



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 4th February 2022

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event
Monday 7 th Feb	All year 6 need old trainers or football boots as tag rugby in PE
Monday 7 th Feb 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4 Football match at WFJS
Tuesday 8 th Feb 1.15-1.45pm	Year 6 Music Assembly – Selected parents invited
Thursday 10 th Feb 3.30-4.45pm (early pick up)	A & B football team at St Martin's Junior School
Friday 11 th Feb	Wear what you love Mufti day – bring £2 cash Finish school normal time
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

HEAD'S UPDATE

INSPIRATION

Another excellent week with lots going on. The ukuleles have been very popular in music this week (we have acquired a complete set for the school) and the STEM virtual meetings continue to be over subscribed. Thanks to Mrs Burke and Miss Sarjeant respectively for these inspiring activities. More Ukulele lessons and STEM meetings on the way.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The class elects two children to be a member of the council. The School Council listens to all the ideas of all the children rather than discuss a theme that is proposed to them by the adults. The School Council children listen to their class and record the ideas and suggestions and then report back on their decisions at the next meeting. The School Council meet every month with me personally (not delegated to others so I get to hear things first hand) and we also go through all the suggestions in the 'suggestions box' in the hall. The School Council fulfil their role very successfully and do well to ensure a strong pupil voice in school. They have achieved many things and this term alone have secured more benches for Year 6 in assembly, more flowers and plants for the school grounds and more equipment for the lunchtime. Last term they requested a gymnastics club and a dodgeball club, both of which are running well. We get lots of similar requests such as junk food on the menu and a few infant level ideas so these are politely rejected with a full explanation. The meeting is

recorded fully and the school Councillors and our school governors get a copy of the meeting minutes. I would like to thank the School Council for their ongoing commitment to representing the ideas of all the children and working so well in the meetings.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

We have some deaf parents at Wallace Fields Junior School and their children are fluent in British Sign Language. Being able to sign is a valuable tool to have and it has helped ensure good links with our deaf parents. Interest in BSL was very high (in part due to the success of Rose Ayling-Ellis on Strictly Come Dancing), so I have started a BSL club on a Friday lunchtime which started this week and is already at near full capacity. If your child would like to learn BSL it is free and I lead it in the Computing Suite on Friday lunchtimes. The first session went well and our resident BSL expert children were on hand to help.

ASSEMBLY THEME THIS WEEK

How do we grow together as a community?
Children's mental health week

NEWS

INSET DAYS

Don't forget we have an **INSET day on Monday 21st February 2022** and the school will be shut to pupils. There are two other INSET days this year which will be on Friday 20th May 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022.

We have also set the **INSET days for next school year 2022/2023** as the following:-1st September 2022, 2nd September 2022, 31st Oct 2022, 20th Feb 2023 and 5th June 2023. The first day back in September is a Thursday so it will be a double INSET and children will start back on Monday 5th September 2022.

The school term dates have now been updated on the website and can be found by [clicking here](#).

YEAR 6 TAG RUGBY - Monday kit required

Next Monday 7th February, all Year 6 children will be taking part in a joint Tag Rugby lesson on the field. **The children need to bring their football boots or old trainers in a bag with them on Monday.**

MUSIC ASSEMBLY

To celebrate the musical talents of our children at Wallace Fields Junior School, there will be a series of musical assemblies where the pupils will have the opportunity to perform a short piece in front of friends, teachers and parents. The assemblies will run from 1.15pm until approximately 1.45pm on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 8th February** – Year 6
- **Tuesday 22nd February** – Year 5
- **Tuesday 1st March** – Year 4
- **Tuesday 8th March** – Year 3

Children will be asked during their music lesson who would like to take part and their parents will be sent a letter with a Google form to indicate their permission and if parents would like to attend.

EPSOM SALTS AND 3D GLASSES NEEDED

We are looking for Epsom Salts and old style 3D glasses to use in Year 6 science intervention lessons. Does anyone have them gathering dust at home and are willing to donate them to us, we would be very grateful. Please bring them into the school office as soon as possible.

REMOTE LEARNING FOR COVID SELF-ISOLATION ONLY

We are only able to offer remote learning for children who have recovered from their Covid symptoms or are asymptomatic and are having to isolate due to Government guidelines. We have had a few parents asking for remote learning when their child is off with sick bugs. Once better they should return to school. If they are recovering slowly, all pupils can read, do Times Tables Rock Stars, Mathletics, Spelling Shed as well as look at lots of useful links and resources on our learning or class pages on our website.

SCL HOLIDAY CLUB STARTS AT EASTER

The SCL Holiday Club that was due to take place in February half-term is, unfortunately, postpone due to unforeseen circumstances. They will run their holiday club from 4th April during the Easter Holiday

CHANGE TO SCHOOL MEALS REQUEST

If you wish to change your child to a school meal after half term, and they require a special diet, please [click here](#) and complete the attached form and inform the school office that you are changing your child's meal preference. If you also wish to change your child's school meal preference after half term, but there is not a special dietary requirement, please email csewell@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk by Wednesday 9th February 2022

THIS WEEK

STEM CALLS

Over the last few weeks, we have had lots of really exciting Zoom calls planned with people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (**STEM**) jobs. The children have really loved these calls. We have had an overwhelming number of children sign up so please do encourage your children to sign up quickly when announced in assembly! All the children have asked excellent questions and left feeling inspired. Thank you so much to three fantastic Year 4s who presented to Lower and Upper School Assembly on how inspired they've been. We have a few more booked up for Spring Term so watch this space for new dates. 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. Thank you so much to Kirstie Wilkins, Trevor Gill, Carys Kelly and John Parnum who have presented such interesting STEM sessions so far.



READING BUDDIES TO THE INFANT SCHOOL

Year 5 and Year 6 reading buddies visited Wallace Fields Infant School today, Friday 4th February, and enjoyed their reading time with some reception and Year 2 children - they were excellently behaved. We will be visiting again next half term!

SPORTING FIXTURES

This **Thursday 3rd February** we took part in two home **netball** matches against Cuddington Community. Even though there were some nerves beforehand teams showed resilience. Both the A and B team played brilliantly and the B team won. They were a credit to the school. It was also lovely to see so many parents coming along to support the teams.

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Website: <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>/Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wallacefieldsjs>

Today **Friday 4th February** we held **Year 4 football** trials and the parents/carers of those selected have now been informed. **On Monday 7th February** they will be taking part in their first match at home against St. Martin's (3.40 - 4.45pm). Parents have been asked to email me their consent to take part.

Next **Thursday 10th February**, we have an away **football match for the A & B teams** at St. Martin's and those taking part (and their siblings if needed) will need to be picked up early at 3.10pm. There will be no training session that afternoon as all the children are involved.

On **Thursday 24th March**, **the football A & B teams** will play at home against Cuddington Croft (3.45 - 5pm).

Then on **Tuesday 1st March**, the **C football team** will have a training session (3.20 - 4.15pm) prior to their match against Cuddington Croft which is on **Thursday 3rd March**, again here from 3.45 - 4.30pm.

Regards, Mrs Wilson, Sports Leader

REMINDERS

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO ISLE OF WIGHT

As a reminder the 3rd deposit of £120 is due by 18th February and a final deposit of £120 is due by 18th April 2022. Please visit Scopay to make your payments.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO ISLE OF WIGHT

As a reminder the 3rd deposit of £120 is due by 18th February and a final deposit of £120 is due by 11th April 2022. Please visit Scopay to make your payments.

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO HOOKE COURT

If you would like your child to participate in this residential trip, we require a non-refundable deposit of £55 by **4th February 2022** payable through our online payment system Scopay. Please also download the consent form, complete and return it to the school office. There may be some financial assistance available to those children who are eligible for free school meals. Please speak to Mr Lee or Mrs Boddy in the school office for further information.

AUTHOR TO VISIT DURING BOOK WEEK

Wallace Fields Junior School will be celebrating book week from **Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March 2022**.

We are thrilled to tell you that rap poet Karl Nova will be coming to school on **Tuesday 1st March** to inspire the students about poetry, reading, writing and books, and to help develop their skills and enthusiasm. Books will be available to purchase on the day and will be signed and personalised. Reading is vitally important for children, and on this occasion the school will 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](#).

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

FAMILY MEMBER OR CLOSE CONTACT IS COVID POSITIVE – WHAT DO I DO?

Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. For the full government guidance on "What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges" [click here](#).



The image is a promotional banner for Energy Kidz. At the top, the Energy Kidz logo is displayed in white on a red background. Below the logo, the text "Breakfast & After School Club" is written in white on a yellow diagonal banner, followed by "Wallace Fields Junior School" in white on a red background. The banner features four small photographs of children: a boy in a white shirt, a girl in a blue jacket, two boys in red and white shirts, and a group of children. At the bottom, a blue box contains the text "Find out more and book online: 0333 577 1533 | info@energy-kidz.co.uk www.energy-kidz.co.uk" and a purple box contains the text "Secure your child's space today!".

WRAP AROUND CARE AT WFJS

Bookings for Energy Kidz are now available for wraparound care at **Wallace Fields Junior School** - 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](#).

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 wellbeing 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.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we are celebrating children's mental health in assemblies and during circle time and PHSE. You might like to look at the following link you're your children <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/growth-stories/>

PTA



Love Poetry Competition

Write a poem for someone you love or care about

Entries will be judged by teachers and there will be prizes for each year group

Hand in to class teacher with £2 donation by Friday 25th Feb (after half term)

“WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE” MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2022

On the last day of term, all children can wear what they love into school for a £2 cash donation to the PTA.

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.

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 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

COMMUNITY



NONSUCH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Following consultation and in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, the determined Admissions Arrangements for September 2023 entry to Nonsuch High School for Girls can be found on the Admissions section of the school's website <http://www.nonsuchschool.org>

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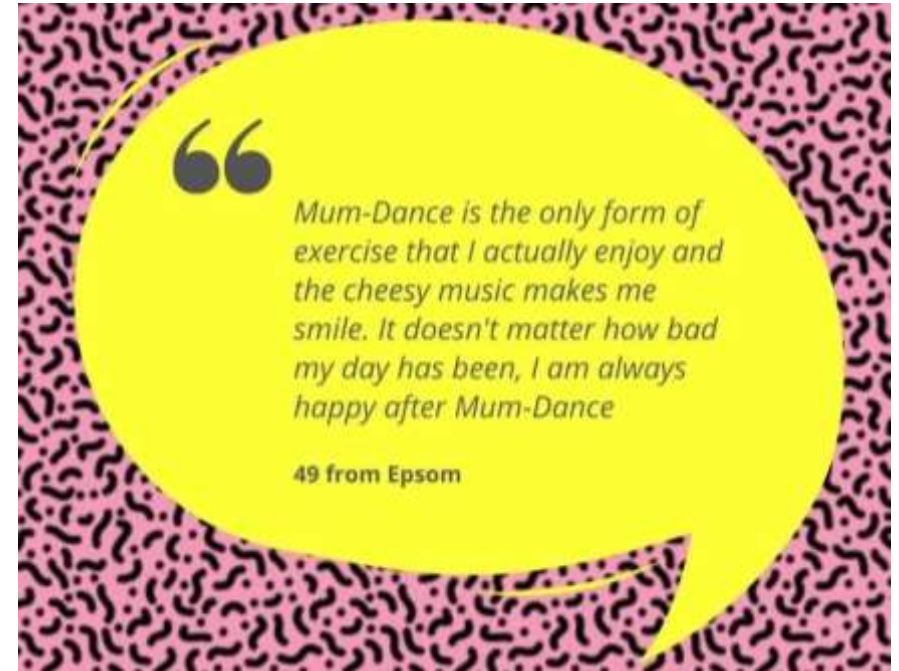
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Georgia

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Wednesdays 19:30 - 20:30 at Wallace Fields Junior School,
Dorling Drive, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 3BH

Routines include;

Everybody Dance Now - Dirty Dancing - It's Raining Men - Fame - Bust a Move - Let's Get Physical - When Will I Be Famous - Vogue - Pump Up The Jam - Hot Stuff - I Need A Hero - Dirty Cash - Footloose - Flashdance - Rhythm Is A Dancer - You Can't Touch This - Mamma Mia - Relax - Wake Me Up Before You Go Go - I Wanna Dance With Somebody - Footloose - Respectable and more!!