

# Wallace Fields Junior School Bulletin

6th January 2023



## KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

- W/C Monday 9th January 2023 - **All clubs starts this week**
- Monday 9th January 2023 - **Swimming assessment for selected Year 5 & 6 pupils**
- Thursday 12th January 2023 - **Yellow House Mufti**
- Thursday 12th January 2023 - **WFJS v Danetree football match at home. A team, B team and Girls team 3-4pm.**
- January 15th 2023 - **Deadline for applying to Wallace Fields Junior School for September 2023**
- Monday 16th January 2023 - **Swimming lessons for selected Year 5 & 6 pupils**
- Thursday 19th January – **WFJS v Cuddington Croft at home. A team. 3pm -4pm**
- Wednesday 25th January 2023 9.30am -11.00am - **Parents Workshop "Towards Independence" with HomeStart**
- 8th /9th February 2023 - **VR Computing Experience Day**

- 13th-17th February 2023 - **Half term**
- Monday 20th February 2023 - **INSET day**

## HEAD'S UPDATE



**Happy New Year!** I hope you had a pleasant break and despite it being a four day week it has been very busy and lots of fun.

I visit the classes every single day and make sure I get to see some the great lessons and activities going on. I am so impressed with all the children, especially Year 3 who have really come along so well and are so very keen to get into school! Some handwriting still needs to improve so please do help your child especially by encouraging the correct grip of the pen / pencil and joining all their letters. Lot of exciting topics, and experiences planned for this term.

**Samba Percussion:** A very noisy and extremely vivacious Samba session in the hall for everyone this week - playing a huge range of percussion to a samba beat. That certainly released a lot of energy! Thanks to the PTA for their contribution to this.

**Coughs and Colds:** We have been extremely lucky with a very low numbers with coughs and colds and so attendance has been fantastic when it is usually lower at this time of year. I know a lot of our staff were ill over the break and so let us hope that we all stay well and healthy.

**Future Lionesses:** Fabulous to see such a big turn out at the girls' football trials - lovely to think Wallace Fields Juniors is possibly preparing some of the Lionesses' future team members! Good luck to those girls who took part.

**School Improvement - New classroom doors:** New classroom doors were fitted over the break and they look fabulous. Year 3, 4 and 5 (and the music room and computing suite) now all match the admin area and hall. They have excellent thermal properties and the sound insulation means an end to the noise of the next-door classes disturbing them. They are proving very popular with the teachers so far.

## THIS WEEK

### Samba Music Workshop

On Thursday we were privileged to have an extremely talented percussionist visit our school to do a demonstration assembly and lead workshop sessions with each year group. Taking time out of her busy performing schedule in the big London venues, Donna-Marie introduced the school to Samba drumming. We found out about the origins of Samba, the instruments used and learnt some rhythmic patterns performed on each different instrument. It was a great opportunity for the children to be able to perform in a large group and enjoy the rhythmic beats.



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### Girls' Football Squad Trials

Excellent turn out for the girls' football trials. The rearranged girls' football trial was held on Thursday 5th January 2023. All those selected will be informed early next week and weekly training will start next Thursday 12th January 2023. If your daughter was unable to attend the trial please contact Mr Sellars on [CSellars@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:CSellars@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)<sup>1</sup> who will be in touch whether your daughter will be able to attend one training session for a later trial.

### Unauthorised Website Appearing on Google Searches

Please go to <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/> for all your information needs about our school. We have been alerted to an alternative site, not authorised by us, coming up in a Google search from a company called 'Snobe'. This website contains inaccurate information about term dates etc. We are investigating how to get this web page removed from Google searches. Please only use our schools website <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/> and we would recommend book marking our website.

## NEXT WEEK

### Yellow House Mufti on Thursday 12th January 2023

Yellow House won the most house points last half term so they win the reward of their own mufti day. All children in Yellow House may wear mufti, ideally with something in their house colour to

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:CSellars@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

celebrate their victory. It takes place on Thursday 12th January 2023 and records show it has been a while since yellow house won the mufti day so enjoy it.

### **Parenting Workshop 25th January 9.30am-11.00am.**

We are delighted to welcome back Lesley Lane from HomeStart to give another of her popular 'positive parenting' workshops on **Wednesday 25th January 2023 9.30-11.00am** in a room at Wallace Fields Junior School. This has **changed from the original date** mentioned of January 18th. This workshop will be called 'Towards Independence...' and will focus on getting children to develop independence, resilience and determination, use initiative and not over relying on parental instruction and guidance. If you wish to attend the workshop please complete the Google form on this link <https://forms.gle/r9PflP1q57ZXSaD67>

### **All Clubs Start Next Week (w/c 9th January 2023)**

All clubs start the week commencing 9th January 2023. If you have any queries about clubs please contact the club leader directly. Club leaders contact details are on the club letters on the clubs page of our website. Click here<sup>2</sup> to go to the clubs page.

Most clubs are now full but there may still be spaces in the following:

- **Yoga** - lisa@surreyheathyoga.co.uk
- **Netball** - davidflyon@yahoo.co.uk
- **Crafts** - zdandyartsandcrafts@yahoo.com
- **Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball club** - CSellers@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk
- **Science Club Year 6** - spanish.science@pobroadband.co.uk
- **Spanish Club** - spanish.science@pobroadband.co.uk
- **Year 5& 6 Judo on Tuesdays** - kennedy\_dave@yahoo.com
- **Tennis Club** - enquiries@tennisbull.co.uk

## **YEAR 3**

### **Year 3 Please Bring in a Torch**

In Science, Year 3 are now learning about the topic of light. We are going to be completing an experiment on Thursday 12th January which requires the use of a torch. If any children have a torch at home, please can they bring it with them to school on Thursday 12th. Please ensure it is clearly named. Thank you!

## **YEAR 5 & 6**

### **Swimming Assessment for Selected Year 5 & 6 – Monday 9th January 2023**

Parents of children selected for the swimming assessment on Monday 9th January have now been notified via email and we ask that your child arrives on time and ready to leave school at 8.55am. Only those children, who are unable to swim 25m in a recognised stroke and are not confident in the

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/clubs>



water, have been invited to this session. Children should bring a named waterproof bag containing the following:- a named swimming costume/trunks (no leisure wear will be permitted, such as bikinis or Bermuda shorts), a named towel, swimming hat (if hair is below the collar), verruca sock if required, and cut fruit or vegetable snack for after swimming. NO NUTS please. Watches and earrings must not be taken to the pool.

Following the assessment week and due to restricted numbers, priority will be given to non-swimmers and weaker swimmers to continue on the swimming programme. Selected children will be invited to continue in the swimming programme for the next 7 weeks and parents will be informed. Lessons will then continue for selected children on Monday mornings from 16th January at Epsom College.

### **Squad Football Matches Confirmed**

We have some exciting football matches happening over the next few weeks, all taking place at Wallace Fields Junior School.

- Thursday 12th January 2023 - WFJS v Danetree at home. A team, B team and Girls team 3pm -4pm.
- Thursday 19th January 2023 – WFJS v Cuddington Croft at home. A team 3pm-4pm

## **General Reminders and News**

### **We are Looking for Room Dividers**

Does anyone have any second hand office room dividers, that we can make a small section for small group intervention areas and make the room less distracting. Like these in the picture.



### **Online Safety**

As we start a new term, the children will be learning about a new online safety theme throughout their Computing lessons. This half term, our online safety theme is 'Online Identity'. If you would like to find out more about the theme we are teaching in school this half term, we have access to many resources via 'National Online Safety'. To view them, you can sign up at the following link:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>

Here are some examples of the resources available





## Wellbeing at Wallace Fields Junior School

We have two fully trained ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mrs Bruen and Mrs Fowler who are available by arrangement to support any children experiencing emotional difficulties which are affecting their ability to learn and thrive at school, including anxiety, low self esteem or inability to form friendships.

We have appointed two Wellbeing Champions in school: Miss. Hallett and Mrs. Thompson. We want to ensure that every child is nurtured, encouraged to grow pastorally and has an opportunity to talk to a Wellbeing Champion if they have worries or are upset.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health or wellbeing, please contact one of the following: The class teacher, Mrs Bruen (ELSA), Mrs Fowler (ELSA), Mrs Thompson (Wellbeing

champion) or Miss Hallett (Wellbeing champion). Click on the red envelope on our wellbeing page<sup>3</sup> or contacts page<sup>4</sup> to email the staff member.

## PE Uniform Reminders

- **Named PE kit.** Please label each item of PE kit - Especially the red PE top as there are so many in lost property with no name.
- **indoor PE** - Plimsolls are required for the hall or bare feet. These are inexpensive to buy.
- **Verrucae**- Verrucae spread more in wet environments and therefore pupils can do PE with a simple plaster over the verruca. A child must wear a verruca sock (or a waterproof plaster over it) if they go swimming.
- **Socks** cannot be worn without plimsolls, as children may slip and be injured. **Tights** cannot be worn in any PE/games lesson.
- **Earrings** - Children must remove earrings for PE.
- **Hair**- Hair of shoulder length must be tied up at all times. This is especially important in PE/games for safety reasons. Hair clips can be worn and should be school colours only, small and unobtrusive.

## Child Returning to School After Major Accident/Injury/Surgery

When children return to school after a major accident, injury or minor surgery parents must complete and sign a risk assessment. This will ascertain if your child can take part in PE and at what level, and to determine if it is safe to go outside for break times. The form is prepopulated and needs simply reading, adapting and signing to ensure your child is safe in school.

## Latest Health Advice for Schools

At Wallace Fields Junior School we have not seen a high level of absence following the Christmas holidays despite media reporting high levels of flu and scarlet fever in the UK. We thought that it would still be worthwhile to share the latest Government advice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever>

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools so we will continue to promote good hand hygiene in school and If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

## Stationery Reminder

**Keep Pencil Cases Topped Up!** If a child is missing essential resources a stationery slip goes in their bag or reading record home as a reminder that some items need replacing or replenishing. All children must have a ruler, pencil, whiteboard pen and a ruler as a bare minimum. Pencil cases must be labelled. Stationery shop runs every Tuesday and Thursday playtimes – all key items are available at a very low cost.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/wellbeing>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-staff>



## Applying for a Sibling Place at Wallace Fields Junior School

A polite reminder that for any child applying to start at Wallace Fields Junior School in September 2023 must apply by 15th **January 2023**. For more information click here<sup>5</sup>.

## Urgent Messages - Contact the office!

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on [Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)<sup>6</sup> or by calling **020 8393 0350**.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher regarding homework or learning, please contact them through their email address. Click on the red envelope next to the staff member on the following page <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-staff>. Teaching staff will do their utmost to respond within 48 hours. If your email is urgent please contact the school office.

## Secure your child's spot at our Energy Kidz Wraparound Care - Fun filled and action-packed clubs for 4-11 year olds!

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out-of-school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Their qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and experienced in and passionate about the activities they offer, to keep children entertained and moving all day!

To book please login/create an account if you haven't already and secure your place online at: <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

Energy Kidz understand that affordability may be of concern for families in the current climate. Their flexible payment options offer families several ways to make payments manageable. From handy instalment plans to supporting your eligibility to access funding schemes – they strive to make active childcare services available for every child. Find out more about their flexible payment options available to you here: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/payment-options/>

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to call Energy Kidz's friendly bookings team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk).

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

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**EnergyKidz**



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# Wraparound Care Club

*Running here every day throughout the school year!*



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## An explosion of play & activity beyond the school day!

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out-of-school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Our qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and experienced in and passionate about the activities we offer, adding a depth and richness to children's learning beyond the school day!

- ✓ Ages 4-11 years
- ✓ Keep active & improve wellbeing
- ✓ Release creativity
- ✓ Make memories to last a lifetime
- ✓ Explore a variety of interests

**BOOK NOW AT [ENERGY-KIDZ.CO.UK](https://energy-kidz.co.uk)**

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# What to expect

Energy Kidz understands that children have different interests, so they ensure that each day is filled with a wide range of inclusive activities suitable for all abilities and interests. As well as being able to choose what activities they would like to do, children are always encouraged to try something new! Our Whole of Child programme underpins all our programming and is split into six activity categories ensuring no day at Energy Kidz is ever the same. Find out more below about our fun packed activity categories that make sure children in our care are always having fun and kept engaged, entertained and moving all day!



**Healthy Snack available each day!**



### Our Activity Categories

 <p><b>Creative Kidz</b> Arts &amp; Crafts Drama Music</p>	 <p><b>Discovery Kidz</b> Trivia Problem Solving Guided Play</p>	 <p><b>Wellness Kidz</b> Yoga Meditation Journaling</p>
 <p><b>Energetic Kidz</b> Arts &amp; Crafts Drama Music</p>	 <p><b>Practical Kidz</b> Wacky Science Survival Skills Cooking</p>	 <p><b>Sporty Kidz</b> Kwik Cricket Netball Football</p>



## Secure your child's spot now!

Ensure your child doesn't miss out on an explosion of play and activity beyond the school day with Energy Kidz Wraparound Care Clubs running at your school every day throughout 2023!



Scan here for more information and to find your local club times and prices to book now!

- ✓ Childcare vouchers accepted
- ✓ Tax free childcare
- ✓ 5% off sibling discount
- ✓ Flexible payment options

## Latest School Calendar Dates

For the latest dates click [here](#)<sup>7</sup> for calendar on website.

## Community News

### Panto Star

Well done to Heidi L for being part of Leatherhead Theatre's Snow White Pantomime this year. Heidi was a dancer in the yellow team and performed numerous times from 17th December until the last performance on 30th December 2023.



### Congratulations to Wallace Fields Junior School Gymnast

Congratulations to Mila who was awarded Bronze 2 award in gymnastics before Christmas!

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<sup>7</sup><https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/school-calendar>





## Community News



# Terrible Trenches

Saturday 7 January 2023

1pm - 2.30pm



March back up the line and prepare to go over the top as you discover what life was like in the trenches on the Western Front for ordinary infantryman.

Were the rats really as big as cats and why did the men spend so much time chatting? Could you tell the difference between a moaning Minnie and Archie?

Join up and keep your uniform smart despite the dreadful conditions. Learn what equipment and weapons you would be issued with and how effective they were. Decide if you could survive longer than the average 6 weeks lifespan of a second lieutenant or if you would just hope to get a Blighty one?

Cost £5 per child

Further Information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, KT17 1UF. 020 8394 1734  
dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



*By courtesy of the "Bystander,"*

"WELL, IF YOU KNOWS OF A BETTER 'OLE, GO TO IT!"

## Complete Active Surrey's survey on physical activity for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher

Active Surrey would like to hear from parents and children about how we can improve physical activity opportunities and the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games. Click [here](#) for the survey link.

Active Surrey have asked Magenta Research<sup>8</sup> to run this survey on their behalf to; explore families preferences for taking part in physical activity; how parents/children find out about activities in their area; and how Active Surrey could provide improved ways for children to be more physically active.

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.magentaresearch.co.uk/>

We really want to hear your views if you haven't heard of the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games, which offers children the chance to try sports and activities they haven't done before, **for FREE!**

Thank you very much for your help.



The Active Surrey Team

### **A Request for Volunteers to Do Pro Bono Lawyer Work**

Citizens Advice have asked us to advertise the fact that they are still looking for a retired lawyer to help them co-ordinate their work with local firms providing pro bono support for people in difficulties. They have also asked me to say that they are short of volunteers to help with the energy support scheme and a range of other roles, and if you would like to help click here<sup>9</sup> for details.

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<sup>9</sup><https://www.caee.org.uk/volunteer/>