



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event
All week	Book Week
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rap Poet Karl Nova in school C team football training & match
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 3 bring in empty toilet rolls
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress-up as favourite book or villain character

## HEAD'S UPDATE

Another packed week of activities and lessons completed and we have been enjoying a broad and balanced curriculum with lots of fun activities going on across the school – please follow our Twitter feed if you would like to have a deeper insight into school life.

**Storm Eunice:** The school made it through the storm though we did lose the roof to the reading area in the playground, one tree, a fascia board and some light fittings, otherwise thankfully very little significant damage. These will all be repaired as soon as possible.

**Questionnaire – Curriculum:** I would like to thank all parents and carers for their responses to the parent questionnaire. Your responses help us with areas to improve and a chance to clarify what goes on in school and if possible the reasons behind the evolution of our curriculum and how the school functions. I will be responding with our actions over the coming weeks.

89% of parents agreed we gave a broad and balanced curriculum (some were indifferent) and one or two disagreed. The teachers and staff all work hard to ensure the children have a positive experience and always make progress, not excluding those children with special educational needs.

There were one or two parents who disagreed with most things – I would ask those parents to get in touch with me directly or their child's teacher if you feel that the school or your child is not performing as well as you might hope. If you feel the school is not safe or happy you do always have the decision of where your children go – I know all the children here and it would be a shame to lose them as they enjoy school and we feel like a big family here at Wallace Fields Juniors. If you have a specific concern

please contact your child's teacher. We take safeguarding very seriously and 96.3% of children feel safe in school. 97.4% of children know how to get support if they are sad or upset.

Modern education has very significant pressures and so the timetable is carefully balanced to ensure that we are covering the whole of the curriculum. When science was dropped from the SATs testing a few years back, many schools dropped it or let it lose focus. We did not. Some schools focused on English and maths far too much – however, we have continued to ensure cross-curricular writing and reading, and maths were integrated into most subjects (often without the children realising). This whole curriculum approach has served us well and if the science SATs do return we will not be panicking to reintroduce it. All the subjects are taught according to statutory guidance and we are constantly trying to improve resources, use new resources and think of more inventive and exciting ways of ensuring learning.

**Questionnaire – Clubs and Extra Curricular:** We have more clubs than any other primary school locally and the additional activities are integrated with our school day. 78% of the children attend at least one school club and 85% of parents agreed we have a good range of activities for the children to take part in. The children request more clubs at every School Council meeting though there are simply not enough rooms to do any more. Epsom community does provide more clubs so please do look locally as well. If you are in financial difficulty or your children are on free school meals then please do get in touch and we might be able to help with subsidising a school club for your child.

**Piano** – Peripatetic music lessons were moved out of the school day as teachers reported that children were losing a significant amount of time to these lessons. This ensures continuity and progress and piano lesson are available after school. Please see the website for details.

**Questionnaire - Music:** Lots of positive feedback about the music lessons. Thank you for those. We would like to welcome our new music teacher Mrs Johnston who has had a great week and we had a very successful Year 5 music assembly. We have now restarted the recorder club

and as soon as Mrs Johnstone has settled in, we will restart the choir and other musical events. We hope to be part of the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival and details will be sent out soon. We have decided to postpone two of the planned music assemblies to a later date.

**Happy Birthday to our Caretaker:** Mr Findlay has a landmark birthday tomorrow so we would like to wish him a very happy birthday. Thanks also to Mr Findlay for his efforts over and above his usual roles including traffic monitoring and helping with the football clubs. All the staff do over and above and this is the reason we have a happy and positive team who work so hard for the children ensuring everyone has a positive experience in school.

## NEWS

### BOOK WEEK

We have a plethora of exciting activities planned for Book Week **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. The theme for the week is **villains**.

#### DRESSING UP ON FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Children can **dress up as their favourite book characters - or favourite villainous characters - on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

#### VISIT BY RAP POET KARL NOVA TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH

We are particularly thrilled that **rap poet Karl Nova** has been invited into school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**During the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022** we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair. The children love choosing a book at the fair, which is an important fundraiser for the school. Our last fair raised over £700, which we spent on class reading books and library books.

**All children** will see the books in school and will create and take home a book wish list and an order form should you wish to purchase any of the books.

**Parents and accompanied children** will also be welcome to view and select books in the school hall 3.30-4.30pm

- **Lower School on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Upper school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

### Ordering details

**Parents coming into school can pay cash or take an order form home to order online. Children in school can bring an envelope with cash and pay for a book in school. Envelopes containing cash must be left with the office staff. Please place all other orders online.** All ordering details are on the attached invitation. The full range of books can be viewed at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>. Please order using the book fair order form, so the school receives the commission. Thank you.

Enquiries to Mrs Bruen, Librarian, email: [dbruen@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dbruen@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)



### YEAR 3 – EMPTY TOILET ROLLS NEEDED

To celebrate Book Week, we will be asking the children to create their favourite book character(s) with a loo roll or kitchen roll. If possible, please can you save any old kitchen or loo rolls for your child to bring in with them next **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. If your child wishes to bring in any materials to decorate their character, they are more than welcome to bring these in too! Many thanks, Team 3.



### ENERGY KIDZ FOLLOWING AN AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

If your child attends EnergyKidz but attends an afterschool club first, parents must inform EnergyKidz so they are aware that they need to collect from a club. Thank you

## **YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZEN SCHEME – THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

As part of year 6's work on Personal, Social Health and Economic Education in the Spring Term, they will take part in a Junior Citizen Scheme. In partnership with the Police, Fire Brigade, Thames Water and other public services, pupils will be provided with opportunities to learn about important safety issues. The scheme will take place during the morning of Thursday 10th March at the Epsom Grandstand. The children will leave school by coach at 9.15am and will return to school at approximately 11.45am in time for lunch. In order to cover the cost of this trip we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £12.00 on Scopay.

## **MATHLETICS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL**

We have a very exciting visit from Mathletics on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. They will be holding a whole school celebration assembly and recognising children who have been outstanding on Mathletics. They will also be carrying out some classroom sessions to get us all excited for World Maths Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. There will be a film crew and so next week permission slips will be sent out to gain consent that their children can be filmed. This is a really exciting event and we are delighted that Wallace Fields Junior School got selected as one of the highest achieving schools in the area.

## **YEAR 3 & 4 MUSIC ASSEMBLIES POSTPONED**

Following on from the successful Year 5 & 6 music assemblies, we had pencilled in some dates for music assemblies for Year 3 & 4. We have now decided to postpone these lower school music assemblies to the Summer term. We will let you know the new dates as soon as they are confirmed and will try and give you as much notice as possible.

## **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](mailto:lwilson@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk) at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

## **RETURN AFTER COVID**

Please email class teachers to alert them when your child is likely to return after isolating with Covid. This will ensure class teachers don't spend time preparing online materials for remote learning not required as the child comes into school.

## **YEAR 6 LEAVERS' YEARBOOK**

Mrs Clarkshon has kindly agreed to help compile the year 6 Leavers' Yearbook. They aim to assemble the many memories and achievements of the current Year 6 cohort into a fantastic Yearbook, which we are certain will be a treasured keepsake and reminder of the children's time at Wallace Fields Junior School. As there are long lead times with the printer, they need to start the ball rolling now and so they would greatly appreciate your prompt response and cooperation in helping make this happen. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPT OUT** please contact Steph Clarkson at [stephanie.clarkson@virginmedia.com](mailto:stephanie.clarkson@virginmedia.com) cc-ing in the school at [office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk) **by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. **IF WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR REPLY BY FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH WE WILL TAKE THIS AS PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE INCLUDED.** Next steps in terms of your child providing content and you uploading photos for inclusion. The cost (which we estimate will be around £15 per copy). We do hope you will be happy for your child to be included in this project which will be a lovely record of their school journey.

## **REMINDERS**

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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

### **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](#).

### **WRAP AROUND CARE AT WFJS**

Energy Kidz have now started at Wallace Fields Junior School. There are still some places available at Breakfast Clubs (7:30am until 8:45am) and after school clubs (3:20pm until 6:00pm). To book please login/create an account and secure your place online by [clicking here](#). **Customer service Team are also available between 8am – 6pm and their contact details are as follows** Email [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) Tel: 0333 577 1533. For more information [click here](#).



## COVID REGULATIONS UPDATE

We will continue with safer behaviours to reduce the risk of infection

- Ensuring the school remains well ventilated.
- Adults such as visitors may wear face coverings if they so wish.
- Encouraging personal responsibility by asking those clearly unwell to stay at home to reduce infection rates. Children and staff stay at home if they are unwell – those that are symptomatic or unwell will be sent home immediately. Seek a PCR test using this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home, avoiding contact with other people if you test positive for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance (tests available until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022).
- Encouraging everyone to wash their hands regularly.
- Maintaining high levels of cleaning and hygiene around the school.
- Children and staff attend school if they are well. No more contact tracing.
- Get vaccinated.

## 'WELL-BEING' GUINEA PIGS

Thank you to those parents who have responded regarding guinea pigs. We are still looking for hutches so if you are able to help please contact our SENDCO Mrs Elliot as soon as possible.



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

## WFJS BOOK CLUB – FEBRUARY MEETING

In January, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed getting stuck into *The Trapdoor Mysteries* and several of Year 6 had enjoyed *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, expressing a new interest in books with a war-time setting. They had also loved *The Hatmakers*. A big shout out to Liam H in Year 3 for his resilience and perseverance in completing one of our previous choices and to Henry M in Year 4 for talking us through the awesomeness of a Shakespeare Abridged box set. Our February reads are:

**Year 3** are choosing to read either *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman, *Pizzazz* by Sophy Henn or *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* by Louie Stowell



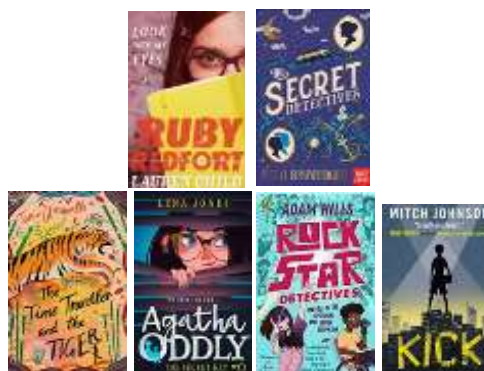
**Year 4** can read either *Loki* by Louie Stowell, *We Won and Island* by Charlotte Lo or *Rock Star Detectives* by Adam Hills.



**Year 5** can read any of these titles: *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, *Rock Star Detectives* by Adam Hills or *Loki* by Louie Stowell.



**Year 6** can choose between *Kick* by Mitch Johnson; *The Time Traveller and the Tiger* by Tania Unsworth or a choice of four detective genre novels as requested – *Ruby Redfort* by Lauren Child or *The Secret Detectives* by Ella Risbridger, *Rock Star Detectives* by Adam Hills or *Agatha Oddly: The Secret Key* by Lena Jones



## PTA

### HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

How about doing a spring clean to help 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](http://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk)

### CIRCUS COMING TO WALLACE FIELDS

We are thrilled to welcome back Happy Circus to WFJS this year. **Tickets go on sale on Friday 25th March**, tickets will be limited so make a diary note now! 🎪

## WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

Any donations to the school are welcome however big or small. To donate online with gift aid, to the PTA please [click here](#). Donating via this route enables us to claim back Gift Aid on donations which is an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Your donations help us provide the little extras that make the children's experiences in school so incredible- making learning more creative and fun, which the school budget simply doesn't have the scope to pay for.



## COMMUNITY



### Ask Me About Domestic Abuse 17 March 2022, 11.30am, Zoom Webinar

This online event is open to any member of the public, business owners and community leaders. The event is brought to you by Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell, Spelthorne and Runnymede Community Safety Partnerships and the North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service. 1 in 3 women will experience Domestic Abuse at some point in their adult lives and as many as 1 in 6 men. We aim to raise awareness of domestic abuse and local support services available across North Surrey and provide participants with the knowledge to:

- Understand why we need to break the silence on domestic abuse
- Be confident to recognise indicators of domestic abuse and in particular coercive control
- Know how to support a friend, family member or work colleague that may be experiencing domestic abuse
- Consider becoming an 'Ask Me' Community Ambassador

The webinar will take place at 11.30am on 17 March 2022 and will last approximately one hour. You will hear from Community Safety representatives, North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service and Surrey Police [Click here for information on how to book.](#)

*"We know that communities are often the first to know about abuse, and that they can act as gate openers or gate closers in terms of help seeking." (Finding the Costs of Freedom report, 2014)*

[www.surreyagainstda.info](http://www.surreyagainstda.info)

# Walking Instructors needed

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Our school is assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to help them recruit for Walking Instructors, as part of their new Walking Training programme for primary schools.

## What is the Walking Training programme?

The Walking Training Programme is a road safety and active travel skills awareness course that will be aimed at children ages 7 to 8 years old (Year 3). It will provide pupils with road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers and prepare them for independent travel.

Further information about the Walking Training course can be found [here](#).

## What is a Walking Instructor?

Surrey County Council are currently **recruiting for several Surrey based Walking Instructors** to facilitate this course. Their aim is to provide primary school pupils with the necessary road safety skills and knowledge through a series of in-class and on-road training modules.

A Walking Instructor will be able to lead a small group of 7-8-year-old pupils in the playground and on the road, outside the school gates, to provide them with necessary road safety skills and knowledge. Delivering an informative, robust and entertaining programme of learning that highlights the necessary road safety skills, providing Year 3 pupils with the foundation to feel safe and comfortable as a pedestrian navigating Surrey's roads.

There are many benefits to becoming a Walking Instructor, including: being at the forefront of a new active and sustainable travel programme in Surrey; working with pupils to encourage walking to school and providing them with the necessary road safety skills. We will also provide you with a competitive salary, flexible working that can be based in and around the school day as well as full training, including safeguarding and First Aid.

## Who would be an ideal Walking Instructor?

- Someone that has experience working with primary aged children, in either a professional or personal manner.
- Interested in encouraging primary school-age pupils to feel more confident traveling actively and sustainably to school.
- Interested in road safety and or active travel.
- Confident engaging children of 7-8 years old both in the classroom and during the on-road training elements of the course.
- Confident working on your own, as some courses may not have another Instructor attending with you.
- Looking for a flexible, term time position.
- Competitive salary.
- Full training provided, included safeguarding and First Aid.

If this sounds like a job you or someone you know may be interested in, please find further information on the job profile and how to apply below:

[Apply to become a paid Walking Instructor](#)

Thank you for continuing to support our school to improve pupils' journeys to school.



# Join Our Team!

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*Breakfast and After School Club*

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Leader  
Vacancy**



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**When was  
the last  
time work  
made you  
smile like  
this?**

*BC time: 7:30am - 9:00am*

*ASC time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm*

- 1. Are you a passionate and creative individual who is looking for a role that is flexible, fun and rewarding?**
- 2. Do you want to make a difference, have endless growth opportunities and have a passion for working with and inspiring children?**

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