



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 11th February 2022

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event
Monday 14 th - Friday 17 th Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 21 st Feb	INSET DAY. School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 nd Feb	Return to school after half term
	Year 5 Music Assembly
	Energy Kidz wraparound care starts
Thurs 24 th Feb	Home football match – A & B team
Friday 25 th Feb	Deadline for PTA Love Poetry competition

HEAD'S UPDATE

Covid update

Numbers remain steady and low compared to local schools. Last week 10 children were off with infections and this week 14 children. Parents will be contacted if your child was in close contact with a child who tests positive. We have one teaching assistant off with Covid and the deputy returned this week after being off last week with Covid. All staff test twice weekly and can opt to test daily if they wish. Hygiene levels remain high and handwashing and extra cleaning are still in place around the school. All visitors are still required to wear a mask.

PTA thanks

Thanks again to Poonam Chhatralia and Jade Dodd for doing a brilliant job of co-chairing the PTA. I would also like to formally welcome Claire Loach (co-treasurer) and Anita Tan (secretary). The PTA is a crucial part of fundraising for the school and they make a huge difference to funds to ensure school improvements. If you are unable to take part in PTA events then there is always the school fund contribution where you can donate directly to the school by [clicking here](#).

Resident's Group

As part of our community links we have a resident's group that meet with me each term. The group are currently campaigning to ensure better markings for the roads around school. The give way markings were a result of earlier campaigns. Please be respectful and do not park over the local resident drives and please use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive rather than do three point turns that are dangerous to the safety of the children.

Idling Engines

Sadly, more reports of parents leaving their engines idling. This causes pollution and is more dangerous to the children's lungs than adult lungs. If you want to protect the children from serious diseases later in life, please turn off your engine whilst waiting for your children near to the school.

Musical Performance Year 6

Thanks to everyone involved in the musical performance on Tuesday. A wonderful display of talent from Year 6 and enjoyed by all.

NEWS

INSET DAYS

Don't forget it is INSET day on Monday 21st February 2022 and the school will be shut to pupils. There are two other INSET days this year, on Friday 20th May 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022. To see the school term dates and INSET days [click here](#).

YEAR 5 MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Following on from the amazing Year 6 music assembly this week. **Year 5 musicians are next with their Music Assembly on the first day back, Tuesday 22nd February 1.50-1.45pm.** Parents of the Year 5 musicians have already been contacted. Please can parents remind their children to bring in their instruments and music. We will be contacting Year 3 & 4 musicians about their assemblies after half term.

BOOK WEEK

We have a plethora of exciting activities planned for Book Week **Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March 2022.** The theme for the week is **villains**. Children can **dress up as their favourite book characters - or favourite villainous characters - on Friday 4th March.** We are particularly thrilled that **rap poet Karl Nova** has been invited into school on Tuesday 1st March 2022 to inspire the students about poetry, **performance**, reading, writing and books, and to help develop their skills and enthusiasm about poetry. Books will be available to purchase on the day and will be signed and personalised. Reading a **wide variety of texts** is vitally important for children, and on this occasion the school will **also** benefit from the book sales, so please send in payments on or before the day. You can order and pay for Karl Nova's books online by [clicking here](#).

WELCOME A NEW SNA

We would like to welcome Laura Grover to the school team after half term – she will be replacing a Special Needs Assistant who will soon be going on maternity leave. Laura joins us as an experienced SNA and is excited to be starting with our team.

FAREWELL

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Burke as our music teacher – she has achieved so much in the short time she has been with us and we have had so much positive feedback from parents about her inspirational lessons. The Christmas concert was a huge success despite the restrictions and made digitally available rather than a full concert and she purchased a full set of ukuleles via a successful grant application. We will miss her incredible creativity and passion that she brought to the lessons. We wish her all the best in the future.

Also we wish farewell to Mrs Beresford who has been a popular midday supervisor at Wallace Fields Junior School for over 10 years.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC TEACHER

Mrs Johnstone is our new music teacher. She is an experienced music teacher with huge levels of enthusiasm and drive. She is very happy and enthusiastic to be taking on the role and we are looking forward to continuing our music curriculum, clubs and events as usual.

RECORDER LESSONS

We are delighted to welcome Ms Altwegg who will be running our recorder club after half-term. Ms Altwegg has a wealth of musical experience and has kindly volunteered her time to continue the club for year 6 on a Thursday lunchtime at 12.30pm. from 24th February. We would also like to introduce a Year 4 Recorder club on Thursdays at 12.10 starting on Thursday 3rd March. If you are interested in your year 4 child starting recorder please email the school office on office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk.

TAG RUGBY COACHING

We have been invited to participate in the annual district tag-rugby tournaments on 17th and 24th March (lower and upper school respectively) and it would be amazing if we have **any keen parents / carers out there who would be able to train a team in preparation**. We hope to enter one team per year group so 4 coaches would be absolutely ideal! Training would need to happen during a handful of lunchtimes (as one or two half-hour sessions probably won't be enough) and I will help where I can. Hopefully you will be free to lead them at the tournament too. If you can offer any assistance, please email me at lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

SPORTS REPORTS



On Monday the newly-formed Year 4 squad played their first game against St. Martin's. It was a very well-matched battle with lots of exciting moments and the game ended very fairly at 2-2. We will hopefully arrange a re-match at St. Martin's in the not-too-distant future. **On Thursday**, our Year 5 & 6 squad got to play their first fixture, again versus St. Martin's. Rather than nominate official A & B teams, our opponents asked that we split the abilities; either way, we still have two cracking teams and they both had great games, and were victorious in both games 4-1 and 7-2. **Well done** to all our players who were excellent representatives for Wallace Fields. Mrs Wilson.

HELP US BRING 'WELL-BEING' GUINEA PIGS TO WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Following prompts from School Council and listening to pupil voice, Mrs Elliot (our SENDCo) is leading an initiative to get some guinea pigs for our children to enjoy in school. Our new little friends will be there to help sooth away any tears, as well as introduce more caring and nutrition into our curriculum. We hope they will help teach the children, alongside our ELSA support to address and cope with the various emotions that many of our families have had to manage, particularly over the last two years.



PLEASE HELP... We need:

- A **willing parent** to organise fundraising to pay for their upkeep!
- A large **hutch** or two smaller ones in good condition with a run.
- Two **parents** to help set up (including a run) and support the looking after of them. They will live in our quad area, which is perfectly protected. Experience preferred, but not essential!
- Does anyone know of any friendly **guinea pigs** who might be looking for a new loving home and lots of company? Or know of any baby guinea pigs that need a home?
- Are there any **vets** or veterinary nurses out there that might be willing to offer our new Wallace Fields pets some free care?

Look out for the **BIG** naming competition, when they arrive... The children will update you on all **guinea pig** news!

Blog Post

by Rebecca, Zuzanna, Skye and Arissa!

Internet Safety Day

On Monday the 7th it was Internet Safety Day. All the classes had very informative lesson about it. The theme this year is All Fun and Games! You can stay safe online and even if you're on a game (using the smart rules).

School Football Match

Year 6 and Year 5 played against St Martins Primary School and the first game was 1-4 and in the second game it was 7-2 so overall Wallace Fields won happily, proudly and deservingly won the match!

Year 6 Music Assembly

On Tuesday the 8th of February Year 6 did an amazing performance with a variety of instruments for the very respectful audience. Many parents showed up and we also hope everybody had an exciting and enjoyable time watching all the performances.

Valentines Day Mufti

Friday, we are having a Valentine mufti on Friday and we hope all the children enjoy the mufti day before the half term break. We loved all your wonderful outfits!

Valentines Poem Competition

We will be holding a poem competition. If the children would want to write about a person they care or love. If you want to take part, it is a £2 fee.

Energy Kidz!

Here at Wallace Fields Junior school we have hired an amazing new line-up of staff to help with the new and fun Energy Kidz! The number for Energy Kidz is: 0333 577 1533. Energy Kidz will amazingly take care of your children after school and before school!

Karl Nova!

Karl Nova is going to come here soon, on the 1st of March 2022.

We hope all the year groups enjoy the amazing talk on his inspirational poems and we are excited for his talented songs to possibly inspire lots of children around the school!.

WELLBEING

We are always striving to ensure that all the children are safe and happy. 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 (Year 3 and 4 Wellbeing champion) or Miss Hallett (Year 5 and 6 Wellbeing champion). Please refer to the links and resources on our school.

Wellbeing webpage by [clicking here](#).

BRILLIANT SCHOOLS WELLBEING VIDEO

In order to create a sustainable, long term well-being ethos in our school, we have subscribed to the 'Brilliant Schools' wellbeing programme. Please [click here](#) to watch a quick 10-minute video with practical tips for parenting.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week was Children's Mental Health Week and some of the year groups have been celebrating this in their assembly time. Here is a link to the Place2Be website, which has lots of useful information for parents and carers with regards to your child's mental health and this year's theme 'Growing Together.' Please click on [this](#) link to access:

REMINDERS

LOST PROPERTY

Named lost property will be returned to the children. Each half term we have to throw away unclaimed property (or donate them to the PTA second hand uniform collection). Please remember to label all clothing items.

COVID HALF TERM ADVICE FROM SURREY SCHOOLS

COVID rates remain high, and the best ways to protect yourself, and others, is by washing your hands, letting the fresh air in, cleaning, wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, testing regularly and getting vaccinated; it is particularly important during the half term holiday to be aware of protecting yourself and others when mixing with people that you do not usually meet with.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut-free school, so please ensure none are included in any pack lunches or snacks at any time.

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WRAP AROUND CARE AT WFJS

We are excited to have Energy Kidz starting at Wallace Fields Junior School after half term. There are still some places available at Breakfast Clubs (7:30am until 8:45am) and after School Clubs (3:20pm until 6:00pm). Energy Kidz's online booking system allows for flexible payment options including our handy instalment plan that allows you spread the cost of termly or yearly bookings over monthly instalments. To book please login/create an account and secure your place online by [clicking here](#). For more information [click here](#).

PTA

LITTLE GIFT FROM THE PTA

You will find in your child's bag tonight, a little gift from the PTA to celebrate the fact that you are awesome. On behalf of the PTA have a fabulous half term.

VALENTINE'S DAY POETRY COMPETITION – OVER HALF TERM

Please encourage your children to write a Valentine's poem over half term. They can bring their poem and £2 cash entry into school after half term. The best poem in each year group will win a prize. Entries must be in by 25th February 2022.

HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION 24th MARCH

How about doing a Spring clean over half term and helping to raise PTA funds. We have the next Happy Bags collection due on 24th March. Donate the following items: reusable clean & dry clothes, reusable clean paired shoes, fashion accessories, belts, jewellery, handbags/bags, scarves, hats, small ornaments, gift box sets and console games. Please save any good quality unwanted school uniform for Wallace Fields Junior second hand sales. Your bags should be brought to school by 10am on the day. Thank you for your support! For more information go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk

NOW RUNNING UNTIL THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!



WFIS & WFJS PTAS ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE

2022 CHALLENGE

We are encouraging our pupils to **raise £20.22 by taking on a new challenge!** You can do it individually, as a family or as a group. **How you do this is entirely up to you.**

Once you have completed your challenge, donate the money you have raised at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta

£20.22 is your target, but there is no minimum amount needed to join in, and no maximum should you raise more.

Use the **number 22** to inspire you! You could:

- do a **22km** sponsored bike ride
- help your family with **22** jobs
- try to score **22** goals
- bake and sell **22** cupcakes
- perform a **22** minute sponsored dance routine
- make **22** pieces of art to sell to your friends and family
- sell **22** of your pre-loved toys
- make your bed **22** days in a row

Use your imagination! We can't wait to see what creative ideas you come up with.

Do share any photos and stories with us so that we can let everyone else know about your wonderful experiences. You may even inspire others to try something new!



2022 CHALLENGE



SPONSORSHIP FORM

PUPIL'S NAME:		PUPIL'S CLASS:		My event is a sponsored:	
Name of Sponsor	Address	Contact details	Sponsorship (per activity)	Sponsorship (total)	Total raised

Once you have completed your challenge, please donate the money you have raised at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta by 1st April 2022. Please hand in your forms to your class teacher. Each pupil taking part



2022 CHALLENGE



ACTIVITY FORM: CROSS OFF EACH TASK UNTIL YOU GET TO 22!

PUPIL'S NAME:		PUPIL'S CLASS:		My event is a sponsored:	
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		

Once you have completed your challenge, please donate the money you have raised at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta by 1st April 2022. Please hand in your forms to your class teacher. Each pupil taking part will receive a certificate and the total amounts raised per class will be announced next term.

Charity number 1103489

COMMUNITY

Come to Mum-Dance at Wallace Fields Junior School and let's get physical!

Mum-Dance, the 80s dance fitness class, is running its Epsom class every Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30pm from our school hall, starting after half-term. Get fit and have fun with your friends doing hilarious and simple routines to all your best songs like Fame, Yaz, MC Hammer and Footloose. **Our mums also have a 10% discount on your classes**, just enter code WALLACEMUMS at checkout. Get your legwarmers on and book on now at www.mum-dance.co.uk



SURREY ARTS

Sign up at:
bit.ly/SurreyArtsEaster

EASTER ACTIVITIES 2022

Mon 4 - Tues 5 April at St Bede's School, Redhill
Wed 6 - Thur 7 April at Westfield School, Woking

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