



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024



DATES

- **Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2024** - British Science Week including Microscope Mystery Sessions and Photography Competition launched.
- **Monday 11th March 2024** - Selected Year 5 & 6 swimming
- **Tuesday 12th March 2024**
 - 5S Music Assembly 1.15pm -1.45pm - parents of musicians invited (5H will performing on 19th March).
 - Sign up to be a volunteer at PTA Circus - tickets for volunteers go on sale at 8pm.
- **Wednesday 13th March 2024**
 - Easter Art Competition deadline
 - Netball training cancelled
 - Girls Football match WFJS v Meadow at Home. Kick off 3.50pm and finish 4.40pm
- **Thursday 14th March 2024**
 - B football team v Vale at Home 3.50-4.50pm.
 - Football training as usual
- **Friday 15th March 2024**
 - Comic Relief Red Nose or Hair Accessory and Bouncy Castle for £2 Donation
 - PTA Comedy Night - Tickets still available. Doors open 7.30pm

[Click Here¹](#) for Upcoming Events

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

HEAD'S UPDATE

Spring is here! The school has been buzzing with activity this week and the coming weeks are getting even livelier. There is British Science Week next week, the Easter Egg competition, Comic Relief, Football, Netball, Red House Mufti, more outdoor orienteering and the comedy night coming up next week so there is plenty going on both in school and beyond the classroom. The PTA are keen to get the school a fantastic outdoor classroom and that has been sized up this week and dates set - it will make a huge difference in the playground and really create the perfect space for outdoor learning.

Tree Inspectors Impressed: Surrey County Council sent their tree inspectors in to examine the safety of the trees on the grounds (including our upper field) and they were pleased to report that they were all healthy and doing well. They were impressed on how many additional trees we had now and

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

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

a lovely array of different species of trees as well. They are going to suggest some agencies who may supply the school with even more trees and we are well ahead on the government initiative to increase trees planted on school sites.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): This is in the headlines more and more these days and it is certainly an evolution rather than a revolution. The arrival of AI platforms is positive in terms of being a huge time saver for working people as it can create reports, activities, itineraries, analyse data and much more, however there are negative sides such as deep fake photographs and videos and misinformation becoming harder to spot all the time. We are planning to embrace AI as a school and will ensure it is always safe for the children in school. We do not need a vision for AI as it is a tool, we simply need to learn how to use it effectively and safely and to explain it to the children as it becomes more a part of their life. It has much further reaching implications for secondary school as they have issues such as cheating in exams or in essays and higher/further education has started to react to this challenge. For the time being we will consider its positive impacts and look forward to working with it as it evolves.

THIS WEEK

Mother's Day / Special Person Day

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday! We hope all the mothers and special people are totally spoilt this Sunday and hope that they get to appreciate the PTA gift that the children brought home tonight. They have crafted their own special labels to attach to the gift and they will brighten up your home a little. Thank you for participating in this PTA event. Happy Mothering Sunday.

Book Week Fun





The children and staff all had lots of fun during our Book Week. There was lots of cosy reading, trips to the library, sharing books and recreating a book in a box. Thanks to Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Day, Mrs Hernandez and Mr Lee for reading their favourite books to the children and sharing their passion for reading with the children. There were some fantastic and very creative costumes on Thursday and the selection of book characters was truly inspiring.

The World Book Day £1 token was emailed to parents/carers on Thursday 7th March and can be used for children's use at local bookshops. The voucher is valid until 31st March 2024 and can be shown via your your phone screen or printed out.

For more photographs of this event please look on the Wallace Fields Junior's X (formerly Twitter) account by clicking here³.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1765406015254663416>

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1765386011725455713>

Welcome to Our New Teaching Assistant

We are delighted to welcome a new Teaching Assistant to Wallace Fields Junior School, Mrs Garsden. Mrs Garsden is a parent and has lots of relevant experience working with children. We are very excited to welcome her to our staff team and she has settled in very quickly and is already fully engaged in promoting the learning and engagement of the children. We are still looking for another teaching assistant - again with experience would be preferable, so please see the link on the website if you or a friend (or relative) are keen to get more experience and interested in joining our team of hard working educators.

Mural Design Winners

Congratulations to Harper in 3D and Maddie in 3T for their beautiful mural designs. Please see attached. They will be used to create the mural for the climbing wall at the school. Thank you to Bea's mother in Year 4 who has kindly agreed to paint the murals and the work is already well underway.



Quiz Club Semi-Final

Wallace Fields Junior School Quiz Club Team today, Friday 8th March 2024, took part in the virtual National Key Stage 2 General Knowledge Championship Senior Semi Final. Daniel P 6G, Josh T 5S, Kiaan R 4K and Sebi L 3T took part. The questions were extremely tough, particularly the last round, however they worked expertly and cooperatively together as a team. Wallace Fields Juniors even got a shout out from the quiz master for their terrific performance. The competition was really tough although lots of fun and even with a vast amount of independent schools taking part, WFJS managed to come 34th.

Netball Match Report - 6th March 2024

A netball tournament took place at Wallace Fields Junior School on Wednesday 6th March 2024 this week. St Clements, Meadow and Wallace Fields Junior School all had two teams and every team played two matches.

³<https://twitter.com/wallacefieldsjs>

Wallace Fields Junior School's first game against St Clements saw Wallace Fields Juniors gain an early lead. WFJS held onto the lead to **win the match 6-4**.

The next two games resulted in one 7-3 loss to St Clements and a significant win over Meadow.

The final game was very close. WFJS went ahead 3-1 however luck did not go WFJS way in the last quarter and Meadow clinched the win 4-3.

So proud of the netball teams who have really improved throughout the season.

Please note - Netball Training is **cancelled on Wednesday 13th March** due to Mr Sellars being unavailable.

Football Match Report - 7th March 2024

WFJS A team and B team playing Cuddington Croft on Thursday 7th March 2024.

The B team played really well putting on a very strong performance. Luke, Jaydon and James were solid at the back. All players kept to their positions resulting in a convincing **7-2 win**. Well done team!

The A team had an absolute battle from start to finish. Half time was still 0-0. The high octane match continued throughout the second half with both teams scoring. Our team's clinical passing found Henry in the box who was able to find the back of the net despite Cuddington Croft's strong defence. The result was **WFJS 2 Cuddington 1**.

Thanks to the team for another nail bitter and thanks to Mr Findlay for refereeing and managing the team.

Also big thank you to Mr Taylor for stepping forward to manage the B team.

The following matches are coming up and information has already been sent out on SPOND.

- **Wednesday 13th March 2024** - Girls Football match WFJS v Meadow at Home. Kick off 3.50pm and finish 4.40pm
- **Thursday 14th March 2024** - B football team v Vale at Home 3.50pm-4.50pm and football training as normal
- **Thursday 21st March 2024** - Three football teams will be playing Auriol School at Home . Kick off 3.50pm.

Ramadan (Pronounced Rum-ah-dhaan)

In observance of the Holy month of Ramadan, which begins on the evening of Sunday 10th March 2024, we would like to wish our Muslim community "Ramadan Muborak"! Blessed Ramadan! During this sacred month, Muslims worldwide will be fasting from sunrise until sunset for 30 days, where they abstain from eating and drinking to remind us of those less fortunate than ourselves and also to spend time in prayer, self-reflection and giving to charity. The month ends with Eid Ul-Fitr - the festival of breaking the fast, which is spent with friends, family and lots of delicious food! - Mrs Salam

If your child is fasting for Ramadan please do inform the School Office so they can make sure midday supervisors and their class teachers are aware. Email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁴

⁴<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>



NEXT WEEK

Comic Relief Red Nose or Hair Accessory for £2 Donation Friday 15th March



On Friday 15th March we are celebrating Comic Relief at Wallace Fields Junior School. Children can wear a red nose or a Comic Relief hair accessory to school and can enjoy an afternoon of games and inflatable.

Please send your child in with a cash donation of £2 to support our school and this incredible charity. This is not a mufti day and children should wear their school uniform as normal on this day. Collection buckets will be available on the school gate, in the school office and in the class rooms.

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/wfjspta⁵

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

WFJS PTA.

WALLACE FIELDS
JUNIOR SCHOOL
PTA PRESENTS

**COMEDY
NIGHT**

ABI CARTER SIMPSON
GERRY K
MIKE MCLEAN

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WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJSPTA**

⁵<http://pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta>



Easter Art Competition

Create your own egg using any medium that you like. You can use clay, sew your egg or make it out of paper, cardboard etc. It can be 3D. **Deadline is 13th March 2024.** Prizes per year group. Winners to be announced on 15th March 2024. Please pay £1 entry fee via PTA events. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/>⁶ 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.



⁶<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&>



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 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Parent Volunteer Helper needed in Year 4

We are looking for a volunteer helper in year 4 to help regularly with listening to readers, photocopying and general admin on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon. If you have any spare time and are able to help, please can you contact the school office Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁷. You will need to complete a DBS and safeguarding training before starting.

⁷<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

Parents, Carers, Grandparents, or older children are welcome but we would prefer it not to have a child in Year 4.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Please make a note in your diary about the Parent /Teacher Meetings and a letter will be sent out **early next week** 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)

Help Us Get Free Books for School!

During the week of **25th March 2023** we are holding a **Scholastic Book Fair**. The children love choosing a book at the fair, which is also an important fundraiser for the school. Our last fair raised over £1000, which we spent on class reading books and library books. All children will have the chance to see the books in school. They will bring home a wish list and an order form should you wish to purchase any of the books. There is no obligation to purchase the books on their wish list. For more information click here⁸.

Parents and accompanied children are welcome to view and select books in school at 3.30pm-4.30pm on **Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March 2023**. Parents coming into school can pay cash, use a QR code available at the fair or take home an order form to order online. Children can also bring cash (in a named envelope) into school and purchase books during their class visit.

⁸<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents?nt=t>

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NEW **George Webster's Why Not?** **CLARE TAYLOR** **£7.99**

NEW **DIARY of a Wimpy Kid SUPER OVERLODE** **Jeff Kinney** **£7.99**

NEW **LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER** **ALESHA DIXON** **£7.99**

NEW **NINA PEANUT IS AMAZING** **Available from 5th February** **£8.99 £7.99**

NEW **THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED** **Paddy BRIGHT** **Jim FIELD** **£7.99**

Date:
MONDAY 25th MARCH 3.30-4.45pm
TUESDAY 26th MARCH 3.30-4.30pm
 Children will visit the book fair in school Mon/Tues

Scan the QR code to pay online!

YEAR 3

Book Week - Year 3 Padlet

As part of Book Week, Year 3 have spent time creating a 'Padlet'. This is an online platform which we have used to share book recommendations. If you would like to have a look at the recommendations our Year 3 children made, visit our Padlet via the link.

<https://padlet.com/WFJSMissDay/year-3-books-2az60xi61uq6ayiw>

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.uk⁹

Year 3 Design and Technology Week

A reminder that on the week commencing the **18th March 2024**, Year 3 will be making fruit salads as part of their D&T week!

We will send a letter next week explaining the details and equipment/ingredients children will need to bring in.

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

Water Clocks!

To celebrate British Science Week 2024, in Year 5 we will be making water clocks as part of this year's national theme 'Time.' If you have any empty 2 litre plastic bottles (with their lids) at home, please could the children bring these in for Thursday 14th March.

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

We had a lovely afternoon on Tuesday listening to lots of wonderful performances in preparation for the Year 5 music assembly. In fact, we had so many children hoping to take part that I am going to have to split the assembly over two weeks as there are just too many for one afternoon.

The following children have been invited to perform: Henry C, Imogen D, Aurelia K, Kate L, Heidi L, Neil N, Arjun N, Celine P, Sabrina P, Demir S, Lalana S, Alexandra S, Maya S, Mia T, Edith T, Ela U, Ella V, Sophie W, Clarissa W, Naomi W and Oz. Parents/Caresrs have all been emailed.

⁹<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

5S will perform next Tuesday (12th March) and 5H will perform the week after (19th March). If you are able, we would love to invite you to school to watch the assembly 1.15pm.

Swimming

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

There are two more sessions left before Easter break **11th March and 18th March 2024**

More sessions will run over the Summer term and parents/carers have been informed.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Leaver's Book

Don't forget to support Mrs Marginson who is kindly organising the Year 6 Leaver's book by sending her lots of school photos to the four Dropbox links that we have emailed to you separately. **Deadline is Friday 12th April.**

Mrs Marginson is the only person to have access to these photos, and they will be deleted from this private Dropbox Account once the Leavers Book is complete.

Photos must be school related such as school sports events, school music events, School Art Festival and art work, School Summer fair, Christmas fair, PTA events - Individual photos are good, thank you, but also group photos to get as many children into the book as possible. There will be opportunity to add summer term Year 6 at a later date.

Many thanks for your help!

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

PTA AND FUNDRAISING

WFJS PTA
8th March 2024

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

**COMEDY NIGHT
TICKET OFFER**
Acts are booked, date confirmed but numbers are low!
1 WEEK TO GO!
We are offering all ticket holders the chance to bring a friend for free. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Kelly on kellytebbbs@outlook.com with names and numbers. Your first drink and bar snacks are on us!

**ABE CARTER SIMPSON**
GERRY K
MIKE MCLEAN

**CIRCUS**
THURSDAY 25TH APRIL
All volunteers will receive priority access to tickets next week! Tickets for this popular event sold out very quickly last time so why not be sure to get priority tickets for you and your family by volunteering a little of your time.
Sign up here: pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta

**Happy Mothers
& Special Persons Day**
We hope you like the gift the children are bringing home on Friday. You can still pay your donations over the weekend.
We have raised almost £350 and we wish you all a lovely well deserved relaxing day x

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

**PROJECT OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**
Installation coming soon
Funded solely by you guys with all amazing support you give us. If you would like to add any additional donations to this fantastic new project, you can do so via PTA events or by clicking [here](#)

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

Circus Volunteers & Priority Tickets

There are a few remaining volunteer slots for the **Circus on 25th April**: - *BBQ* (only serving, not cooking) and *Marshalls* (ushering people in & out of the tent).

All volunteers will receive priority access to tickets next week!

* Tickets for this popular event sold out very quickly last time so why not be sure to get priority tickets for you and your family by volunteering a little of your time.

Please volunteer by signing up here: [www.pta-](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=75396)

[events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=75396](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=75396)¹⁰

¹⁰<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=75396>

Circus tickets will be going on priority access sale at **8pm on Tuesday 12th March**. This is for everyone who has volunteered for a role helping at the event.

General ticket release is 8pm on Thursday 21st March.

Thank you! ❤️ the PTA

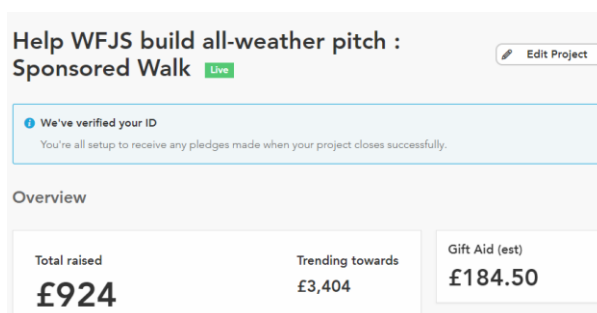
Sponsored Walk Funding Update

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.



CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

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.

French Homework

The optional Linguascope practice for this week is as follows:

- **Year 3:** Linguascope Elementary/Dates
- **Year 4:** Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille/Ttraits de personnalité
- **Year 5:** Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille /Les vetements 1 and 2
- **Year 6:** Linguascope Beginner/Alimentation/Fruits, Légumes, Snacks

CLUBS

Year 3 & 4 Girls' Football – Spaces available

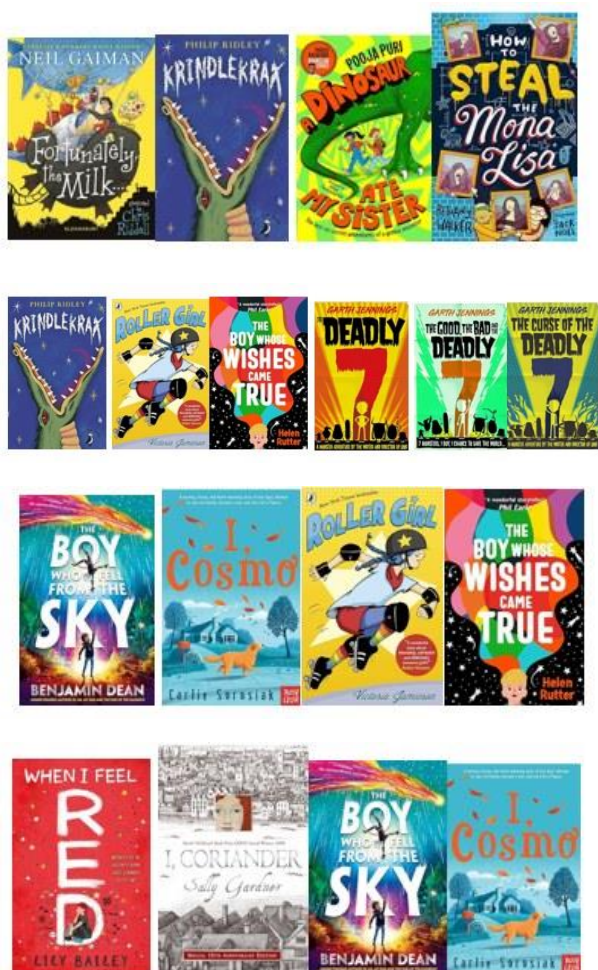
There are spaces in the year 3 and 4 lunchtime football club on Thursday with Mr Dowdeswell. If your child would like to take part they just need football boots, shin pads PE kit. If you don't have

football boots, trainers may be used on a temporary basis. They just need to turn up after early lunch in the school field.

Wallace Fields Junior's Book Club – February Meeting

We talked all about our January reads. The Questions from the Book Monster This Month: ‘*What single change in your behaviour might help you pick up a book?*’ And ‘Can you think of a time when, although you enjoyed a book or series, you have disagreed with an author’s choice in terms of a character or story arc?’ Before next meeting we can choose to read:

- **Year 6:** *When I Feel Red* by Lily Bailey; *I, Coriander* by Sally Gardner; *The Boy Who Fell From the Sky* by Benjamin Dean; *I, Cosmo* by Carli Sorosiak
- **Year 5:** *The Boy Who Fell From the Sky* by Benjamin Dean; *I, Cosmo* by Carli Sorosiak; *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson or *The Boy Whose Wishes Came True* by Helen Rutter
- **Year 4:** *The Krinklekrax* by Philip Ridley; *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson; *The Boy Whose Wishes Came True* by Helen Rutter; *The Deadly 7 Series* by Garth Jennings – book 3 out now.
- **Year 3:** *Fortunately, the Milk...* by Neil Gaiman; *Krinklekrax* by Philip Ridley; *A Dinosaur Ate My Sister* by Pooja Puri; *How to Steal the Mona Lisa* by Bethany Walker



Choir - Year 5 and 6 Playhouse Choir Festival

All Year 5 and Year 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 here¹¹. Tickets are now on sale and often sell out very quickly, so do not delay!

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REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

Scarlet Fever

There are a number of children from Year 4 and Year 5 who are off school with Scarlet Fever. Scarlet Fever is very contagious and if you notice any of the following symptoms, please keep your child off school and contact your GP.

¹¹<https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/shows/epsom-ewell-schools-music-festival>

Symptoms are a fine rash (that can feel like sandpaper), flushed cheeks, possible sore throat and/or temperature, feeling tired and unwell, swollen glands in the neck and white coating on the tongue.

What to do if you believe your child has Scarlet Fever:

Scarlet Fever is mainly a childhood disease and is most commonly seen between the ages of 2 and 8 years. It is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria. It takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms. If you think your child has Scarlet Fever, you should consult your GP. The usual treatment for scarlet fever is a 10-day course of antibiotics. The fever will usually subside within 24 hours of starting this, but it is important to take the whole course to completely clear these bacteria from your throat and protect others from becoming infected.

If scarlet fever is not treated with antibiotics, it can be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks after the symptoms appear. Provided all prescribed antibiotics are taken as directed, most cases will not infect other people after 24 hours of treatment. Current guidance advises that children should not return to nursery or school, and adults to work, until a minimum of 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment. To protect staff and other children we would kindly ask that children should not return to school until 48hrs after starting antibiotics.

Further information can be found on the following NHS link: [CLICK HERE¹²](#)



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.

Build or Donate A Cold Frame? Donate Gardening Tools?

We would love a cold frame to plant Gardening Club seeds? Would anyone be able to donate one or build one for us?

If you are spring cleaning your gardening sheds we would welcome any old tools or gardening equipment.

Please contact the School Office and we will put you in touch with the Gardening Club Manager Mrs Dodd.

¹²<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

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





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







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.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators PROMOTING STORYTIME

Being read to regularly can help the under-fives in acquiring literacy; teaches them the value of books and stories; and sparks their imagination and curiosity. Reading to babies, meanwhile, provides the building blocks of language development and the beginnings of social and emotional skills. Here are our top tips for helping children discover the wonder of stories.

1 BE A READING ROLE MODEL

Children thrive on copying the behaviours of adults around them, so it's vital to model regular reading habits. If your child sees you reading, they're likely to copy you. Reading on a screen could be misinterpreted by a child as a different activity, so a printed book is preferable.

2 JOIN A LIBRARY

Local libraries are a cost-effective way of introducing your child to new books. Libraries often host free events to build engagement with reading. Librarians can recommend books based on age, interests, genre or author, having their own library card and choosing their next read can be exciting for little ones.

3 TAKE IT IN TURNS

Taking turns to read and turn the pages can build your child's confidence and lets you model what's expected. For younger ones, reading doesn't have to mean the exact words on the page – they might prefer their own version! Reading to different audiences is useful: teddies are excellent listeners!

4 CATER TO THEIR INTERESTS

Like adults, children tend to favour books with themes they're interested in. If they're less keen to move away from their preferred subject matter, you could vary the type of book they read by swapping between fiction and non-fiction. There'll be plenty of scope to diversify as they grow up.

5 BUILD READING INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE

Building reading into your daily routine will have a positive impact. Just before bedtime is ideal for many families, helping settle the child to sleep. The adult usually reads the story, but children enjoy more interactivity as they get older. It can be handy to have books with you when out and about.

6 USE PICTURES AND PROPS

Most children's books contain beautiful illustrations which enrich the text. Spend time discussing these with your child and pointing things out. As well as doing voices for different characters and making any relevant noises, you could also enhance story time with props such as toys or puppets.

7 RELISH THE LANGUAGE

The language in children's books is varied and rich; sometimes they might include words children are less familiar with, so you can take the opportunity to explain what they mean. With younger children you could try paraphrasing certain sentences afterwards to help with understanding.

8 A COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT

Where possible, read to your child in an environment that's free from distractions. This helps children to get fully immersed in the experience, supporting their concentration and engagement. Doing this often can help to build up the child's ability to focus for greater lengths of time.

9 TAKE REGULAR BREAKS

Although reading can be hugely enjoyable, children can sometimes struggle to sit for long periods or to engage with texts fully. Have regular breaks: reading a few pages is better than none. You could also have some movement breaks – there's no particular 'right' or 'wrong' way to enjoy a story.

10 RE-READ FAVOURITES

Most children have certain stories that they love hearing again and again. This repetition lets them become familiar with language patterns and more engaged by feeling able to join in. Choosing other books by your child's preferred author can help them to discover new favourites.

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History Museum

Myths, gods and monsters

Saturday March 9

1pm to 2.30pm

Bourne Hall Museum
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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
Tel 020 8394 1734.
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



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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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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 here¹³.

This is a free event but booking in advance via Eventbrite¹⁴ is essential.

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 **Cyber Protect Officer Daniel Sykes (CISMP)**

¹³<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/events/tree-planting-at-langley-vale-wood/#:~:text=Date%3ASaturday%2023%20March%2C10.30,Ashted%2CEpsom%2CKT18%206BZ.>

¹⁴<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tree-planting-day-at-langley-vale-wood-tickets-826853409807?aff=oddtcreator>

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 | Eventbrite¹⁵

Planned weekend closures on the M25 and A3 - Friday 15 March to Monday 18 March 2024

National Highways is planning to close a section of the M25 between junction 10 at Wisley to junction 11 at Chertsey, starting overnight on Friday 15 March and continuing until early morning on Monday 18 March. This is for demolition works and gantry installation at the Wisley interchange. There will be official diversions, but there is likely to be traffic and travel disruption right across Surrey. Please consider this when making plans and check for traffic updates before travelling. Full details will be available on the National Highways M25 Junction 10 project website¹⁶. Please keep checking this page for the latest information.

¹⁵<https://s-url.co/DnIOAA>

¹⁶<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m25-junction-10>