



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

It has been a great week in school and the children continue to enjoy school with the learning at full steam ahead and also enjoying the vital socialisation this also includes.

I must thank you for the ongoing support of your children as they have certainly adapted well to school life again and they have shown their resilience and growing strength, especially with the Covid measures still in place in school. I would also like to thank the staff for their incredible efforts during the last lockdown and the responses from the questionnaire were very positive, helpful and informative. The experience has improved our technical skills and our online abilities, some of which will be utilised when lockdown is lifted. As you know, the staff worked tirelessly through the various lockdowns and those efforts have meant that the children and you the parents and carers have been supported as fully as possible in a bid to try and limit the loss of valuable learning and in-school lesson time.

My heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Day who stepped in as acting head teacher at a critical time as another lockdown was looming and huge thanks also to Mrs Crabb who stepped in as acting deputy head and who has been an enormous support for Mrs Day in executing the relevant duties. The school has continued to function extremely well and the leadership team were helped by the dedication and industrious attitude of all the other staff from the lunchtime staff through to the admin in the office, everyone has risen to the challenge that lockdown and my absence forced upon them.

You will be getting an update from the relevant year group teams soon that will let you know the key points brought about by the lockdowns and to let you know how that year group is moving forward with those issues and how best to support us with those. With the weather improving and the lockdown easing things are looking brighter for us all. Let's hope that things continue to improve as we are all starting to feel that glow of optimism.

Have a great weekend.

Regards, Mr Lee, Headteacher

[Click here](#) for Mrs Day's celebration assembly

## HAPPY EID

On Thursday, the 13th of May Muslims across the UK and the rest of the world celebrated Eid ul Fitr which marks the end of Ramadan: the month of fasting. As



part of a broad and balanced curriculum some of our pupils have been learning about Islam in Faith and Philosophy. Here is a video that explains what the festival means and how it is observed by Muslims. A young Muslim girl talks through her experience of Ramadan and Eid and elaborates their significance to her cultural identity. We hope this will enrich their young minds with diversity and help them understand the beautiful, eclectic society that we live in. You might like to [click here](#) to watch this lovely video which was shared with classes this week.

## CLASS GROUP PHOTOS

**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, Bentley Photographic will be coming into school to take Year Group Photos of the children in the morning. Please ensure your child is in school and is wearing **full school uniform**. We would prefer for boys to wear white shirt and tie, rather than the polo shirt and the girls to wear their gingham summer dresses. A comb or hairbrush can be brought to school on the day. Children can change into their polo shirts after the photograph sitting. Hair tied up as usual please. **Bring PE kit if a PE day please!**

## WELLBEING COMPETITION EXTENDED

We are inviting all our children to create an A4 poster to reflect what wellbeing means to them. See the poster at the end of this bulletin. Deadline has been **extended until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at midday.**



Entries can be placed on Google classroom but we would like the original posters into school so the winning posters can be displayed. To help us achieve our fundraising target of £1000, there is a **£5 entry fee** for each competition entry. [Click here](#) to donate via bank transfer. Please do help us and **donate even if your child does not want to enter**, every little helps and gets us closer to our target. [Click here](#) to see a **THE VIDEO FUNDRAISING FOR WELLBEING ROOM.**

## YEAR 6 TEST WEEK AND FUN DAY



Well done to all the Year 6 children who took part in assessments this week. They deserved their fun day and thank you to the PTA for the visit from the ice cream van.

## YEAR 6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECK

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The School Nurses will be coming into school on 18<sup>th</sup> May to do the weight and height check. We wrote to all Year 6 parents at the end of April with more information. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight please complete the opt-out form and return it to the school office.

## GARDEN VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have green fingers? Our Eco garden needs some TLC and anyone willing to help would be much appreciated. Would you be able to help one lunchtime per week with some Year 6 helpers? Or one weekend? Please contact Mrs Day [Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Deputy@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)

## WELL BEING NEW WEB PAGE

Please take a few minutes to have a look at our **new** Wellbeing page on the school website. [Click here](#). It has been recently updated and has lots of useful resources for parents and children for you to access at home. It also explains the school approach to wellbeing and describes some of the measures we have in place to ensure that your child's mental health and wellbeing are at the forefront of daily life at Wallace Fields Junior school. Also, the webpage provides you with further guidance if you have concerns about your child.

## TREK TO TOKYO!

Wallace Fields Junior School is taking part in Active Surrey's virtual Surrey School Games. To commemorate the Tokyo Summer Games this year Active Surrey are challenging all schools to walk, run or ride 5,966 miles which is the distance from Surrey to Tokyo. For more info [click here](#).



## BOTTLE TOPS NEEDED URGENTLY

Please can children in all year groups bring in **any** plastic bottle tops and put them in a plastic wallet/sandwich bag labelled with Miss Sarjeant. This is for a **whole school project**, which will take place during Outdoor Learning Week. Please bring in any plastic bottle tops **by Friday 21st May.**

## MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HELPLINE

**0800 915 4644**

A new 24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people and their families/carers in Surrey has been launched.

Click here to read more about it on the Surrey Local Offer here. The new crisis line provides



emotional wellbeing support, advice and signposting to a range of community services for children, young people and their families and carers who are in a mental health crisis. The number is available to those who are already receiving mental health services, and also for those who are not. No referral needed.

## WFJS BOOK CLUB – MAY MEETING

The WFJS Book Club met in year groups on Monday and Tuesday this week to discuss their April reads which had been roundly enjoyed. Tylor (Yr 3) and Tristan (Yr 6) had not only read the chosen books, but had also ploughed through the sequels. Special mention goes to Amelia S. (Year 3) who voluntarily wrote a wonderful review of *The Chocolate Factory Ghost* and to Thomas Wilson (Year 5) who remembered and recited countless jokes from *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* by Helen Rutter. This funny and moving book went down particularly well and a copy has been added to the school library. Helen Rutter was delighted to hear from Mrs Clarkson that her debut novel had been so well received by the children and sent a special video message to them which was played in assembly. Each group voted from a choice of books for their May read. They are as follows:

**Year 3** voted between *The Beast* and *The Bethany* by Jack Meggitt-Phillips, *The Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson and *Harley Hitch* and the *Iron Forest* by Vashti Hardy and as the vote was tied will read either of the **“The Beast and the Bethany” by Jack Meggitt-Phillips or “Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest” by Vashti Hardy**



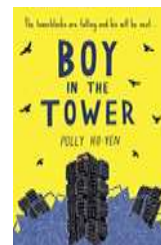
**Year 4** voted between “*The Wild Way Home*” by Sophie Kirtley, “*Dragon Mountain*” by Katie and Kevin Tsang, “*The Secret of Platform 13*” by Eva Ibbotson and will read **“The Secret of Platform 13” by Eva Ibbotson.**



**Year 5** voted between *Pop* by Mitch Johnson, *The Vanishing Trick* by Jenni Spangler and *Greta's Story* by Valentina Camerini. As voting was tied between the first two titles, they will be reading either “*Pop*” by Mitch Johnson or “*The Vanishing Trick*” by Jenni Spangler



**Year 6** voted between *Wed Wabbit* by Lissa Evans, *Pop* by Mitch Johnson and *The Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen and will read **“The Boy in the Tower” by Polly Ho-Yen.** In Year 6 we are switching it up next time with a ‘book club lucky dip’. Each child picked out the name of another book club member and a specific genre and must come armed with two choices of book for that person in that genre (they don’t need to buy the books but should print out the front cover images and back cover blurbs). Cassian will pick 2 adventure book ideas for Tristan. Tristan will pick 2 murder/mystery books for Henry. Henry will pick 2 fantasy book ideas for Ayesha. Ayesha will pick 2 funny/comedy books for Cassian. All four should also come with an idea of a book they think Mrs Clarkson should read!



**Our next meetings are after half term on the Mon 7th and Tues 8th June.**

## PTA

A big thank you to all the families who contributed to the **Happy Bags collection** this week, we have raised £130.

**CELEBRATION EVENING:** Make sure you have **2nd July** in your diaries for our fabulous Celebration Evening! If you can spare a little time on the night to help out please follow the link, we’d be eternally grateful!” [Click here](#) The Celebration Evening is **subject to the relaxation of restrictions on 21 June.** We will awaiting further guidance following government guidelines with regards to physical events.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM:** We will be publishing the date of the second hand uniform sale shortly, however we’d like to give all you abundantly generous types a little longer to donate surplus uniform. We particularly need any branded items, they can now be delivered directly to the office. Thanks.

**RAFFLE:** Reminder that we will now be holding the raffles at the start and end of each term so our next one will be drawn on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** but don’t worry, we’ll send a reminder in advance to give you plenty of chances to get involved!

Take care and have a fab week. WFJS PTA.

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## COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT!

A huge thank you to all the children who came up with some wonderful ideas for the Wellbeing Centre, and some fantastic competition ideas. One of which is a **wellbeing poster competition**, which launches **NOW!**

We are inviting all our children to create a poster to reflect what wellbeing means to them.

Examples could include, but are not limited to,  
*A drawing of something they like to do or  
something which relaxes them*

*An inspirational or motivational quote*

*A mindfulness picture*

*A picture of their happy place*



There will be **one winning poster from each year group** and the winners will have their posters **framed and presented on the prestigious wall of fame in the Wellbeing Centre.**

To help us achieve our fundraising target of £1000, there is a **£5 entry fee** for each competition entry. Please do help us and donate even if your child does not want to enter, every little helps and gets us closer to our target.

### ENTRY DETAILS:

**Poster size:** All posters must be **A4 sized**

**Submissions:** Entries must be submitted via Google Classroom and/or

**CHILDREN CAN GIVE THEIR POSTERS TO CLASS TEACHERS**

**DEADLINE:** Now extended to **Friday 21st May at midday**

Please donate via bank transfer

<https://school.plansocial.app/events/61696>

