

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024



DATES

- Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024 Year 6 National Tests Week (SATs) week
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 Ukulele concerts: Class 5S 2.05pm and Class 5H 3.05pm. Parents welcome
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 Deadline for Design a Healthy School Dinner Menu
- Thursday 16th May World Bee Day Special Menu
- Friday 17th May
 - Class Group photos
 - PTA Race Night Tickets still on sale until 8pm tonight.
 - Ice cream van in for Year 6 treat and outside school gates after school
- Monday 20th May Selected Year 5 & 6 swimming
- Wednesday 22nd May
 - Red House Mufti
 - French Top Translator Event Selected pupils participating
- Friday 24th May INSET day School Closed
- Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May Half term School Closed

Click here¹ for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar Click Here² for Upcoming Events

HEAD'S UPDATE

Year 4 Ufton Court: This was an amazingly successful trip and talking to the children they were describing it as 'amazing' and 'outstanding'. It was a great introduction to residential trips where they have the opportunity to develop their independence, increase their confidence and enjoy a time away from their parents in a lively and stimulating environment. The reports from staff is that the behaviour was excellent and they were very impressed at the centre with the superb attitude and the willingness of the children to get involved and explore. Obviously some late night chatter meant they fell asleep a little later than usual, though they were fully engaged in the following day of activities and they are managed to catch up with their sleep through the rest of the week. My thanks to all those helpers and volunteers who made this trip possible and my congratulations to all the Year 4 who went along, for being so fabulous and really getting the most from their time away. More pictures below and even more on the website. At the time of writing Year 5 had only just arrived back at school so I will find out how their trip went next week.

Lost Property to be thrown away: We have a large number of water bottles and lunch boxes (Tupperware that has not been claimed). This will be thrown away at the end of the half term so

¹https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar

²https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events

please make sure you label your property and check the hall and the lost property box in the quad f you have lost something. A few jumpers are still not labelled. The uniform will be resold though the bottles and plastic containers cannot be resold so sadly they will have to be thrown away.

Year 6 Teachers and Test Week: The Year 6 have been fabulous this week and coped with even more staff illness. Just to clarify we do not use supply teachers as they do not know the children, they do not know the school processes, rules or marking approach, they do not follow up work, it lacks consistency and it is very expensive for the poor quality of teaching supply teachers tend to provide. From experience it just does not work. I much prefer to cover absence internally with staff the children know, trust and are comfortable with and there is much better continuity in support and learning. This week they have had the pleasure and privilege of Mrs Day (the Deputy Head), Mrs Elliot (the SENCo) and Mrs White (HLTA) teaching them and working with them along with all the usual additional adults (Mrs Wong and Mrs Garsden). With test week next week we always ask the children to do their best and to get plenty of rest and not to cram or over-revise, they just need to do their best. There are so many more learning opportunities and great activities to do after the test week, so we like to keep the pressure off them to ensure they are comfortable and happy for the week. The tests are not the be all and end all of Year 6 as there is so much more to be doing and enjoying. My thanks to Year 6 for their resilience and understanding during this time of staff illness. They have had a good week and next week will be over before they even realise it.

THIS WEEK

AWARDS

http://twitter.com/statuses/1788892173204615624

http://twitter.com/statuses/1788891693602779184

Year 4 Residential Trip

It was an amazing trip and there are lots more photos on our website. Click here.³



http://twitter.com/statuses/1788136088197894198

http://twitter.com/statuses/1787913853562507521

http://twitter.com/statuses/1787837516399161596

³ https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2024-05-08-year-4-back-from-amazing-trip-to-upton-court

Year 5 Residential Trip

Year 5 had an amazing trip to the PGL centre in Marchants Hill. There are lots of posts on X (formerly Twitter) and you can see a few of them below. All the photos from Twitter are also now on the school website - click here 4to view.



http://twitter.com/statuses/1788899016203231592

http://twitter.com/statuses/1788637442666356955

http://twitter.com/statuses/1788301300020441348

http://twitter.com/statuses/1787915692894818697

http://twitter.com/statuses/1787854864111800722

Lots of Fun Too For Those Not on the School Trip

http://twitter.com/statuses/1788503367884456110

http://twitter.com/statuses/1787857528203649495

NEXT WEEK

Ice Cream Van Visiting - Friday 17th May 2024

We have an ice cream van visiting Wallace Fields Junior School on Friday 17th May 2024. Year 6 have a fun day at the end of the test week in order to relax and mark the end of it. PTA have kindly agreed to pay for an ice cream or ice lolly for each of the Year 6 child. The ice cream van will then be parked outside school so parents/carers are welcome to purchase ice creams if they wish for their children so don't forget your purse (coins or cards).

Design a healthy school dinner or a healthy packed lunch!



WFJS Healthy Eating Competition

Competition Time! Design a healthy School Dinner meal! OR Design a healthy Packed Lunch!

⁴https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2024-05-08-year-5-are-having-lots-of-fun-on-residential-trip

Details:

- Voluntary and free open to all Year groups
- Children who have school dinners can create a healthy school dinner and children who have packed lunches can create a healthy packed lunch menu on an A4 sized piece of paper. Make it as colourful and informative as you like.
- Emma, the Twelve15 chef, will select one winning School Dinner meal and one winning Packed Lunch meal.
- Emma will then do her best to recreate and serve the winning school dinner meal (date to be confirmed) to current school dinner children.
- Both winners will get a prize!
- Entries to be put in the cardboard entry box in the diner

Dates to remember:

- 15 May -deadline to hand in your A4 sized menu
- 20 May- winners will be announced during assembly

World Bee Day Special School Dinner Menu



French Top Translator Event - Wednesday 22nd May 2024



The French language translation event is taking place on **Wednesday, 22nd May 2024** in the hall with the entire school present. Parents of participants have been contacted (and those on standby) with suggestions given on what to revise prior to the event. Winners and runner-ups from each year group will receive a small prize.

Class Group Photos on Friday 17th May 2024

On Friday 17th May 2024, Bentley Photographic will be coming into school to take year group photos of the children in the morning. They will start at 9.00am and finish at lunchtime so please ensure your child is in school and is wearing full school uniform tidily and neat with hair brushed and tied as required. Hair must be off the face. A comb or hairbrush can be brought to school on the day. If they wish, children can change back into their polo shirts after the photograph sitting.

Penalty Notices For Unauthorised Leave

When parents/carers are starting to think about their summer holidays it is important to remind you of our attendance policy. We do not authorise term time holiday (in line with an agreement with the local cluster of primary schools). The Education Welfare Service, on behalf of Surrey County Council, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a Parent / Carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount. If a child is taken out of school for more than **5 days** / 10 sessions, unauthorised leave, (this need not be consecutive) without the authorisation of the school, the amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is **£60 per parent per child**. This rises to £120 if paid after the 21 days period, but within 28 days. If not paid, legal action will be taken against the recipient for the period shown on the penalty notice, the local authority, Surrey County Council must prosecute the Parent / Carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please read the Attendance Policy to ensure you understand the criteria for unauthorised absence and its implications. Click here⁵ for our attendance policy.

Warm Weather Reminders

As we move into warmer weather, please ensure your child has their water bottle, a hat and that you apply sun cream in the morning if necessary.

⁵https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance

PTA AND FUNDRAISING



Sign Up for Race Night - Friday 17th May 2024 - last chance for tickets tonight! 8pm deadline!

There have not been enough tickets sold to make this viable and if you are leaving it late then it might not happen...so get those tickets booked or this event will have to be cancelled! Race Night is always a lot of fun so get those tickets to make sure it happens. Get your entry and horse tickets by clicking here https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/ This is another joint event with the infant school so is sold from the Infant PTA Events.



PTA Events Coming Up





YEAR 5

Year 5 Ukulele Concert 14th May 2024

As I'm sure you are all aware, Year 5 have been enjoying learning to play the ukulele this year. Whilst they will still get opportunities to play it in the future, it will not be studied as a focus instrument as it has since January. I thought that it would be lovely for them to be able to put on a little Ukulele concert for you, to share some of the pieces they have been playing. This will only be short (around 15 minutes) and will take place in the afternoon during their music lesson. Whilst audiences in person are much more exciting for the children, I realise that due to work commitments, understandably, this may not be very convenient so I will record the pieces and share the links with you via email. There will be two separate concerts - one for each class determined by the time of their lesson. The concerts are on Tuesday 14th May 2024: Class 5S - 2.05pm and Class 5H - 3.05pm. Please complete the Google link by clicking here⁶ to confirm if you wish to attend. Thank you, Mrs Johnstone. (Music Lead)

Swimming

The chosen Year 5 and Year 6 children continue swimming on Monday mornings.

Parents/carers have been contacted if their child has been selected to continue the swimming programme in the summer term to embed their skills and ensure they are competent and safe in water. Lessons continue on Monday mornings from 15th April at Epsom College. Due to bank holidays, school events and availability of swimming instructors, the lessons are on the following dates: 20th May, 10th June,17th June and 24th June 2024.

⁶https://forms.gle/aTXvgSN9c5joMX6C6

YEAR 6

Test Week (SATs) Preparation

The National Tests (SATS) will start next Monday 13th May 2024. The children are well prepared and have been working hard this term to get themselves ready for the tests. We are very proud of the children and their efforts in the recent weeks. It is important that the children come prepared on Monday 13th May, with a fully equipped pencil case. This should include 2 x pencils, 2 x pens, pencil sharpener, ruler and a rubber. This will save time and help prevent any worries, by ensuring they have everything they need.

During the day, the children will have lots of support, readers will be made available (where permitted) and we can answer any questions they may have in our revision sessions beforehand. After break, we will also be providing biscuits and juice.

Please ensure your children have lots of sleep and general rest and that they do not work too hard or 'cram' revision in. If they have forgotten anything or lack confidence in an area they can use look at BBC Bitesize, which has some useful videos and tips.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbm8scw



Top Tips for a Calm Week

Please make sure your child arrives on time on Monday. If you have a problem, or your child is unwell, please call the office after 8.40am. Do not email that your child is unwell. SATS are a Government requirement and all children are expected to take the tests. In exceptional cases, some children have taken the test for that day and returned home, if they still feel unwell. A normal low level of anxiety is common.

Year 6 Friday Fun Day - Friday 17th May 2024

Just as a reminder, a fun post-test week treat is planned for the children on Friday 17th May 2024, which we are all looking forward to. Fun games and activities have been organised by Mr Sellars for Year 6 only on the top field and the PTA have kindly arranged for the ice cream van to turn up for all the children. We can't wait!

Year 6 French Trip – Important Meetings:

Wednesday 5th June 8.45am - 9.15am

Parents are asked to bring passports / EHICs or GHICS and pocket money (20euro in a named envelope) into the school hall on Wednesday 5th June between 8.45am and 9.15am. If you are unable to make this date, please give all three items to your child to bring in on the 5th June. Please do not hand these items in on any other day, as we wish to ensure the security of these valuable documents.

Please remember that passports need to be:

- Less than 10 years old
- Valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave France.

Wednesday 10th July 8.45am - 9.15am

Parents are asked to attend a medicines meeting on **Wednesday 10th July 8.45am** – **9.15am**. Further details will follow. If your child is currently on any medication (e.g. inhalers or EpiPens) or will require travel sickness tablets, you are invited to attend this meeting to hand over full instructions and spare medication for the trip.

CLUBS

Sign Up for Excellent Wrap Around Care - JAG!





Wellbeing and Safeguarding



Positive Parenting workshop





Are you worried about how they are feeling?

DECREASING DEPRESSION

FREE TALK



May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page

COMMUNITY NEWS

M25 Weekend Closure

Advance warning of part-closure of M25. Junctions 9 to 10 of the M25 will be closed both ways **9pm Friday 10 May to 6am Monday 13th May 2024**. Diversions will be in place but heavy congestion and long delays are expected in and around the area. Please only travel if your journey is essential, or choose another form of transport for your journey. Follow our channels to stay up to date with the

M25 Weekend Closure Friday 10 to Monday 13 May 2024 Junctions 9 to 10 both ways

Only travel if necessary.

Expect long delays. Diversions in place. national highways



Bourne Hall Museum



The Iron Age the end of prehistory

May 11 1pm to 2.30pm

The Iron Age lasted from 800 BC to the Roman invasion. The use of iron changed the life of folk with other advances like the potter's wheel, the lathe for woodworking, and the rotary quern for grinding grain. The population grew substantially till it exceeded one million, due to the introduction of improved varieties of barley and wheat, and increased farming of peas, beans, flax and other crops. Farming improved because the irontipped ploughshare made it possible to plough heavy clay soils. Meet some Iron Age folk and discover what it was like to live in a roundhouse.





£5 per child . Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

May Half Term and Summer Holiday Camps



8:30 am - 4:00 pm

early bird sale until midnight 2nd May - use code MAY_EB_20 at checkout

www.codecamp.co.uk/auriol





1 - https://www.epsomcollege.org.uk/whats-on/summer-camps/

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4-DAY ART COURSE £244

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 8-12

15-15 July

5-DAY CRICKET COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 10-13

15-19 July

4-DAY MULTI-SPORT COURSE £244

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 8-13

29 July - 1 August

5-DAY COMPUTING COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 8-13

29 July - 2 August

5-DAY DRAMA & STAGE MANAGEMENT COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Girls/Boys aged 8-12

29 July - 2 August

4-DAY CRICKET COURSE £244

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 10-13

5-8 August

5-DAY COMPUTING COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Girls/Boys aged 8-13

5-9 August

4-DAY FOOTBALL COURSE £244

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 8-13

6-9 August

5-DAY NETBALL COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Girls/Boys aged 8-13

12-16 August

4-DAY MULTI-SPORT COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 8-13

19-22 August

5-DAY TENNIS COURSE £305

10am - 4pm • Boys/Girls aged 8-13

19-22 August

All prices include daily breaktime drinks, snacks and hot /cold lunches

Book Online: www.epsomcollege.org.uk Tel: 01372 821062
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Girls Rugby in Epsom

Hear from Sutton & Epsom Chair of Girls Rugby about exciting initiatives to participate in girls rugby in Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club! They are excited to invite new female players aged 5-18 to join our girls' rugby club! Whether you're a beginner, seasoned player, or returning to the sport, they'd love to have you! Contact them at suttsgirlsrugby@gmail.com7. @ #RugbyForGirls #JoinTheTeam







Michael Snaith Sutton & Epsom Rugby Club https://www.suttonrugby.co.uk Chair Sutton & Epsom Youth Girls Email: michael@metso.net Mobile: 07766570181

I'm Michael Snaith, Chair of Sutton & Epsom Youth Girls Rugby for school years 7-13. I'm committed to introducing rugby to young women across Surrey, as it provides a balanced education and helps build essential life skills. From my experience, including watching my own daughter thrive in rugby, I've seen firsthand the friendships and opportunities it creates.

<u>Our Goal</u>: To promote rugby's benefits in nurturing growth and ensuring the vitality of our women's and girls' sections.

Introducing our 2024/25 coaching structure

Senior Girls Rugby (U16 & U18): Jim Seeley (Head of Senior Girls Rugby), with his coaching team of Hannah Thompson, Hope Dear, Marinus Ferreira & Alice Clarke, plus Team managers Chris Townsin &

Junior Girls Rugby (U12 & U14): Patrick Hickman (Head of Junior Girls Rugby), with his coaching team of Abby Brassey, Jayne Meadows & Chloe Seeley, plus joint Team Manager Bernice Hickman.

Benefits of Rugby at Sutton & Epsom for Women & Girls:

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 Competitive yet nurturing environment at one of the country's oldest rugby clubs.
 Teams for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced players.
 Guidance from qualified coaches focusing on welfare, culture, and fitness.
 Women's teams competing at Championship I and NC2 South East leagues, to ensure appropriate playing and development opportunities into adulthood for all players.

- Current and Future Plans:

 We are working on a number of exciting Collaborations for the 24/25 season to ensure robust teams and development programs are in place at U12, U14, and U16 levels.

 Growth of U18's Academy benefitting from established coaching & playing links into Ladies
- system

 Enhanced women and girls' pathways from Mini's Rugby through to Senior Rugby

 Girls Rugby Focus events throughout the season, bringing all girls at the club together.

 Player mentoring initiatives.

 Duke of Edinburgh, GCSE Sports, Coaching and Referee courses, and other award initiatives

⁷mailto:suttsgirlsrugby@gmail.com

Incentives & Events:

Refer a Friend: Claim a £25 Amazon voucher for new members joining our junior girls' squads U12-U16 (up to 40 vouchers available).

Sponsored First year Membership: Subsidised free membership for any new girls joining our U12, U14, or U16 teams.

Meet a Red Rose: Come and be coached by former S&E player and Red Rose, Claudia MacDonald

Dedicated Training Nights: Every Wednesday is Women's and Girls' only rugby night at Rugby Lane, and additionally training is available on Tuesday evenings for those progressing on our women's nathway.

Annual Inter-schools Tournament: Scheduled for 22nd May 2024 at S&E, Rugby for years 5-8. Please encourage your schools to participate.

Active Surrey Youth Games Leadership 2024: Participation in Year 5-8 girls Touch Rugby We have over 20+ players already registered but space for many more. It's free to join and you get free coaching throughout the summer.

Expert Coaching: Our coaching teams are RFU qualified, and some are current S&E Women's players. Our coaches are DBS checked and the club sponsors further learning with in house and RFU courses.

Summer Camp: Our S&E Summer Camp is 19th to 24th August.

Our focus is enjoyment, developing core skills throughout the season and playing Heads Up Rugby with the help and assistance of a broader specialist coaching team.

Mark Asten (Head of Girls Transition) also Head coach for our U22 team, and part of our Women's coaching team. Mark will work with coaches to ensure retention of our girls through the transition process into adult rugby.

We also have specialist coaches to call on; Forwards development - Gareth Thomas and Joe Dilieto, Backs Development, Fitness and Conditioning- Luca & Ryan Shaw. Plus, other guest coaches.

We want to actively grow our team of volunteers and are on the lookout for more support for our junior girls' section, **especially more mums!** If you are interested in being part of this exciting chapter, please get in touch to enquire about opportunities.

Your feedback and participation are crucial as without the buy in of all our members we will not succeed. For any questions, ideas, or concerns, feel free to email me at suttsgirls:sugby@gmail.com

Thank you for your support. We aim to keep girls' and women's rugby at the core of our club.

Kind regards,

Michael Snaith, Chair, Youth Girls Rugby

Other Local Sports





Alexandra Open 2024

When: Saturday 18th May & Sunday 19th May

Where: Alexandra Recreation Ground tennis courts, Epsom, KT17 4BW

Categories: Mixed U12s, Mixed U18s, Mixed Adult singles, Adult doubles (format and time to be finalised based on number of entries)

Light refreshments for players and tournament volunteers / referees will be provided by Park View Café

Tournament organised and run by Callum Macarty

Entry Fee: £15 per person for one category entered, £20 for 2 categories entered

Register via email to info@myparkviewcafe.com or in person at the Café. Registration closes on 10th May 2024 and full payment is required at the time of registration to secure place. Payment via bank transfer to Park View Cafe, A/C 22008858, S/C



For 7-11 year olds Local to you, after Easter Sign-up from 1st March onwards

place - scan the

- Join with friends!
- Dance, Girls Touch Rugby, Judo, Tennis, Boccia
- Friendly, supportive coaches Everyone's a beginner
- code bit.lv/42KH8tR Make new mates local to you



"It's fun, its free and there's loads and loads of activities you can do" - Lara

"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent





