

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

7th June 2024



DATES

- Tuesday 11th June 2024 Happy Bags Collection
- Thursday 13th June 2024 Red House Mufti
- Friday 14th June 2024 Father's Day / Special Person's Day

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HEAD'S UPDATE

E = Every Pupil Matters - Pupil Voice

One of the themes that runs very clearly across the whole school is that of pupil voice. This is about giving the children opportunity to express opinions, ideas and viewpoints. We do many things within school to ensure that we are listening to the children and we are responding to their thoughts and experiences. At the end of a topic or key experience the children are asked to complete a pupil voice survey. For example the children are due to complete a survey on computing. The School Council also meet every month to report back ideas from class and discuss ideas proposed by their peers. This level of pupil voice was complimented very highly in our last inspection and continues every year.

Congratulations to Miss Sarjeant!

The B in BELIEVE is for Brilliance and Miss Sarjeant is brilliant! Many congratulations to our Year 5 teacher Miss Sarjeant (5S) who completed the London to Brighton Ultra walk over 36hours - with very few breaks, several blisters and enough stop off points to get through. Thanks to all those who supported her and donated to her JustGiving page including friends, colleagues, school families and her own family. Miss Sarjeant has managed to raise £2180 for Cancer Research and we are all very proud of her achievement.

Have Your Contact Details Changed Recently?

Please contact the office if your contact details have changed this is **extremely important** to ensure we are able to contact you in an emergency. Email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk³ with your updated contact details. Thank you

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Excited About the New Outdoor Classroom.

The outdoor classroom was delayed in completion however it is almost finished now. The children have enjoyed watching it progress. The rules and rota of its use have not been established so we will utilise it as often as possible and organise the formal bits later. Thank you so much to the PTA for their hard work to raise funds to pay for this as it will prove to be a huge asset to the school. The final adjustments and seating are being added today and so by Monday the children will be very keen to

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get a look inside and the teachers will try to make time to have a class look before opening it formally for lessons.



1 - The part-complete outdoor classroom. When finished it will seat up to 50 children and has a built in whiteboard.

Bikeability

Well done to all those Year 6 children who took part in Bikeability this week. The children behaved very well, listened well and ended the week safer and more competent riders. For future groups - please keep bike lock keys on a large and easy to locate fob to avoid losing them. We have had a number of long searches for misplaced keys.

Year 4 Recorder Concert

The link to the recordings from Wednesday's recorder concert was emailed to parents today. I must just add (although I'm sure you know already) that these videos are for personal viewing only and must not be shared on social media.

I thought the children did wonderfully well! Thank you to all those who came in person to support too, I know it is not always easy with work commitments. Regards Mrs Johnstone, Music Lead.

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Wellbeing Day

On Friday 7th June 2024, the children and staff enjoyed a Wellbeing Day at school. We encouraged self-reflection and developing a mindful approach and appreciating others. Some of the activities included cosy reading and reflection tasks. Lots of sports and physical activities took place. a great day had by all.

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Rugby at Wallace Fields Junior School

Following our exciting visit from England Rugby Player and Former pupil Claudia Macdonald we have now put on display in school the signed shirt she donated. Claudia first played tag rugby at Wallace Fields Junior School.

On Friday 7th June 2024 ten children will be representing Wallace Fields Junior School in a Year 5 & 6 tag rugby tournament at Auriol Junior School so hopefully they will be inspired by her visit and the Year 3 & 4 team who won the trophy in their match earlier in the year.



COMING UP

Red House Mufti - Thursday 13th June 2024

The winning house with the most house points this term is again Red House. The mufti day has been set for Thursday 13th June 2024. All children in Red House can wear their own clothes and children usually wear something in team colours within their outfit in order to celebrate their victory. Congratulations to Red House.

Olympic Week 2024 - 24th June to 28th June 2024

Please see attached a poster about the final all-weather pitch fundraising week in line with celebrating the 2024 Olympics. We have many activities planned for the children to learn about the Olympics as well as competitions they can enter. This is all in aid of raising money for the all-weather pitch, with installation planned for Summer 2024.

The children have been told about Olympic week and will be given details about the competitions in assembly on Monday.



Happy Bags Collection - 11th June 2024

This is part of a regular collection that helps raise funds for the school. The items that can go into the Happy Bags are listed on the label and include clean and undamaged clothing, paired shoes and unwanted electronic games (the Happy Bags were given out last week). Black sacks are fine to use if you cannot find your Happy Bag or need more space. Please collect all of your clothes and unwanted shoes and pop them in the bag over the half term. Do not let those unwanted items go to waste whilst helping the school raise money.

The driver's arrival time is expected to be between 9.00 am. - 10.00 am so please drop over before 9am.



Father's Day / Special Person's Day Friday 14th June 2024



Its Sports Day soon ! 26th June 2024

Please put 26th June 2024 in your diary for our sports morning. Parents are invited to come along for the morning to support the children. Children will return to class for the afternoon and go home

at the usual time. If it is poor weather then the following day is in the diary as an alternative. We will send you notice of any postponement.

Summer Fair - Friday 28th June 2024



Please make sure the Summer Fair is also in your diaries. Come to the fair on Friday 28th June 2024 for 3pm to hear the children sing and then stay for the evening.

Summer Fair Volunteer Slots are now OPEN! Please help us run this fab event to give the children a fun filled afternoon.

Please sign up here: <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=80206</u>

Thanks in advance PTA

Euros 24 PTA Sweepstake



2 - Get involved in the big school sweepstake and be a winner!

Other PTA News



YEAR 4

Year 4 Trip to Painshill Park Tuesday 18th June 2024

During the year, Year 4 are given the opportunity to attend a number of trips and participate in a variety of talks and activities to complement and extend their classroom studies. In the summer term we have planned a trip to Painshill Park.

On **Tuesday 18th June 2024** we visit Painshill Park to support science studies on minibeasts. We will be having a guided activity called "Pond or Minibeast Investigation" and have the opportunity to look around Painshill Park. Pupils dip for water invertebrates or search for land to investigate further in the 'Bug Lab'. This learning activity involves identification and analysis using microscopes and

identification keys. They will discover ecosystems, food chains, adaptation and life cycles. Gloves will be provided if learners would like to wear them for the pond dipping.

To cover the cost we must ask for a voluntary contribution of **£28 per child**, which must be paid via the Scopay website. We take payment as indication that you give permission for your child to take part. 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.

For the trip, we would love to have some parent/ carer volunteers join us. This will consist of volunteering for the whole day, including the coach journey to and from Painshill Park and helping to monitor the children throughout the day. If you would like to volunteer for the trip, please email the School Office at office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁴ Closer to the time of the trip, we will pick names out of a hat for volunteers and contact those selected a week before the trip.

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

The Multiplication Table Check (MTC) is taking place after the half term, the week commencing 10th June 2024. Please encourage your children to use the **'Soundcheck' area on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**. Practising in this area will prepare children for the check in June, with a very similar setup to the real test. Thank you for all your continued support in getting those times tables embedded which helps increase their fluency and confidence in maths. We do lots of practise in school and the children have made outstanding progress with their tables over the year.

Spelling and Grammar Homework

We hope that you are well. As part of the transition into Year 5, all Year 4 learners will be receiving a spelling and grammar page to complete for homework. This is part of their homework in Year 5 and we wish to get them familiar with the process. The sheets will be given from next week Wednesday (12th June) and will be due in on the following week Monday. Please let us know if there are any queries.

YEAR 5

Forthcoming Lessons on Puberty

A letter was sent this week from Miss Sarjeant, Mr Hurd and Ms Gough regarding the forthcoming lessons on puberty.

Dance Festival 18th and 19th June 2024

Not long now until the Dance Festival 2024 at the Epsom Playhouse. The Dance Festival show will be on the evenings of Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th June 2024 at the Epsom Playhouse. There will also be an "all-day" rehearsal on Monday 17th June 2024. The dance teacher, Lauren is communicating directly with parents via email on final details. If you have any questions, please contact her at lejdancecompany@gmail.com⁵

Swimming

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

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Selected children continue the swimming programme in the summer term to embed their skills and ensure they are competent and safe in water. The remaining dates are: **10th June, 17th June and 24th June 2024.**

YEAR 6

Year 6 Hot Cross Buns - Design and Technology

Year 6 will be baking Hot Cross Buns on **Wednesday 12th June 2024** as part of DT week. **We will be providing all ingredients**. If your child has an intolerance or allergy to milk, butter, bread flour, salt, sugar, yeast, egg or mixed spice, please provide a substitute, which cannot contain nuts e.g. no almond milk.

Your children will decide in pairs on Friday 7th June 2024 which **additional ingredients they wish to include** in their buns. E.G dried fruit, chocolate chip etc They will also decide which equipment they are to bring in for **Wednesday 12th June 2024.** Please look out for a list, which your child will bring home this Friday and then **supply the highlighted items for their DT lesson**. This may include: an apron (each), tupperware to fit 6 hot cross buns (each), baking tray to fit 12 hot cross buns, plastic bag (each), large plastic mixing bowl, microwaveable plastic measuring jug, scales, chopping board for kneading and mixing spoons

Year 6 School Production - Robin Hood

Work has now started on the school production of Robin Hood!

Teachers have been be **allocating roles.** They are all keen to make parents proud and we are sure you would support them irrespective of the role they will be given in the show. Thank you for your continued support and kind words of encouragement.

We will be sending out more information about buying tickets shortly though in the meantime please pencil the dates in your calendar **7pm - 9pm**, **9th and 10th July 2024**. Also the **dress rehearsal will be on Monday 8th July 9.30am** which WFIS Year 2 children will come to watch and there will be some discounted tickets available for this show.

We are aware that there is a clash with the **Euro-Semi finals.** We are unable to change the date of the production but there has been a similar clash with an important England match in previous years where we have altered our timings to finish earlier. We may even be able to put the football on the big screen after the production. We won't be able to confirm until nearer the time.

Please contact the school office if you are able to **help on a bar** for before the production, during the interval and possibly during a Euro after-party. Reserved prime view tickets will be made available to those who help on the bar or with makeup etc.

As a keepsake and for other wider family to not miss out on seeing the show, you will be able to buy a **professional USB memory stick** of the show.

Year 6 Leavers' Events

Year 6 have lots of exciting plans afoot for the end of term.

Year 6 al fresco garden party disco will be held on **Monday 22nd July 4.30-5.30pm**. Children will be picked up as usual and then go home to get changed before returning to school to party to DJ Findlay and DJ Gough on the decks.

We appreciate that the Year 6 parents want to be part of their children leaving Wallace Fields Junior School and Ms Gough has big plans for the Leavers' Assembly when we would love all the parents to come in to school. There won't be a dry eye in the house so bring your tissues! Please put **Tuesday 23rd July 9am-10am** in your diaries.

They will also be collecting their leavers' yearbook and will get opportunities to have these signed as well as signing their shirts in the last week of term (bring a spare shirt).

Year 6 French Trip Medications Meeting

Is child is going on the French Trip and do they require medication (e.g. inhalers or EpiPen) or travel sickness tablets? If so, parents/carers are invited to attend a meeting to hand over full instructions and any spare medications on Wednesday 10th July 2024 8.45am to 9.15am.

CLUBS

Gardening Club

Despite the weather last half term we have had a fun time in gardening club. The children who attend weekly are a very enthusiastic group and even though much of our planting has ended up being devoured by slugs we have been successful in some areas. Please do take a look if you can at our wonderful broad beans, potatoes, onions, garlic and beetroot that are thriving. The sunflowers and courgettes seem to attract the slugs though but we are persevering and won't be beaten. Each child this week who wanted a tomato plant took one home. Please encourage them to put in a larger pot and water regularly. We grow a few at school but as they produce most fruit in the summer holidays it seems a better solution to enjoy them in their own space. If you are tidying up your sheds and have any spare tools we would be very grateful for them. Garsons Farm have kindly donate £60 in vouchers and we are hoping to sell a few plants at the school fair to raise a little more money to buy a cold frame. This will be invaluable raising seedlings. Thank you to those parents / carers who have contributed seeds/compost. We are always grateful.

Sign Up for Excellent Wrap Around Care - JAG!



Wellbeing and Safeguarding





Positive Parenting workshop

Free workshop at Epsom Family Centre. Learn about dealing with the challenges of parenting using a positive approach. Discuss using strategies such as praise, encouragement and empathy to build children's self esteem.





Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8RY (no parking on-site)





COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer Holiday Clubs



3 - <u>https://www.epsomcollege.org.uk/whats-on/summer-camps/</u>



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History Museum at Bourne Hall



The Festival of Archaeology at Bourne Hall July 15-27 2024



Prehistory Exhibition Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology 15 July to 31 December 2024



Visit Bourne Hall Museum's exhibition on life in the area during prehistory. Items on display from the Stone Age to the Iron Age telling how folk came to its spring to hunt and drink and how during the Bronze Age the spring became a place where the gods lived, and gifts were thrown in as offerings. On display will be the bones of an aurochs, a now extinct ancestor of modern cattle. This one died some 3500 years ago and was buried on Epsom Downs. Aurochs survived well into modern times, the last known individual dying in 1627. The size of the aurochs bulls varied between 155 cm and 180 cm, depending on the local circumstances. The size of cows was between 135 cm and 155 cm. Bulls were significantly larger than cows. The body shape of an aurochs was different from many developed cattle breeds today.

Nonsuch Park and Palace Walk Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Wednesday 17 July 10.30 to 12.30pm Tuesday 23 July 1.30pm to 3pm



Enjoy a guided walk around Nonsuch Park and explore the history of the beautiful landscape. See where the original palace once stood and how it dominated the local area.

Hear stories of luxurious palaces, ambitious royalty, a lost church, and lingering ghosts. Listen to tales of battles and discover how warfare has touched this ancient landscape. Discover which famous television presenter's ancestors used to live here and how a Queen once came to tea.

Meet me on the lawn opposite the café in Nonsuch Mansion House SM3 8AP. Nearest car park entry is from Cheam Road, A232.

Walks cost £6 per person and are limited to 20 people per walk. Places must be booked with David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.

Tel: 020 8394 1734 Email: dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Ewell Grove Talk Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Thursday 18 July 7.30pm to 8.30pm At Bourne Hall, £6 per person

Ewell Grove hides a long history from the Bronze Age through the Romans up to modern times. Traces of the Iron Age and Roman settlement have been found there and it became the site of Ewell's Saxon cemetery. Its secret tunnels and the traces of Nonsuch Palace in its boundary wall add to its mystery.



Living History Day Bourne Hall Park, Spring Street Ewell, KT17 8LF FREE EVENT Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Saturday 20 July 10am to 5pm



Romans

Britannia Group of re-enactors

Meet the new Roman governor of Britain as he stops over in Ewell, protected by members of the Praetorian Guard, to make an offering to the sacred springs. The governor has arrived in Ewell coming up from the South Coast on the new road built as a route to London. His encampment contains many of his entourage; they will show visitors the Roman way of life, food, trades, and crafts. The governor will be looking to recruit men for the army, while gladiators will fight to the death to entertain him, hoping to win a chance to fight in the imperial city. Roman Ewell was a stopping-off point on this road where folk could rest, eat, and stay the night. They could also make an offering of a coin or brocch in the sacred spring or leave a larger offering in one of the sacred shafts dug deep in the chalk just outside the settlement. Each shaft was sealed with the bones of three dogs to protect them. Living History Day Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Saturday 20 July 10am to 5pm

Meet the Victorian Archaeologists

Join Discover History at the Dawn of Archaeology. For centuries the upper classes have collected curios and souvenirs taken from the Grand Tour ... a section of Roman mosaic or a piece of Ancient Egyptian jewellery. However, behind the scenes, a few antiquarians and collectors were developing the science of what would become modern archaeology. Learn about the early techniques and the tools used, and help our team sort some real archaeology. Try your hand at 'marking out', will you succeed in matching the fragments of real archaeology with some replica pieces?





Living History Day Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Saturday 20 July 10am to 5pm



Have you found that coin in your garden and wondered if it was Roman or something more modern – or if that that bit of flint may just be a prehistoric flint tool? That piece of pot is it Roman, Medieval, Tudor, or Victorian? And is that bit of metal old, perhaps part of a WW2 anti-aircraft shell. Bring what you have found along to our finds table, and we will do our best to identify it. Handling Table

Have the chance to handle finds and pottery from Roman to Victorian times with the Museum's handling collection.

Coin & Brass Rubbing 20 and 24 July to 27 July In Bourne Hall Museum Try your hand at coin rubbing and brass rubbing – a free event.

Bourne Hall Library will be hosting lots of archaeology craft making activities.



Cave painting

Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Wednesday 24 July 11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3pm



In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted. They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves' $% \left({{{\rm{D}}_{\rm{T}}}} \right)$

Cost £6 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children.

Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Bronze Age Metal Smelting in Bourne Hall Park Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Thursday 25 July 12pm and 2pm By Dr James Dilly

The Bronze Age is a key time in the history of Ewell, when spring takes on new meaning as a place where the gods lived, sending bubbling water from their world into this. The gods had to be kept on side in those uncertain times and gifts were thrown into the spring, including bright bronze axes. The living history display is filled with replica objects from prehistory and James is on-hand (dressed in accurate Bronze Age clothing of course!) to explain the archaeology behind it all. This display will be especially valuable for children who are studying prehistory in school. James is an accomplished and charismatic television performer, combining down-to-earth language with academic rigour and formidable practical skills. He will be smelting bronze axes in front of you very eye just as they did in the Bronze Age.





Make a Mammoth



Make a mammoth in the children's craft session in Bourne Hall Library Saturday 27 11am to 11.45am cost £1



For more details of these events or to find out about Bourne Hall Museum please contact David Brooks dbrooks@epsomewell.gov.uk Or 0208394 1734

DONT FORGET TO VISIT



Living History Day Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology Saturday 20 July 10am to 5pm



Vikings the Bjarnarfolk

They will bring a tent and an encampment, with a range of items to show you the weapons, helmets, leather working and other crafts. Find out if they had horns on their helmets or not. You will be able to chat with them about these things and discover what life was like for them. They will have shields that the children can stand with to get photos taken and they have some boards with the Viking runes on so that children can learn to spell out their names.

Prehistory Butser village.

Meet two folk who will travel from the deep time of the Stone Age to show you all you need to know to survive. To use the natural resources around you to be become successful hunter gatherers and how they settled down to become the first farmers.

Local Sports Clubs





CALLING ALL NETBALLERS IN YEARS 4 8 5 ...

If you would like to find out what being part of a netball club is like, then come and join us for 4 free training sessions in June 2024.

focusnetballclub@gmail.com to find out more & book your place.

