family Centre
Parent Link
11-12 2022

When
Friday 1st November to 10th November 2022
Every Monday 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Contact details
Surrey Family Centre Parent Link
Surrey Family Centre
Surrey Family Centre
Surrey Family Centre



FAMILY LINKS

Parenting Puzzle Workshops
Information for parents and carers





Home-Start Epsom and Ewell

Over 5s and SEND Project

Offer to Schools

The aim of this project is to offer support to families of **PRIMARY** aged children living in the borough of **EPSOM AND EWELL**, who may be finding life challenging for a variety of reasons.

These could include:-

- having a child with SEND e.g. ADHD/ASD
- a child with emotional/behavioural needs
- Parents who would benefit from accessing support to feel less isolated and/or build confidence in parenting

Support on offer to schools includes

- 1 to 1 support and advice
- Parenting/SEND Workshops

Including:- Positive Parenting

Dealing with Difficult Emotions

Pre-teens

Building Self Esteem and Resilience

- Coffee mornings – A chance to chat to other parents and a Home-start coordinator
- Family Links Parenting Courses
- Help to find appropriate support within the community.

For more information about the Over 5s and SEND project or to make a referral please contact:-

Lesley Lane
Senior Family Coordinator
Home-Start Epsom and Ewell
Lesley.Lane@hseeb.org.uk
07554493522

Ewell Family Centre Autumn '22 Zones of Regulation Course

Looking for ways to help your child **Focus when tired,**
calm down when angry?

Our **ZONES** of regulation course gives parents the tools to support children in identifying, understanding and regulating their feelings and emotions.

Sign up for our **ZONES** of Regulation course.
Weds 14th September & Weds 28th September 10am – 12pm

To sign up for one of our courses please call or email Ewell Family Centre -
Telephone: 0208 337 7310 Option 1
Email: cc.office@ewellfamilycentre.com



Empowered Parenting Workshop

Parent with confidence when dealing with challenging behaviour

What will I learn?

Learn tools and strategies to help you understand the emotional need behind challenging behaviour

When?

Thursday 22nd
September 9:45am -
11:45am



Where?

Epsom Family
Centre, Pound
Lane, Epsom,
KT19 8SD



Parent Wellbeing Workshop- Ewell Family Centre

19th September 2023 - Introduction: How we take care of our wellbeing

23rd September 2023 - Mindfulness

27th September 2023 - Parent Toolkit

1st October 2023 - Parents' Work- The importance of self care

12th October 2023 - Promoting positivity in primary and year children

26th October 2023 - Reflection



To sign up please call or email Ewell Family Centre: 02083377310 (option 1) - oc.office@jewellfamilycentre.com

PTA



PTA NEWS

As we settle back into school, I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new faces at the school gates. I'm really looking forward to meeting many of you on the **PTA welcome Zoom next Tuesday the 27th at 8pm**. But in the meantime I just wanted to remind you ALL of what the PTA means to our wonderful School.

Known to many as the beating heart of Wallace Fields Junior School, our PTA is an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for your children to learn. We bring together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. The Money raised is wholly spent on things that the school budget does not cover.

In order for our PTA to be successful we have to rely on volunteers, which at times can be very difficult with all of life's busy commitments. But There is no expectation on any parent volunteer, any amount of time you can give to the PTA will always be well received. There are a variety of ways you can get involved, from engaging with social media activity, attending PTA Meetings through to volunteering at events or coordinating events. Even donating pre-loved items, raffle prizes or suggesting brilliant ideas are ways of getting involved. There seems to be a myth that if you get involved with your PTA you will never be able to escape! We make it clear that parents can come to our meetings to just listen and learn, or they can take a more active role if they want to, there are no set expectations.

So on behalf of your children, the school and the PTA Thanks ☺

A great big thanks to Squires Garden Centre in Reigate for kindly donating a ice cream freezer to the school PTA. The freezer is a brilliant addition to the school and will aid tremendously with the fundraising efforts. ??????????????

CLUBS



Wallace Fields Junior School Book Club - September Meeting

It was great to see old faces and new at the first Book Club meetings of this term. All year groups shared the books they'd enjoyed over the summer. The Book Club Monster's Question of the Month was: What does it take for a book to truly grip us, and how do we know this has happened? Mrs Clarkson shared that she knows she's really enthralled by a book when she reads in the bath until the water goes cold.

This month we have some cracking books, many in a 'school' setting:

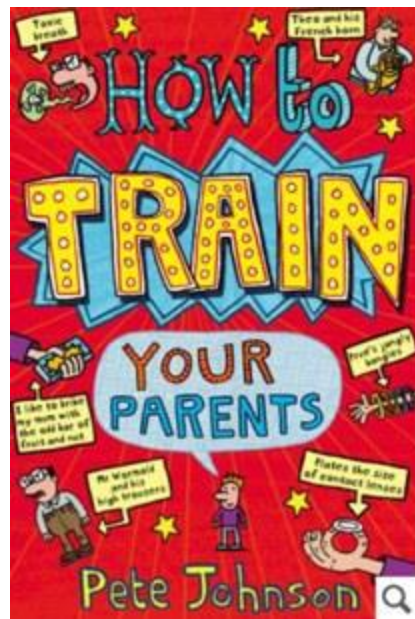
Year 3 are choosing to read either *The Demon Headmaster* by Gillian Cross, *How to Train Your Parents* by Pete Johnson or *Grimwood* by Nadia Shireen.

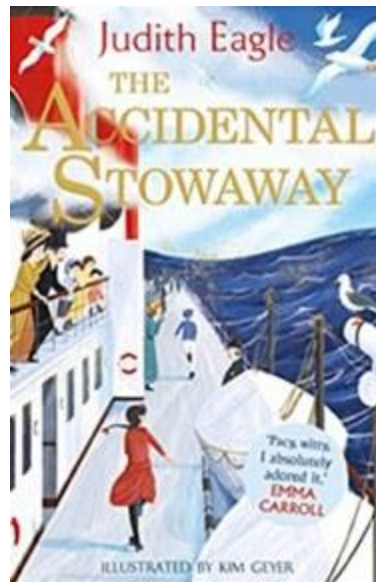
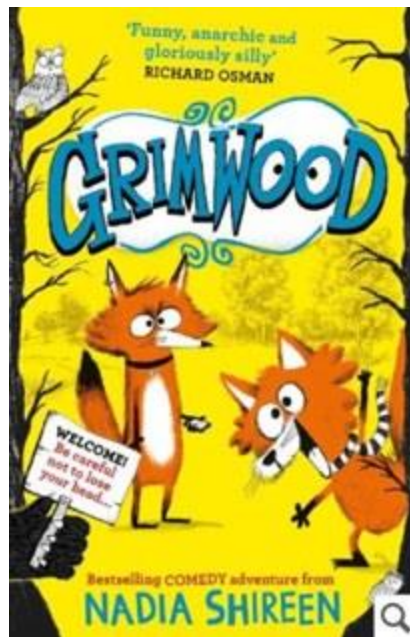
Year 4 can read either Book 1 or 2 in the *LOKI* series by Louie Stowell, *The Accidental Stowaway* by Judith Eagle or *The After School Detectives Club: The Case of the Smuggler's Curse* by Mark Dawson.

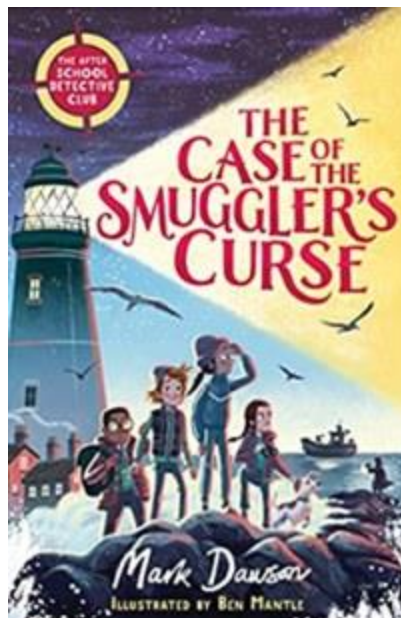
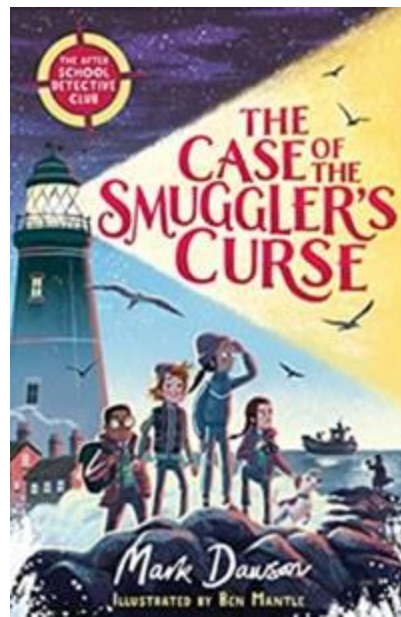
Year 5 can read; *The After School Detectives Club: The Case of the Smuggler's Curse* by Mark Dawson, *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City* by Rob Biddulph, *Swarm Rising* by Tim Peake and Steve Cole or *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Taking the Blame* by Louie Stowell.

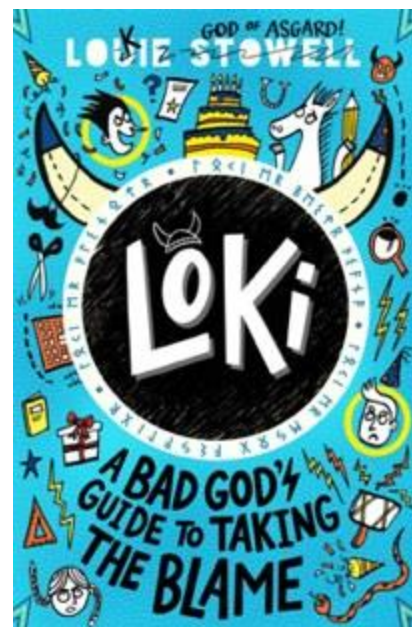
Year 6 can choose between *The School of Good and Evil* by Sonan Chainani, *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City* by Rob Biddulph or *The Night Bus Hero* by Onjali Q. Rauf.

⁷ <mailto:wfjspta@gmail.com>

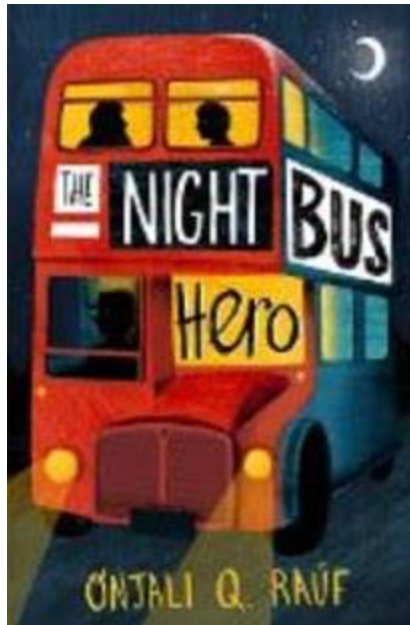












Sign Up For Energy Kidz Our Wrap Around Care Provider

Energy Kidz provides excellent wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School. They run Breakfast Club from 7:30am until 8:45am and After School Club from 3:20pm until 6:00pm. Click here⁸ for more information.



SCL Holiday Club - October Half Term!

Half term this year is 24th - 28th October 2022. Click here⁹ to find out more about SCL's holiday clubs held at Wallace Fields Junior School.

⁸<https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/wallace-fields-junior-school/>

⁹<https://sclactive.co.uk/october-holiday-clubs/>



General Reminders and News

Would Anyone Like Some Giant African Land Snails?

Would anyone like some Giant African Land Snails as the school snails have had lots of babies over the summer? All you need is a small tank and they are very easy pets to look after. For more information click here¹⁰. Please email Ms Gough on EGough@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹¹ if you would like to take some. Thank you

Contacting the School

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹² or by calling 0208 393 0350.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher regarding homework or learning, please contact them through their email address These as well as other teachers' emails can be also found on our website <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-staff>. Click on the red envelope symbol on the staff page. Staff will usually reply within 48 hours.

Follow Us On Twitter

Please follow Wallace Fields Junior School on Twitter for the latest photographs and news.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1567573364964818945>

¹⁰<https://www.wikipet.co.uk/pet-health/keeping-giant-african-land-snails-pets/>

¹¹<mailto:EGough@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

¹²<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

Latest School Calendar Dates

For the latest dates click here¹³ for calendar on website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Flyers

Alexandra United FC - Spaces Available

Alexandra United FC continue to run their Saturday morning fun football sessions from 9:15am - 10:30am around the corner in Alexandra Park.

Sessions have started, but there are still some spaces! A team of FA-qualified coaches are devoted to making the 75-minute sessions fun and enjoyable for both girls and boys so please come and give it a try! Plenty of Wallace Field's Junior school pupils already attend.

Please visit www.alexutd.com/football-for-kids¹⁴ to register interest. Everyone is entitled to come along and try a session for free.

A number of children who attended the sessions last year have formed a team and are now playing in a Saturday league with their home games in the very same park.

¹³<https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/school-calendar>

¹⁴<https://www.alexutd.com/football-for-kids>



Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive

Discover Roman Ewell? 8 October 11am to 12am

Free Talk in association with Ewell Library Only 30 places



Discover how people learnt to live with Roman power as a small native village became a busy roadside town. Learn how the building of a road brought a new world of ideas, food, pottery, trade and strangers to the area and gave locals a chance to see the world. Learn something of their beliefs. Hear tales of the Roman underworld, sacred springs and sacrifices sealing deep sacred shafts full of gifts to the gods. Learn about what was uncovered during a recent dig, even more strange than earlier discoveries!

Free by ticket which are available, only from Bourne Hall Library A large selection of books on the Romans will be made available before and after the talk.