



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Wednesday 5th November 2021

SCHOOL DATES

Date	Event	Year group
Mon 8 th Nov	Readathon starts	All
Weds 10 th Nov	Sports Crew Training Session - St Martins School 09:00 - 11:30am	Sports Crew
Fri 12 th Nov	Red house mufti	Red house
	Zoom call for maths and tech-whizzes!	Pupils sign up in 5S
Sun 14 th Nov	PTA fireworks Night	SOLD OUT
Mon 15 th Nov	Mix & match mufti £1	All
Mon 15 th Nov	Parents evening (face to face) 3.45-6.30pm	Book on SchoolCloud
Tues 16 th Nov	Parents evening (virtual) 3.45-6.30pm	

RED HOUSE MUFTI DAY ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

Red house won the most house points last term so they can wear mufti, ideally including something in their house colour, on Friday 12th November.

LAST FEW DAYS OF ROCKET FUND PAGE

Thank you so much for all the donations so far. We have raised **£4,244** towards our library refurbishment, which is amazing but it is only 36% towards our £12,000 target. It expires on 8th November 2021 at 12:00pm so it is the last few days for you to donate.

<https://www.rocketfund.org/wfjs-library>

CELEBRATING DIWALI THIS WEEK



HEAD'S UPDATE - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Sadly, I must announce the stepping down of our Chair of Governors Mr Anthony Mollet. He has been an inspiration and the driving force for the governing body for a few years now and he has been an incredible support for governors and staff alike.

Mr Mollet started as a parent governor and his kind, industrious and efficient manner made him ideal as the Chair. Shortly after becoming Chair of Governors the school met with the challenges of Covid lockdown and then not long after by my serious illness and absence. Mr Mollet was extremely supportive of the school during lockdown where key worker children were in school and remote learning started to develop. Later, whilst I was away, he was a pivotal in implementing the appointment of acting up leaders Mrs Day and Mrs Crabb and the school continued to function fully and effectively. He visited me in person and reassured me how things were all going well and for this I am exceptionally grateful. However, this autumn, a significant increase in his professional work commitments and more importantly health issues in his own family have meant he is unable to continue and it is with much reluctance that he has stepped down from this role.

He will be greatly missed as he has always been a popular, approachable and enthusiastic Chair with a keen sense of positivity that is so crucial to have in order to recognise the efforts and successes of a school whilst seeking assurance through visits, interviews and interaction with children and staff. Mr Mollet strongly supported school events and attended training days where governors oversee the school development plan (SDP). I am personally, extremely grateful for all that he has done for the school, for his enduring support of me as head teacher and although not a governor any longer he will continue to be a close ally of the school.

In addition to this, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Chair of Governors, Mr Chay Champness. He is an ex-parent, an experienced Chair of Governors who has a friendly, altruistic and reliable nature, which makes him ideal for the position. He knows the school ethos and the excellent levels of behaviour and achievement of the children from when his own children attended Wallace Fields Juniors. He has reacquainted himself with me and has met with the current governors in order to establish a clear view of how he intends to take the role forward. I would like to wholeheartedly wish him a warm welcome to the governing body and welcome him back to the school. I am sure he will be a very supportive, fervent and effective Chair of Governors and I look forward to working with him.

A WORD FROM OUR NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

"I am delighted to be Chair of Governors of such a great school with a fantastic ethos - so evident when my two children attended the school. The role allows me to contribute back to the school by leading our highly experienced and passionate Governors in supporting the school leadership team and staff to deliver the very best education and experience for each and every pupil. I am a qualified accountant and have worked at board level for over 20 years including roles in Higher and Further Education. I have previously been a volunteer charity trustee for over 12 years an organisation supporting people with learning difficulties, a trustee for the national Samaritans charity and a governor at a local secondary school. It is a privilege to be a Governor of Wallace Fields Junior School and I look forward to working hard to overcome the inevitable challenges as well as celebrating the school's many successes" Chay Champness



READATHON STARTS ON MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2021

Our Readathon will kick off on Monday 8th November. Family and friends can sponsor your child to read pages of a book or for the amount of books that they read. The sponsorship form is attached and is also available in your children's Google Classroom, which can be edited with names, pages, books and amounts of sponsorship. The Readathon will finish on Friday 26th November, and can we please request that all sponsorship money be paid by Friday 10th December. Sponsorship money can be collected by parents and donated on Scopay under "Readathon Sponsorship 2021". If you unable to do this, we are happy to collect cash which can be handed in a named envelope to school. We are gradually moving to a cashless school office, though we are keen to raise as much money as possible.

MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER MIX & MATCH DAY

We are celebrating diversity as part of Anti-Bullying Week (15th-19th November). Pupils and staff are permitted to wear mismatched clothes and bring in £1 to go towards the schools fundraising and Chromebook purchases. It could be odd socks, or different tops to bottoms for example: different patterns chequered, or stripes with polka dots, or colours that don't go together -anything that you wouldn't normally put together- anything that clashes.

MATHS AND TECH WHIZZ PUPILS INVITED TO LUNCHTIME TALK

On Friday 12th November, we have a very exciting Zoom call planned for all budding-mathematicians and tech-whizzes! We have arranged for a Zoom call to take place, Friday lunchtime in the 5S classroom, with a consultant called Kirstie. She will be talking about her job role, how she uses maths and computing in her job day to day, and there will be an opportunity to ask her some questions for anyone interested in this field. It will be an exciting way for maths and computing to come to life from someone who is doing it every day in the 'real world'! Miss Sarjeant will be running the Zoom call and it is likely to last for 30 minutes on Friday lunchtime. More details will be given to the children during assembly and **please encourage to sign up on the sign up sheet on the 5S classroom door before Thursday 11th November** so we can arrange early lunch for these children.

PARENTS EVENING – MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER & TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

An email was sent to parents/carers today with all the details including guidance on how to book your consultation slot with your child's class teacher on the SchoolCloud virtual booking system.

FACE TO FACE PARENTS' EVENING

The parents/ carers meeting will be in the main school hall and you enter through the playground and queue in the library corridor where you will be called. Please wear a facemask.

VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

Please log in before your appointment slot. The appointment will go live at the time booked and it will not be possible for the appointment to start late.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PE COACH

We are delighted to welcome a new PE coach to Wallace Fields Junior School, Mr Sellars. He has a BA (hons) in Sports coaching and has been teaching sport for 20 years, the last 9 in the education sector.

SPACES IN SPORTS CLUBS

There are a couple of spaces available for both Monday and Wednesday morning tennis sessions. This week we also saw trials of two new exciting after school sports clubs – gymnastics and dodgeball – run by our new PE coach. The club letters for tennis, gymnastics and Dodgeball are attached separately. Please contact them directly for more information and how to sign up for these clubs.

SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

Tel: 0208 393 0350 Email: Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

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

ART COMPETITION WINNER

Thank you for all your beautiful Christmas Card submissions, the artistic talent and creativity in WFJS is outstanding! Although only one design from our school was to be selected for the Chris Grayling MP competition, the choice was too tough and we decided to send in two submissions. Congratulations to Eva V 6K and Annabelle B 6H whose impressive designs were both chosen to be entered into the competition against other Epsom and Ewell schools. Chris Grayling will announce an overall winner at the end of November. Best of luck to you both! Miss Birch, Art Lead



HELPING HANDS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO READERS

We are in desperate need of some parents / carers to help with Year 3 and 4 readers. If you could spare a few hours a week preferably in the afternoons (even just before pick up) to listen to a reader that would be a great help. Parents /Carers or grandparents of any year group are welcome to apply. No previous experience is needed. Please contact the school office Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk to find out more. All parent helpers will be required to take regular lateral flow tests, complete an application for a DBS and attend safeguarding and induction training. We will be very pleased to see you in school.

TOP TIP TO HELP YOUR CHILD'S READING AND SPELLING

When children are watching TV it is a good idea to leave on the sub-titles to aid their reading and spelling. Even better turn off the sound!

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS (TTRS) ENGLAND ROCKS COMPETITION

The school have signed up to the TTRS England Rocks Competition! This exciting competition is open to all children across the school. During the competition, which runs from 7.30am to 7.30pm each day from November 8th to November 11th, every correct answer that a child gives, in any game type, will contribute to their class and school score. A whole school tournament!



TIME TABLE ROCK STARS WINNERS – SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER

- Most improved studio speed: Caolan 6K, Charlie 5S and Flora 4D /Flora 4D, Angela 4G & Rosa 6H
- Improvement in accuracy: Frederick 3M, Samuel 3M and Hannah 3M/ Lily-Rose 6K, Tianna 5S & Dan 6K
- Increase in correct answers: Krishan 5C, Jayden 5C and Theodore 3M /Neve 5S, Jayden 5C & Brittany 4G
- Highest number of coins: Jimmy 6H, Alessandro 5C and Maisy 6K/Jayden 5C, Neve 5S & Brittany 4G



LINGUASCOPE LANGUAGE GAMES

If your child would like to practice their French or is asked to by their teacher. The log-in details for Linguascope with fun interactive language games is as follows:- Username: wfjsfrench /password: gateau10

REMINDERS

YEAR 6 – HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECK - ALL MUST COMPLETE CONSENT FORM

The school nurses do a Year 6 height and weight check on 18th November. Thank you to all those who have completed the online form, though we still have a few who need to complete the form. Even if you do not wish your child to be measured, please complete the e-consent form so we can record your preference. [Click here](#) and enter your school's unique code: - SR125298 Complete the boxes. Select the consent section with Yes or No as appropriate. Please find attached the full letter from the school nurses.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN EVENINGS

We are holding school tours to prospective parents on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th November. We are full on the 16th & 17th but still have a couple of spaces on 23rd or 24th. Click here for the form. Priority will be given to parents/carers who are new to Wallace Fields Junior School as those with siblings already at the school will hopefully have had chance to visit during the Year group tea parties. Email the school office Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk to book a space.

STILL LOOKING FOR AN OLD CUPBOARD

Please can anyone spare a small old cupboard for our little free library please? We are hoping to create a free library box and we need an old cupboard. Contact PCrabb@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

PTA

CAN YOU HELP ON FIREWORKS NIGHT?

Sign up to volunteer to help for fireworks night. It's really easy and simple to do on the PTA events website and lots of varied roles with many only requiring 45 mins of your time: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta>.

AFTERNOON TEAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you very much to the PTA for organising the year group afternoon teas, which were a great success. We will let you know shortly how much money was raised.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS

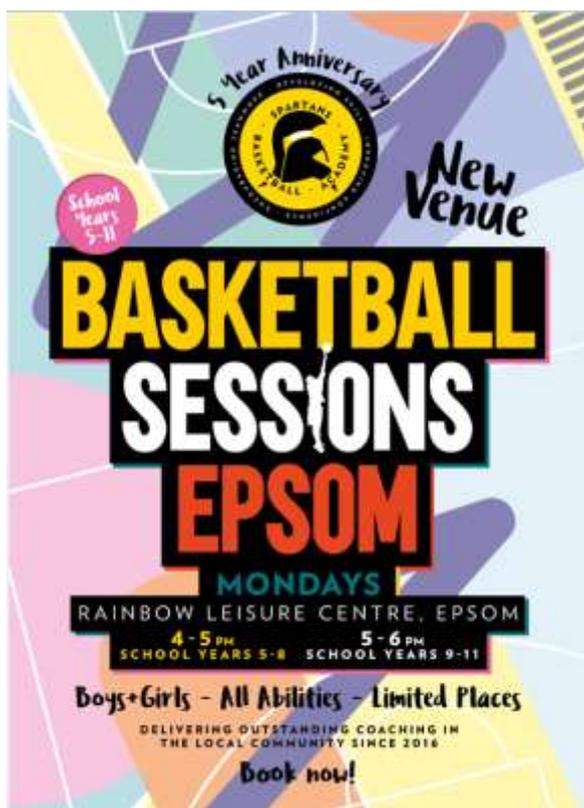
Good news is that the online order site is still open for orders but the final deadline for Cauliflower cards is this weekend. Please send in your child's Christmas **artwork on the completed Cauliflower Cards form by Monday 8th December**. Visit www.cauliflowercards.co.uk and use the **unique code** on your order form to place and pay for your order online. If you have any queries please contact Suraya Siddiqui on surayams@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

MAISY PART OF WINNING GYMNASTIC TEAM AT BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

Last weekend Maisy and her team competed at the Team Gym British Championships in Stoke on Trent. Having won the Southern qualifiers in 2020, she had hoped to compete last year, however the national finals were cancelled due to the pandemic. This year's qualifying rounds had to be filmed and then sent in for adjudication. Maisy's team qualified for the 2021 finals along with 10 other teams from around the UK. It was a fantastically successful weekend and her club, Leatherhead and Dorking, won four gold medals. Maisy and her team are now Primary Team Gym British Champions 2021, having beaten teams from Newcastle, Bristol, Bracknell and various teams from other parts of the UK. They compete on four apparatus: Vault, trampette, tumbling and floor. Maisy's team won every discipline and were crowned 2021 British Champions. It's an amazing achievement and the result of lots of hard work, dedication and commitment.

Congratulations and well done from all of us at Wallace Fields Junior School.



SPARTANS BASKETBALL ACADEMY COMES TO EPSOM

www.spartansbasketballacademy.com

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The Unknown Warrior and the Khaki Detectives of WW1

Saturday 13 November 1 pm to 2.30pm

As the First World War raged, an Army Chaplain found himself at the grave of a soldier: all that was written on the white cross was 'An Unknown British Soldier'. He found himself



thinking of how many unknown soldiers' graves there were. He thought what could he do to ease the grief of so many families who had lost their man and had no idea of his fate. He came up with the idea to bring a man such as this from his grave, take him back to Britain and there let him represent all those 'Unknowns' allowing the families who had no grave to visit as if it was their own man.

In 1920 he put forward the idea, the King agreed, and the journey began from Flanders to Westminster Abbey. The work of recovering and identifying soldiers from over a hundred years ago still goes on. This is the story of that work, then and now.



Cost £5 per child. Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk