



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



DATES

- **Monday 4th March 2024**
 - Selected Year 5 and 6 Swimming
 - Book Week - Don't forget shoe box, reading book and comfy reading things
- **Tuesday 5th March 2024** - Audition for Year 5 Music Assembly (during Music Lesson)
- **Wednesday 6th March 2024** - Netball tournament v St Clements and Meadows 3.30 for 3.40 start and due to finish at 5.30pm
- **Thursday 7th March 2024**
 - World Book Day Dressing Up (Book Characters)
 - Football Match - At home versus Meadow 3.30pm for 3.40pm kick off.
- **Friday 8th March 2024** - Mother's Day/Special Person Day

[Click Here¹](#) for Upcoming Events

[Click here²](#) for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE

Thanks to Governors: My thanks go to governors Mrs Jane Clayton, Mr Chay Champness and Mr Christian Kingsley who visited the school at the end of last half term to look at computing, PE and games. They had a fruitful visit, met with the subject lead Miss Day and had the opportunity to see computing lessons and games in action around the school. The governors have a very active and significant role in a maintained school like ours, as they are seeking assurance of the quality of teaching and learning and seeing first hand if the planning and development plans are actually happening within school. This is a voluntary role and so my thanks to them for taking time out to fulfil the governance role. The feedback was constructive and positive and a report is always written following a governor visit. Thanks also to governor Mr Lawrence Matthews who came in to school to inspect the single central record - this is a critical part of school safeguarding and recruitment and vital for the safe functioning of a school.

New Teaching Assistant Staff: Very positive response to our appeal for people interested in joining our team of teaching assistants. We have appointed one and are still looking for more to ensure training and development ahead of support the children arriving in September - so if you feel you would enjoy being teaching support within our incredible team please go to the website and click on <https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

Transition Day: This is a special day for the many of the Year 6 and the new Year 3 due in September. It is Tuesday 2nd July 2024. Glyn and Rosebery School has their induction that day and so most Year 6 will be out. Those children with a different transition day will be expected to come to school as usual (awaiting their particular school's induction day some time in the summer term). We will be welcoming our new Year 3 and parents of the new Year 3 are welcome to come into school at 10am

¹<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events>

²<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar>

for the start of the day. More details will be sent out nearer the time. Keep the date in your diary for now. All transition days are authorised absence so it will not affect your child's attendance record.

Head Teacher Awards: Congratulations to all those who have received a Head Teacher Award this month. They are listed here. Children are sent for a Head Teacher Award for particularly impressive pieces of work or for making a very special effort with a task. I have seen some incredibly creative and excellent topic tasks and some wonderful persuasive writing this month.

**Head Teacher's awards
February 2024**

Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6	
Alma C	Ahmed Z	Freddie B
Amelia P	Alejandra N	Jayden E
Annabelle H	Alexandra S	John S
Annelise F	Amelia D	Maia S
Chester C	Arjun N	Mia T
Darcie R	Arlo O	Naomi W
Edward P	Betty O	Otis B
Edward Y	Celine P	Rosha S
Grace E	Ciaran Y	Sam P
Hudson S	Connor H	Vivaan M
Hugh D	Daniel W	William R
James M	Ella V	Woody M
Mia G	Ethan S	Yiu Yiu C
Nila H		Zach W
Sara L		
Teddy C		

THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week and Believe Award Winners

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1763542625536156123>

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1763542181480890699>

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1763541734263292311>

Year 6 Music Assembly - Tuesday 27th February 2024



Well done to all the amazing Year 6 musicians who performed in front of the whole school and their parents on Tuesday 27th February 2024. Below is a sample of some of the tweets from the performance.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1762517913758548044>

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1762517525311471910>

Police Talk: Phones and WhatsApp - 29th February 2024

This week, on 29th February 2024, we were delighted to welcome police for an educational visit to Wallace Fields Junior School to talk about the role of police and the use of mobile phones and WhatsApp. Thank you for your patience with the live link which had technical issues. We should be able to publish the PowerPoint on our website shortly. It made some very serious points about the dangers of age inappropriate apps and the issues around them.

The police talked to the whole school about the role of the police, then they had the opportunity to talk directly to Year 6 and the end of the day concluded with a talk to parents. This parent talk was well attended and reinforced the messages to parents about allowing young people to have a phone, warnings about checking what their children are doing on their phones and how it actually makes the walk home less safe, not more safe, as they are called to regular muggings at secondary schools incited by mobile phone ownership. The police also covered the critical decisions such as taking responsibility for your child's devices and if a phone is given, how to explore the very real dangers of grooming, abuse, misuse and bullying via the mobile phone. Legal responsibility and illegal use of mobiles was also covered. Feedback from parents was extremely positive and some children and parents were shocked to learn about the dangers that come with owning a mobile phone.

Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme : 26th February 2024

As part of their work in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) in the Spring Term, Year 6 took part in a Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand on Monday 26th February 2024. In partnership with the Police, Fire Brigade, Thames Water and other public services, pupils learnt about personal safety relevant to their transition to secondary school and covering important aspects of responsibility and independence. Moving between a number of bases, talks and exhibition pieces it all came together to be an informative and helpful learning experience. The whole of Year 6 behaved extremely well also. A great experience all round. PSHE has now been rebranded as 'Life Lessons' at Wallace Fields Junior School however it remains PSHE in the National Curriculum.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Remember to Sign Up for Mother's Day / Special Person Gift



*Mother's & Special
Person Day*

On Friday 8th March
the children will be
celebrating Mothers /
Special Person Day.

Children will be given a
special gift to bring
home.

Please make a payment
of £3 per child in
advance to:

[pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta)

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Thursday 7th March is Book Character Dress Up Day !

On Thursday 7th March 2024 we will have a Book Character Day where all the children and staff shall dress up as a book character.

It is a day for dressing up as a personal favourite character for a book – for example: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Alice in Wonderland, Gangsta Granny, Pippi Longstocking, Voldemort, Cat in the Hat, Peter Pan, Fantastic Mr Fox, The BFG, Angelina Ballerina, Mr Bump, Paddington Bear, Burglar Bill, the witch from Room on the Broom, Billionaire Boy, The Boy in a Dress, Thing 1 (or Thing 2), The Highway Rat, The Gruffalo, Aslan or the Snow Queen (Chronicles of Narnia) etc.

We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes. Make props and masks – use your creative genius to think of new and innovative characters you have read about! It is not a football kit day or mufti day – book characters only please. **If unsure, school uniform can be worn.**

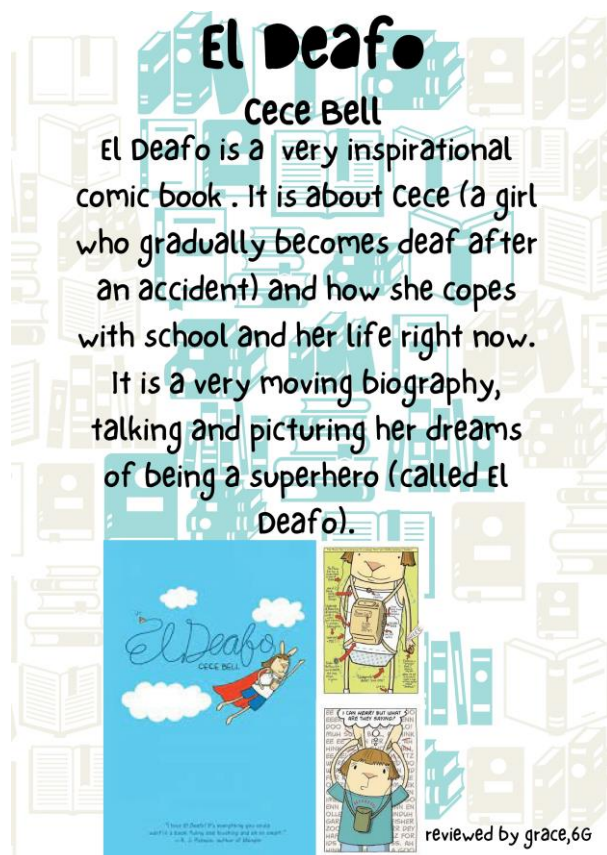
Children on a PE day should wear trainers and loose clothing as part of their outfit to accommodate the PE lessons.

Book Week - Don't Forget Book and Cosy Reading Things

Wallace Fields Junior School is holding **Book Week** during week **starting Monday 4th March 2024**. The purpose of our Book Week is to encourage children to pick up a book and read! We are planning lots of opportunities for cosy reading and visits to the library. The Theme is '**Read what you like**' - meaning choose books that you like to read! So please encourage your child to bring in a book they love that they can enjoy reading all week. Children are welcome to bring in pillows, blankets or onesies (over uniform) for cosy reading (please ensure they are named).

Book Reviews by School Librarians

During Book Week we are launching a new way to inspire more readers. In the library there is a post box and any pupils can post a slip into the box to nominate their favourite book. Each week the school librarians will be reviewing three books from these suggestions. This week they have reviewed "El Deafo" by Cece Bell, "Wings of Fire" Series by Tui T. Sutherland and "Sky Song" by Abi Elphinstone.





I have chosen this book

because it is a new world that you can get lost in. So many twists and turns and you never know what is around the corner. It is an adventure at your fingertips.

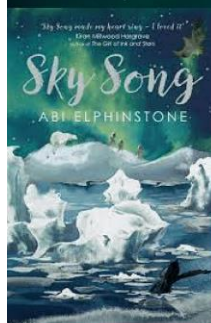
Sacrifices, escapes and captures - this book series has it all.

The characters are so differently brilliant. I would 100% recommend this book.

reviewed by Sylvie, 6G



Sky Song is a magical adventure story with a determined, strong girl. C.S. Lewis claims that Sky Song will whisk you away into an enchanting fantasy world. I recommend this book as it is motivational and features many animals and includes some magical creatures.



It is set in the snowy kingdom of Erkenwald where whales glide between icebergs, wolves hunt on the tundra and polar bears roam the glaciers

reviewed by amelia, 6C



Please Come In To Share Your Favourite Book

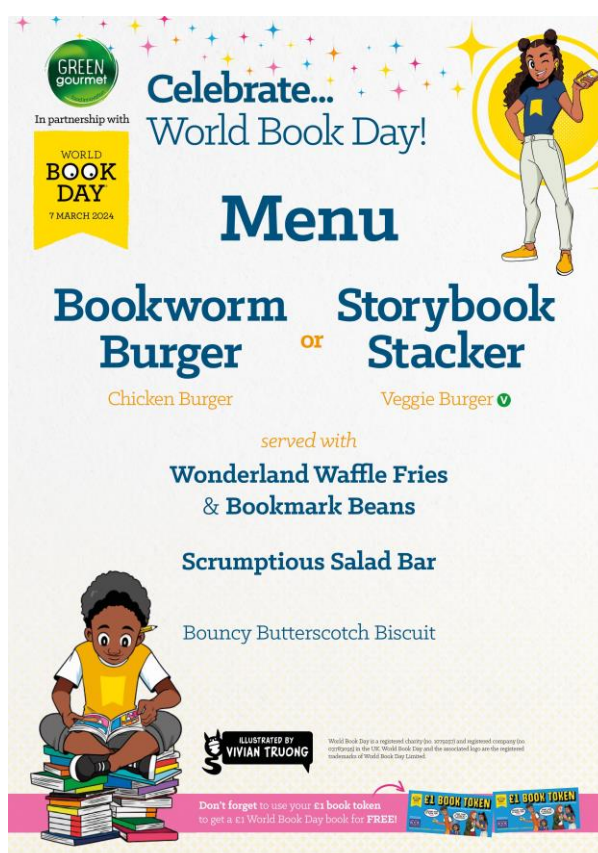
We would like to **invite you to come into school one afternoon and share a favourite book** (current or a childhood favourite) with a class for 10 - 15 minutes. Also, if you have a job as a writer, illustrator, publisher etc., please come and share that with us. Parents, Grandparents, Siblings or other relatives are welcome. If you would like to come into read then please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk³

Bring in Shoe Box For Book Week Craft

Please can **all children bring in a shoe box or similar size cardboard box** by 4th March 2024 for a competition during Book Week. Thank you.

Book Week Themed Menu on Thursday 7th March 2024

On Thursday 7th March 2024 Emma Rodford and her crew of Twelve15 (the lunch providers) will be doing a **Book Week themed menu**. Please see below.



Parent / Teacher Meetings - Keep the Date

Please make a note in your diary about the Parent /Teacher Meetings and a letter will be sent out shortly with how to book your appointment slot.

- **Monday 25th March 2024** - Parent / Teacher Meetings Evening **Face to Face**
- **Tuesday 26th March 2024** - Parent / Teacher Meetings **Virtual** (Online)

³<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

Easter Art Competition

Create your own egg using any medium that you would like. You can use clay, sew your egg or make it out of paper, cardboard etc. It can be 3D. Deadline is 13th March. Prizes per year group. Winners to be announced on 15th March. Please pay £1 entry fee via PTA events. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/>⁴ Competition prizes were kindly donated by Dentons catering equipment.

Below are some examples of last year's winning entries for the Easter Egg craft competition.



COMPETITION
Easter
EGG

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pta-events.co.uk

**COMPETITION PRIZES
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British Science Week (w/c 11th March)

This year we will once again be hosting a **scientific photography competition** to celebrate British Science Week on the week commencing 11th March 2024. Ideas for photos can be found using the

⁴<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&>

following link, but we encourage the children to try to be original: <https://www.st-peters-sittingbourne.co.uk/entries-1/>

The photos will be celebrated by the school and have their entries displayed for all to see in the main hall. **This year's British Science Week theme is: Time. 2024** The children could use this as inspiration for their own photo or choose something entirely different; the choice is theirs! If your child would like to take part, they can upload their photo; a brief description of the science seen; and their name and year group. Each class will have a Google Classroom assignment that has been created (this will appear online on Monday 11th March).

The deadline for entries will be: Monday 18th March 2024.

YEAR 3

Butser Ancient Farm Visit on Thursday 21st March 2024

On **Thursday 21st March 2024** Year 3 will be visiting **Butser Ancient Farm**, Hampshire, to enhance their topic work in the classroom and discover more about the Iron Age.

Butser Ancient Farm is a unique archaeological reconstruction of ancient buildings and a farm. The children will take part in activities such as archaeological excavation, jewellery making and chalk carving.

To cover the cost we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£32 per child**, which can be paid via the Scopay website. The cost covers the coach and entry to Butser farm. If you have problems or wish to pay in smaller instalments please contact the school office on 020 8393 0350. We will treat payment as permission to take part in the trip. Thank you.

Thank you to the parents who kindly agreed to help on the trip and two were picked out of a hat and have been invited to come along.

We do hope to share **photos of the trip** on X (formerly Twitter), on our website and in the newsletter. If your child currently does not have permission to have their photograph shared but you would like to change this; please contact the School Office by emailing Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁵

Year 3 Design and Technology Week

On the week commencing the 18th March 2024, Year 3 will be making fruit salads as part of their D & T week! You will be sent a letter in advanced, explaining the details and equipment/ingredients children will need to bring in.

Year 3 Cosy Reading

Next week, it is Book Week! All the children will be taking part in a variety of book related and story writing activities to share and celebrate different books. On Thursday 7th March, Year 3 will be participating in cosy reading and therefore if the children would like to bring in pillows or blankets, they are more than welcome to.

⁵<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

YEAR 4

Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip - 7th May to 8th May 2024

The final instalment of £75 is due by 15th March 2024 for the Year 4 trip to Ufton Court residential trip.

YEAR 5

Year 5 PGL Marchants Hill - 7th May to 10th May 2024

The Final instalment of £110 for the Year 5 trip to PGL Marchants Hill is due by 1st March 2024

Year 5 Music Assembly Auditions Tuesday 5th March 2024

If your child would like to take part in the music assembly, auditions are taking place during the Year 5 music lessons on **Tuesday 5th March 2024**. Please ensure your child brings their instrument and music on this day ready to perform. Parents of children selected to perform will receive an email.

Year 5 Music Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 12th March 1.15pm** and parents of performers are invited to attend.

Swimming

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

There are three more sessions left before Easter break

- **4th March**
- **11th March and**
- **18th March 2024**

Playhouse Choir Festival

All Year 5 & 6 choir parents should now know which day your choir member is taking part in the Choir Festival. Remember to buy your tickets for the event from the Epsom Playhouse website by clicking [here](#)⁶. Tickets are now on sale and often sell out very quickly, so do not delay!

YEAR 6

Year 6 French Residential Trip - Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July 2024

Reminder to Year 6 parents /carers of the dates when money is due for the French residential trip.

- 3rd instalment of £120 due by 25th March 2024
- 4th instalment of £120 due by 10th June 2024

⁶<https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/shows/epsom-ewell-schools-music-festival>

PTA AND FUNDRAISING

WFJS PTA
1st March 2024

Get all tickets here
www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta

**MOTHERS & SPECIAL PERSONS DAY**
Friday 8th March
Mother's Day gift shop is now available online via PTA Events
www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta

**Easter Egg Art Competition!**
Create an artistic Easter Egg from any material.
Deadline: 13th March
£1.00 entry fee

**CIRCUS!**
Thursday 25th April
Volunteer slots are live on the Infants booking site - pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta
Sign up to help us with a task to get access to priority booking tickets!

**World Book Day**
Thursday 7th March
Dress as a character from your favourite book.
We hope the children enjoy this celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading.

**3 WEEKS TO GO!**

COMEDY NIGHT!
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH DOORS 19:30
JUST A FEW WEEKS LEFT BEFORE THE COMEDY CLUBS CLASS ACTS ARE GIVING US SOME LAUGHS TO REMEMBER!
FIRST DRINK IS ON US!



PROJECT OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
This week, the PTA have a site visit with the fab company who are going to install our brand new outdoor classroom which can seat up to 50 children!


GARDENING CLUB
Gardening Club started up this week thanks to the brilliant Cathy Dodd and Kelly Xuereb. We are super excited to see the donations from our Garsons Farm partnership grow and lead us into the springtime!


GET IN TOUCH: Got an idea or want to get involved? Drop us a line
 wfjspta@gmail.com  facebook.com/groups/wfjsp

Comic Relief Red Nose or Hair Accessory for £2 Donation



PTA Comedy Night

Wallace Fields Junior School welcomes the return of the infamous Comedy Night. This is a popular event and an excellent selection of circuit comedians who will be bringing the mirth along for a fun evening (adults only). Bring your sense of humour and get ready to laugh. Funniest tickets in-town are now available to book via pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta⁷

Doors open at 7:30pm on **Friday 15th March 2024** First drink and bar snacks included.

WFJS PTA.

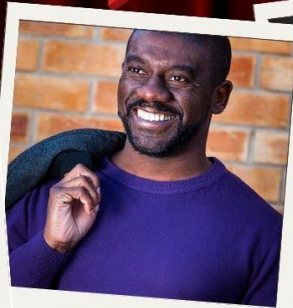
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WALLACE FIELDS
JUNIOR SCHOOL
PTA PRESENTS

COMEDY NIGHT



ABI CARTER SIMPSON



GERRY K



MIKE MCLEAN

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
DOORS OPEN AT 19:30

**£20 TICKET INCLUDES YOUR
FIRST DRINK & BAR SNACKS
ADULTS ONLY**



**GET YOUR TICKETS AT:
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PTA SPRING / SUMMER PROJECT

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Giving our children more space to learn.

Working together we can create great things! By simply supporting our events we can afford to make a big difference to the playground this year.

Every contribution helps!

Our aim with your support is to install an outdoor classroom by the Summer term 2024.

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK



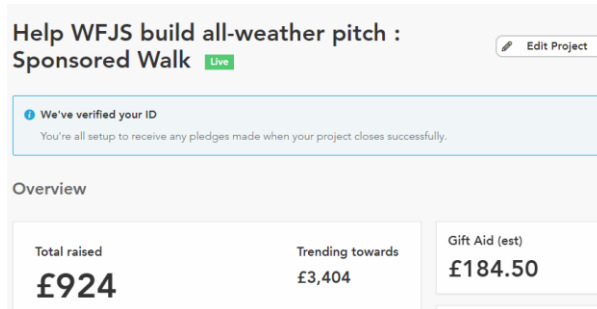
Sponsored Walk Funding Update

A huge thanks to everyone who donated for the sponsored walk. All year groups achieved their goals - and some walked even further! Once again Wallace Fields' children have raised **£1,108.50** for the All weather Pitch- taking the pot to around £28,000! This is amazing. Individual donators have been thanked.

If you have not managed to put your sponsorship in the pot- there are 13 days left until the Crowdfunder page closes.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk>

Our next fundraiser will be launched in the Summer term.



Reminders and News

Items Needed - Socks, Tights and Board Games

Socks, tights and pants: We would really appreciate some second hand clean socks, tights and pants of all sizes from Age 7 years to 11 year olds for spares to keep in the school office. Some school shoes in good condition may also be useful for spares in school too. They are useful for when children get wet feet or have accidents.

Games for Wet Play: We are looking for complete sets of age appropriate games, sit down activities and sets of cards for wet play. Board games and card games would be fantastic including Top Trumps and Uno. Mrs White is looking to refresh the wet play boxes for each year group.

Thank You for Kind Book Donations

Thank you to all the kind parents who have donated books to the School Library. Much appreciated. If you ever have a clear-out in the future or a spring clean - please consider donating the books to us here at school before taking them to the charity shop thank you!

Gardening Club Update

Thank you to Sutton Seeds who donated lots of seeds for the children to plant. The Gardening Club children all went home on Tuesday 27th February with a pot containing some sweet pea seeds to nurture at home for planting later in the school gardens.

We would love a cold frame to plant our seeds? Would anyone be able to donate one or build one for us? Please contact the School Office and we will put you in touch with the Gardening Club Manager Mrs Dodd.



French Homework

The optional Linguascope practice for this week is as follows:

- **Year 3:** Linguascope Elementary/Nombres 1-31
- **Year 4:** Linguascope Beginners/Moi et ma famille/Les Traits de personnalité
- **Year 5:** Linguascope Beginners/Moi et ma famille/Les vêtements 1 and 2
- **Year 6:** Linguascope Beginners/Les légumes, or for more challenging practice, scroll down to “Construction de phrases” and choose some exercises there!



Junior Adventures Group

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Fun packed multi-activity clubs for every child!

- ✓ A BIG DOSE OF FUN BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY
- ✓ MAKE NEW FRIENDS ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS
- ✓ DELIVERED BY A TEAM OF EXPERTLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS
- ✓ KEEP ACTIVE AND IMPROVE WELLBEING
- ✓ EXPLORE CREATIVITY AND A RANGE OF INTERESTS
- ✓ HEALTHY BREAKFAST & NUTRITIOUS AFTER SCHOOL SNACK AVAILABLE EACH DAY

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Wellbeing and Safeguarding



BRING IT TOGETHER

Come and join our friendly group for a coffee, cake and a chat.
Little ones welcome.
Meet other parents with SEN children for some helpful tips, tricks and support.

Starting back from 9th January
Tuesday Afternoons at Ewell Family centre
1.30pm – 2.30pm

LET'S SUPPORT EACH OTHER
BY BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER!

Contact cc.office@ewellfamilycentre.com or 0208 337 7310 for inquiries

HOME START Epsom, Ewell & Banstead, SURREY logos



4-Week Family Links Parenting Programme with Home Start



Do you feel you are always nagging, and no one is listening? Is there more anger and tears, than fun and laughter? Home Start will be holding a Positive Parenting workshop based on the Parenting Puzzle 10-week programme. This 4-week workshop introduces positive strategies to guide and teach children, using praise, encouragement, and empathy, to build self-esteem, confidence, and cooperation. It helps you deal with the challenges of parenting so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

Booking is essential. Please call 020 8337 7310 Option 1

or Email: cc.office@ewellfamilycentre.com

When? Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00, 27th February – 19th March 2024

Where? Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, West Ewell, KT19 0JP



Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Fake News



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Don't believe everything you see online!

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipseed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



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www.skipssafetynet.org

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are EXPERIENCING BULLYING

In a DfE survey, 36% of parents said that their child had been bullied in the past year, while 29% of secondary school headteachers reported bullying among students. Public Health England states that young people who maintain positive communication with their family were less likely to experience bullying – so it's important that parents, carers and educators know how to talk to children about bullying.

- 1. WATCH FOR BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES**

Children who are experiencing bullying may become quiet, withdrawn, or anxious; however, they may also act on the pain and anger that they're feeling. A shift in attitude towards their existing friends (or not mentioning them any more at all) or sullying to new friendships which seem notably different could also be warning signs. It's important to be alert to such changes and talk to your child about them if they occur.
- 2. THINK THINGS THROUGH**

Before acting, ask yourself if this is the right time and place to address concerns about bullying. Might your worries trigger strong feelings – perhaps from your own experiences – that could discourage your child from opening up to you? You could try discussing what you've noticed with another trusted adult who knows your child well.
- 3. BE OPEN AND UNDERSTANDING**

Try to outline to your child the changes that you've noticed in their body language, appearance, behaviour, or tone of voice – and do so without sounding judgemental. Help them to describe what they're feeling – be it anger, sadness, fear or something else – as accurately as possible. If they say they're "angry", do they mean "enraged" or "frustrated"? This will help them to understand how they're feeling and why.
- 4. LET THEM SPEAK FREELY**

Use open questions and a welcoming tone to encourage your child to talk. Listen closely and summarise what they've said at appropriate points (ideally without interrupting) to demonstrate that you're understanding clearly. Bullying may have undermined your child's sense of control, and they may fear that you'll judge them, overreact or impose consequences – so this conversation can reassure them being honest with you was the right decision.
- 5. CALL A TIME OUT**

A conversation about bullying could leave both you and your child feeling distressed. It's important to recognise this and pause at suitable moments to calm down. Take deep breaths, enjoy a hot drink or even have a cathartic cry. This can reinforce trust, while also helping you both feel that you have control over the situation and the emotions that you're feeling.
- 6. STAY INFORMED**

Make sure you know your child's school's definition of, response to and relevant contacts for bullying. This information should be in their anti-bullying policy, which ought to be available on the school's website. Class teachers or form tutors are usually the first point of contact, though there may be dedicated support teams or key workers to help your child, depending on the specific situation.
- 7. PREP YOUR CHILD FOR THE RESPONSE**

Schools' responses to bullying vary depending on whether they're resolving disagreements and arguments, or addressing unintended verbal or physical harm and so on. It's important to work out with your child whether any harm was intentional, how much control they had over the situation and how often such incidents have occurred. Reporting concerns accurately will get the best outcome for your child more quickly.
- 8. SUMMARISE YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE**

When you contact the school, make sure you've precisely described what your child experienced: what happened; when, where; and who was involved. This will help the school to investigate further, identifying any witnesses, as well as those who were directly involved. It can also help the school to know how your child is feeling and how they'd like the matter to be resolved.
- 9. LIAISE WITH THE SCHOOL**

Any school has a duty to ensure that the members of its community feel safe and included. It's important for children to learn their role in this. The school must determine how best to restore these feelings of safety and respect. It's often best for schools to keep parents and carers informed of any action taken – and for families to avoid taking matters into their own hands.
- 10. CHECK IN FREQUENTLY**

Once the issue has been resolved and the bullying behaviour has stopped, your child may still feel anxious and might find it difficult to rebuild relationships or develop new ones. Parents, carers and the school should all keep an eye on how the child is feeling and acting over the following months. Any relevant information should be shared, so that further support can be planned if necessary.

Meet Our Expert

Bob Basley is the Director of Anti-Bullying Quality Mark-UK, which challenges and supports schools to develop sustainable whole-school approaches to prevent bullying, including working with parents and carers. More than 80 schools in England and Wales currently hold the quality mark.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Well Done Mia - Dancing at Epsom Playhouse

Mia would like me to write in to share her dance achievement from over the weekend. Mia took part in a show called 'Our Planet' held by her Dance company Ambition Dance at Epsom Playhouse. Mia took part in 2 performances of Tap and Modern. She felt extremely proud of herself to get onto the stage in front of a full audience.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Myths, gods and monsters

Saturday March 9

1pm to 2.30pm

Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive



Think myths, gods and monsters are things of the past,? Learn how they pop up everywhere from brand names to days of the week. We look at cosmic turtles, the Norse gods, and the Odyssey, with storytelling and poems from all over the world. You can take part in the popular World Cup of Mythological Monsters, and choose the victor of several rounds of monster fights. It's a fun way to learn about the origins and evolution of legendary dragons, yetis, gorgons, the sphinx, the minotaur and the bunyip, a creature originally from Australian Aboriginal mythology but now part of Australian culture.

£5 per child. Contact:
David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum,
Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF
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Email
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The Worst Jobs at Sea April 13 1pm to 2.30pm



Discover the worst jobs at sea, including the roles of the Scrubber, the Cook, the Powder Monkey and the Surgeon. Can you escape to become a Navigator? We look at the equipment they used, as well as the Boatswain and Carpenter. We have objects for each and willing volunteers can demonstrate each job. We go aboard the Nonsuch galleon, She was built by Queen Mary in 1555 as the *Philip and Mary*, renamed *Nonpareil* in 1584, and commanded by Sir Francis Drake in 1588. In June 1602 the English fleet with the *Nonpareil* defeated a Spanish galley fleet, taking a ship loaded with treasure valued at over a million ducats. In 1603 she was renamed *Nonsuch*, rebuilt as a great ship of 454 tons carrying 32 guns.

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Easter walks and talks

**Ewell History walks April 4 10am to 12pm
and April 10 1pm to 3pm**

Peel back time and discover Ewell's hidden past and unseen history with a guided walk around the village. A settlement since pre-historic times, Ewell has a rich history concealed beneath the modern village. Visit Bourne Hall's sacred lake where Bronze, Iron Age and Roman folk made offerings to ancient gods. Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street and hear about their sacred shafts. Discover the village's Saxon cemetery and its lost church. Relive the terror of exploding gunpowder mills and hear the area's connections with Saxon Kings, Queen Elizabeth I and William IV. Meet at the entrance to Bourne Hall



£5 per person. Limited to 20 persons
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Epsom and Ewell history talk on WW2

Wednesday 3 April 11am to 12.30pm

The Borough suffered heavily in World War 2 and from 1940 to 1944, 890 alerts were sounded, 384 people were injured by enemy action and 33 killed. There were more than 200 incidents with 12,234 houses slightly damaged, 413 devastated and 192 destroyed, while thousands of incendiary and anti-personnel bombs were dropped with 440 high explosives, 64 oil and 30 flying bombs falling on the Borough.



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Roman Ewell History talk

Thursday 11 April 2pm to 3.30pm

The Romans are coming, building that newfangled thing called a road through the area, and changing a way of life forever. Discover what life was like in Roman Ewell, find out. Discover how people learnt to live with Roman power as a small native village became a busy roadside town. Learn how the building of a road brought a new world of ideas, food, pottery, trade, and strangers to the area and gave locals a chance to see the world. Learn something of their beliefs. Hear tales of the Roman underworld, sacred springs and sacrifices sealing deep sacred shafts full of gifts to the gods. Learn about what was uncovered during a recent dig, even more strange than earlier discoveries!



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Route 406 heritage day Sunday 9 June 2024

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FREE

- Kingston, Cromwell Road ➡
- Surbiton Hill
- Tolworth Broadway and station ➡
- Ewell Village
- Epsom town centre
- Tattenham Corner
- Tadworth ➡
- Reigate ➡
- Redhill bus station ➡

We will be running buses from the 1940s to the 1990s from about 09:00 to 17:00, which will be joined by other buses from private owners. It's completely free and you can ride with us all day.

This special service is not part of Transport for London but will run alongside the regular TfL route 406 on which normal fares apply.

Come for a ride on heritage buses through Kingston, Ewell, Epsom, Reigate and Redhill as part of our programme of bringing buses out of the Museum to run again in and around London



Please support our volunteers by visiting the London Bus Museum. We are open Daily and located within the Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey. Londonbusmuseum.com

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Community Tree Planting at Langley Vale Wood - Saturday 23rd March, 10.30am - 1pm.

Drop in and help us plant new trees at Langley Vale Wood to expand this natural haven.

Get outdoors and grab a spade to help us plant trees at Langley Vale Wood in Surrey.

We've planted over 100,000 trees at Langley Vale Wood since acquiring the site back in 2014. 10 years on, we aim to plant a smaller number of new trees, but we still need your help!

Tree planting is a great opportunity to get outdoors, work with others and take action against climate change and biodiversity loss in your local area. So, whether you've joined us before or this is your first time tree planting, we would love to have you with us.

For more information click here⁹.

This is a free event but booking in advance via Eventbrite¹⁰ is essential.

Surrey County Council - Free Adult Learning Courses



FAMILY LEARNING

Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

 ...or scan here

 surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.


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All of the Free adult learning courses can be found on the Surrey County Council website by clicking below.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/search?keyword=parenting>

⁹<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/events/tree-planting-at-langley-vale-wood/#:~:text=Date%3ASaturday%2023%20March%2C%2010.30,Ashted%2CEpsom%2CKT18%206BZ.>

¹⁰<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tree-planting-day-at-langley-vale-wood-tickets-826853409807?aff=oddtcreator>

Free Monthly Cyber Security Webinars



Protect Officer for Surrey and Sussex Police Cyber Crime Unit offers webinars to empower you with knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.

Our March sessions are almost fully booked but we have availability in April so please act fast if you would like to join us for the below sessions.

General Cyber Security and Online Fraud Awareness – For those already somewhat comfortable using technology. This session will cover everything you need to know to massively reduce your chance of becoming a victim and also empower you with knowledge to help the ones you love and care for. 📱

Gentle Learning Version – This session covers the topics above but in a slower paced and more accessible format for people less confident with technology. 📱

Safeguarding Humanity: The risks of AI (Artificial Intelligence) – AI has taken the world by storm and introduces many benefits as well as highly sophisticated methods of Fraud and Cyber Crime. This shorter yet cutting edge talk will empower you to use AI tools safely whilst also making yourself and your family resilient to AI generated scams. 📱

You can see and register for upcoming webinars here: [Online Safety and Cyber Security Webinars | Eventbrite](#)¹¹

¹¹<https://s-url.co/DnIOAA>