

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event
All week	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 7 th March	Yr 5 rugby trials at lunchtime
	Mathletics coming to our school
	Lower school parents invited to hall to view Scholastic book fair 3.30pm-4.30pm
Tues 8 th March	Netball away match at Stamford Green after school
Weds 9 th March	Silly Science visitors
Thurs 10 th March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme
	Teams A, B & C football team are playing a match at home.
Friday 11 th March	Red House Mufti
	Upper school parents invited to hall to view Scholastic book fair 3.30pm-4.30pm

HEAD'S UPDATE

EVENTS IN UKRAINE

As a school we have discussed this in detail and advice and support has been sent out to all staff in order to help the discussion about the conflict in the Ukraine. In the words of the Children's Commissioner Rachel de Souza "We should not hide what is happening, but support children in understanding it. We must remember that children can find solace in being part of a wider community that is comprehending and responding to these events."

This is the way we have talked through the situation with the children when they have asked questions or watched Newsround in their class assembly time. We have reassured the children that it is fine to be sad or worried about events and people across the world, with the message that the news will change and that there are lots of people doing many things to help those in trouble. Thank you to all those who donated online or donated in person at the gates this morning – everyone was very generous and that money will be going direct to Children in Need to help those caught up in the fighting and attacks in the Ukraine. Please see the links later in the bulletin designed to help parents engage on this topic with your children.

BOOK WEEK

Thanks to Mrs Crabb for organising book week and virtual visit of the innovative and inspiring Karl Nova, the author, poet and rapper who was very well received and inspired rappers and poets in every classroom. He was funny, engaging, insightful and entertaining and all these qualities lit up the children's ambition and poetical spirit. Karl was so impressed with the children's questions, raps and enthusiasm that he is hoping to drop by at the school sometime in the summer to say hello in person. We look forward with anticipation to that visit – it will be a true hero's welcome here.

THIS WEEK



EXCITING BOOK WEEK

We had a fabulous book week where all the children were inspired to read by a virtual visit by Karl Nova rap poet, dressing up, creating book characters, creating a 3D bedroom for their favourite character, finding out about the teachers' favourite books and just enjoying a quiet comfy space and a good book. See Twitter for lots of photos of our week or [click here](#) to see the photo gallery on our Book Week web page.

POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the poets who wrote some amazing Valentine's poems. The best in each year group won a certificate and a £20 Hollywood bowl voucher, which were presented in the Celebration Assembly today. They were as follows:- Mia T in Year 3, Ethan W in Year 4, Ithi R in Year 5 and Thomas M in Year 6. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and providing the prizes. [Click here](#) to read their winning poems on our website.

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QUEEN'S JUBILEE TREES

The local resident John Wilson came in to school with a team from the Tree Advisory Board at the end of February and they planted a further 27 trees in the school grounds all completely free of charge. There are new trees along the edge of the lower field and a new copse planted in the corner of the upper field and along the fence. This creates a natural area for wild plants and wildlife to thrive. Please explain these to the children and how they form part of the Queen's Green Canopy dedicated to her platinum jubilee this year.

NEXT WEEK

SCIENCE WEEK 2022

There will be a whole school 'Silly Science' visit from the education group on Wednesday 9th March 2022. Each year group will be taking part in the hall throughout the day.

YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZEN SCHEME – THURSDAY 10th 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.

RED HOUSE MUFTI

Red house have won the most house points so can wear mufti with a red item on Friday 11th March 2022.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

During the week commencing 7th 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 3.30pm-4.30pm

- Lower School on Monday 7th March
- Upper school on Friday 11th 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



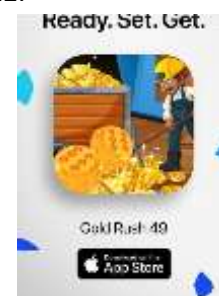
MATHLETICS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL



We are really excited to have Mathletics coming in to visit Wallace Fields Junior School on Monday morning! Mathletics will be hosting a celebration assembly with the whole school, some classroom sessions on the Chromebooks and interviews with the teachers and children.

This is a really exciting opportunity and thank you very much for returning the consent forms this week. Please look out on Twitter for the 'behind the scene' action from Monday's exciting visit and we will keep you up to date with any clips from Mathletics! This visit is to celebrate World Maths Day on 23rd March 2022.

There is a new app which has been designed to help children increase their fluency and calculation skills. The app is called 'Gold Rush 49'. It has been designed by a Deputy Head of a London school and is free to download for the rest of March.



MUSIC FESTIVAL

A chamber choir of Year 5 & 6 pupils has been put together to participate in the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival at the Epsom Playhouse on **Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March** between 5.00-7.00pm. The parents of the chosen choir have been contacted with further information about rehearsals and details of the performances, please return the slip as soon as possible. Tickets for the performance are now available directly from the [Playhouse](#).

SPORTING NEWS

EXCITING FIXTURES

There are lots of exciting sports events and fixtures planned for this term.

- 8th March 1.00pm-3.00pm there is also an opportunity for some selected year 6's to get specialise training from Harlequins and a letter has gone out to their parents/carers.
- 8th March A & B team netball match is being held at Stamford Green after school.
- 10th March 3.40pm-5.30pm A & B football team matches v Cuddington Croft and Southfield Park.
- 17th March from 12.45pm to 3.30pm Years 3 & 4 tag rugby tournament is on Thursday at Priest Hill.
- C football team match on 17th March is being re-arranged due to a clash with a rugby tournament.
- 22nd March 3.40pm - 5.30pm C & D team football matches v Epsom Primary & The Vale at WF C & D teams.
- 24th March from 12.45pm to 3.30pm Years 5 & 6 tag rugby tournament on at Priest Hill.

SCHOOL KITS FOR MATCHES ONLY

School kits lent to children are by no means meant to be worn for any training sessions but for fixtures only. This allows kit to be kept in optimum condition for future players. 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](#).

TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WAR OR UPSETTING NEWS

If you would like advice or guidance on how best to support your child with regards to the current situation in Ukraine you might find these links useful:

- Child friendly advice from Childline here by [click here](#)
- Advice if you are upset by the news from Newsround might be very useful - [click here](#) ,
- Information from the British Psychological Society has some good information - [click here](#),

Advice from Save the Children on how to talk to children about war - [click here](#)

Blog Post by Rebecca and Zuzanna 28/2/22 - 4/3/22

Book Week!

This week is very exciting since it is Book Week! It is originally just a Book Day but we have it for a whole week to focus on reading- a bit like a Wellbeing Week! In the hall, the mats have been put out and everyone has had the chance to bring in a small plush cushion to have whilst they are reading. This is called 'Cosy Reading'. We hope you all enjoyed it!

Karl Nova's virtual visit

On the 1st March we had Karl Nova on a virtual visit as it was a tube strike. Everyone got virtually to meet him however, Y6 and Y5 had a lesson with him. They learnt about his books and about his life as well. We had so much fun listening to him and making our own haikus in our warm up exercises!

Music festival

For the Music Festival, rehearsals have begun - they will be every Monday and Thursday lunchtime until the end of March. Make sure you attend all of them if you are taking part!

Mathletics Forms

Next week we will be visited by the Mathletics company to be filmed. They will be doing interviews so the school will need permission to be filmed. It will be an exciting day for everyone. We will be doing maths themed activities around the school.

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.

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 Tel: 0333 577 1533. For more information [click here](#).

SCIENCE AND SPANISH CLUB FINISHES

Science and Spanish club finish next week on Thursday 10th March 2022 and will start again after the Easter holidays.

MORE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES FROM MR LEE

Sports and Inter-school Sports Matches:

Parents were asking about more sport and more inter school matches. These have already started though until more other schools opt in, we are still limited for competitors. Mrs Louise Wilson is very active in pursuing matches against other schools and we have already enjoyed victories over St Martins (results are in the bulletin). The school timetable is crammed full as usual and every child completes a minimum of two hours of games and PE a week. In addition to this, selected developing swimmers in Year 5 and 6 go swimming and each class does the weekly mile using the playground and wider school grounds when possible.

Sport in school is at full speed and PE and games lessons are all happening as usual. Mr Sellars is a qualified sports coach and is extremely popular with staff and pupils alike. He is inspiring improvement in sport across the school – he is also hosting a very successful dodgeball and a gymnastics club.

Mindfulness, Wellbeing and Yoga:

The children explore mindfulness and wellbeing every week and although many parents might not realise it from the verbal reports home, all the children are enjoying regular wellbeing Yoga sessions with our qualified Yoga teacher Danni. The children love her sessions and even the staff are interested in yoga sessions separately with her.

Outdoor learning:

We have just had an additional 27 trees planted and created a wildlife copse on the top field for nature study and outdoor learning. Teachers use the eco area for lessons and we have a outdoor class ready in the woodland area for the spring when the weather is a little more forgiving.

For all the responses to your questionnaire feedback [click here](#).

PTA



HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION 24th 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

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](#).

COMMUNITY

How Parenting Puzzle Workshops have helped other parents

"So helpful to have ways of dealing with situations that happen on a daily basis"

"Wonderful. Could do this every day"

"Better than expected, made me think differently about toddler behaviour"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



Check out familylinks.org.uk

The Nurturing Programme Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Where:

Epsom Family Centre
Pound Lane
Epsom
KT19 8SD

When:

From 3rd March to 24th March
Every Thursday from 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.

Contact details:

Email
Lesley.Lane@hseeb.org.uk



Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Information for parents and carers



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Saturday 12 March

9.30AM TO 5PM

Bourne Hall

Ewell KT17 1UF

Arts, Crafts, Activities & Gift Market



This year's event is all about sustainability, reusing, replanting and recycling - plus all the little things we can do to cut down on waste and protect the environment.

Central Display and Exhibition

Gallery and Rose Room

Come and explore the beautiful indoor and environmentally friendly floral displays from [Ashtead Park Garden Centre](http://www.ashteadparkgardencentre.co.uk) and maybe gather some inspiration for your own garden at home?



Teams from Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will be exhibiting with 2 stalls to visit. Say hello to our Countryside Team and learn more about our parks, open spaces, and local nature reserves. Plus, test out your recycling knowledge with fun activities from our waste and recycling teams in the Rose Room.

Explore local special interest groups, societies, and other organisations, including:

- Rainbow Gardening Centre
- Epsom Beekeepers
- Countryside Teams (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)
- Free food stall
- 2nd Ewell Scouts
- Surrey Wildlife Trust
- Epsom Rotary Club
- The Horton Chapel
- Ewell Village For Change
- Recycling (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)
- Repair Café
- History & Archaeology Society
- University for the Third Age (U3A)