Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

6th October 2023



KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

• All Week - Harvest food donations until Monday 16th October 2023

- **Tuesday 10th October 2023** 8pm sign up for tickets for PTA fireworks. Every year tickets sell out very quickly
- Wednesday 11th October
 - Year 3 Tea Party 2.00pm -3.00pm
 - PTA AGM 3.00pm -4.00pm
 - Cross Country 3.30pm to 4.45pm
- Thursday 12th October Year 4 Tea party 2.00pm -3.00pm

Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE



Parking and Driving: I have had a significant number of concerns and complaints about extremely disrespectful parking and driving. Please do not park on the double yellow lines, do not park over drives and do not do three point turns in the road as it is only a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured outside school especially at pick up. Use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive and please drive slowly and responsibly. I know the council will help more if someone is hurt or killed outside school but it should not need to come to that. Think of the children's safety and less about your own convenience. Thank you to all those who are careful and those who walk to school whenever possible.

RAAC Concrete: The DfE sent out advice and guidance for schools regarding the RAAC building material issue. RAAC is Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete. This form of concrete has shown to deteriorate and become dangerous, especially in ceiling and roof construction. Since then, Surrey County Council have contacted all of its maintained schools to send a surveyor in to double check any

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

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

RAAC in its schools. The Surrey surveyor came into school on Monday and carried out a full site survey with the school premises officer, Mr Findlay. No evidence of RAAC found on site and I can confirm that the school remains secure and safe for all.

Lost Property: We are only in week five and we have a lost property box in the playground absolutely heaving full of mainly jumpers and school uniform. None of it named and so most will be sold by the PTA at the next used uniform sale. Plenty of it is brand new. Please take a minute to write your child's name in all the labels especially jumpers.

Cross Country: Very exciting Cross Country this year. The children were all fuelled up and ready to go. They got round the course in record time and Mr Sellars was very organised so next year we will have the heats closer together. Well done to all who finished. It really showed some top runners shining out in the crowd.

THIS WEEK

http://twitter.com/statuses/1710223167774511430

Match Report - Cuddington Croft Wednesday 4th October 2023

Cuddington Croft football team came to Wallace Fields Junior School for our A team's first match on **Wednesday 4th October 2023.** It proved to be a fantastic game! WFJS set up many shots on goal which failed to find the back of net. It was Cuddington Croft who went ahead in the first fifteen minutes, though Wallace Fields junior School continued to play un-phased knowing it was just a matter of time until the goals started to flow.

The second half was nail-biting. A wonderful touch from Theo saw the ball hang in the air and drop into the top right corner putting us ahead 3-2. With Fraser solid in defence, more goals followed. Final result **Wallace Fields Juniors 5 Cuddington Croft 3.**

Thank you to all the players for such an entertaining performance and everyone who came out to support.

Epsom College Music Festival - Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Over 40 members of the Year 4, 5 and 6 choir had a wonderful day at Epsom College Music Festival on Tuesday! They were superbly behaved and sang beautifully. Thank you to Mr Paul Johnson-Hyde and his team at Epsom College for enabling us to be part of such a fantastic event. Please see our X (formerly Twitter) for lots of videos and photos from the event.

http://twitter.com/statuses/1709488466298376329

Harvest Assembly 6th October 2023

Well done to the House Captains who presented at the Harvest Assembly on 6th October.

See the You tube film below about "What is Sukkot? The Jewish Harvest Festival.

Don't forget to bring in your unperishable food items to the class room for our harvest festival. See more information in the post below.



https://youtu.be/SRHkgWGyn4Y

IMPORTANT

INSET Day - Friday 19th October 2023

Remember there is an INSET day on Friday 19th October 2023 when **school is closed to pupils**. Children break up for half term on Thursday 18th October 2023 and start back at 8.50am on Monday 30th October 2023.

PTA Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 11th October 2.45pm-3.00pm

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL 2:45 - 3:00PM (STRAIGHT AFTER YEAR 3 TEA PARTY)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Please Bring in Previously Owned Uniform for Uniform Sale



Harvest at Wallace Fields Junior School



Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Food donations enable us to give back to those most in need in our local community and we all can play a part in fighting food inequality. Last year, we raised a whole car load full of food donations thanks to our kind and generous community! We were so impressed and grateful.

Please do not include perishables and please ensure the "use by" dates are up to Spring 2024. How about items such as small tea, tinned salmon, pickles, chutney, small jars of jam or honey, biscuits or crackers?

We are encouraging children to collect food donations in their classes **until Monday 16th October 2023.** (This is the closing date for donations). The class with the most donations will get a special treat (some Golden time).

See the video below for more details;



https://youtu.be/P9mo3wHnKIU

Interested in a Teaching Assistant Role at Wallace Fields Junior School?

Do you have an interest in helping children develop their skills and abilities? Would you like some experience prior to applying for a teaching qualification? Are you looking to expand your skills working with children? Click here³ to see the vacancy for a Teaching Assistant Role at Wallace Fields Junior School and apply via the Eteach website. The children are friendly, enthusiastic and keen to learn and it will be an excellent opportunity to develop your skills and experience with children.

Gardening Club and Donations Needed

Thank you Mrs Xuereb for joining Mrs Dodd to help with gardening club on a Tuesday lunchtimes. This week we got lots done and had 17 children eager to help. If any parents have **any small hand trowels and forks and any gloves** that they could donate we'd be very grateful and if they are at the garden centre buying **bags of garden compost** to think about buying an extra one for us please. Next week we hope to finish the weeding and preparing and plant some garlic and onions. After that we will be looking at cauliflower and carrots / broad beans / potatoes and spring cabbage planting before the winter months set in. Our pumpkins are not as prolific as last year but we have 3 that we will be asking you to guess the weight of at our school tea parties soon. Thanks

Happy Bags Collection - 14th November 2023



Are you having a clear out at home? Please bring in 14.11.2023

Happy School Bag is an easy fundraising scheme that helps schools, clubs and other organisations to raise funds through the collection of pre-loved reusable clothing. They are doing a collection from Wallace Fields Junior School on 14th November 2023. Please drop off items by the school gate before 10am on that day.

³https://www.eteach.com/careers/wallacefields-jun-surrey/job/teaching-assistant-1371134/?lang=en-GB

Please keep any second hand logoed uniform and bring into school for the next uniform sale by the PTA.

We accept	We don't accept
✓ Adult and children's clothing	✗ Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothes
✓ Paired Shoes	× Uniforms, Underclothing
✓ Fashion accessories	🗙 Toys, Books, DVD's
 ✓ Handbags, Belts, ✓ Hats, Scarves 	➤ Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
✓ Jewellery, Perfumes	× Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
Please ensure that all items	× Bric-a-Brac
placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Thank you	

PTA



Tickets are going on sale for all WFIS & WFJS families at

8pm on Tuesday 10th October

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta

Juniors parents - please remember tickets are sold from the infants PTA login.

We can't wait to see all our lovely families back on the field for a fabulous night of chilli, hot dogs, glow, candy floss, mulled wine and of course the incredible display thanks to Vulcan Fireworks!

WFIS & WFJS PTA 💙

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Hallowe'en Disco WFJS - Wednesday 18th October 4.30pm-5.45pm Tickets are available for £5 for Halloween Disco by going to the following website

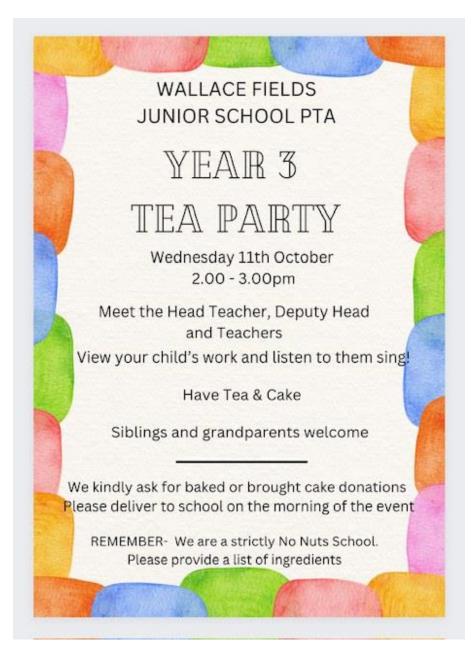
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/

The price includes a drink and snack. Fancy Dress is optional but their are prizes for the best costume.



Pumpkin Design Competition





Please Don't Forget Coats

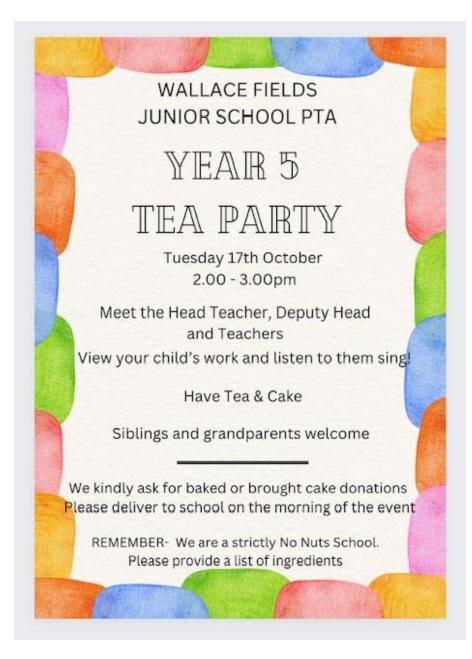
Please remember to bring **named coats** to school because it's chilly in the morning now as several children didn't bring one in today and were cold.

Stationery Reminder

Your child must have the right stationery in class and if not this impacts on everyone, disturbing them. Please ask your child to check if they need stationery. Class teachers may send your child home with a slip indicating which stationery they need. Parents may provide their child with a little cash so that they can buy replacement stationery as necessary. Children may purchase replacement whiteboard pens, glue sticks, pens and pencils at our stationery shop run by Year 6 prefects on Tuesday and Thursday break times (at the 4J window).

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Shop run by Year	o prefects.	Starn
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Purple pen		
Pencil		
Classmate Ruler		
Pritt Stick		£1.25
Berol Pen		
Barrel Sharpene	rs	
Whiteboard Pen.		70p
Erasers		





YEAR 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 District Cross Country Competition

The first 4 boys and 4 girls in the upper school (Year 5 or 6) have been selected to attend the District Cross Country Tournament at Sutton Grammar Sports Ground on the **11th October from 3.30pm to 4.45pm**. Parents will need to collect their participating children up early and arrange their own transport to and from the event. An email with Google form link has been sent out to all those chosen to take part.

Do you plan to attend any Secondary School Open Mornings?

Please email the School Office at if your child is attending any secondary school open mornings with plenty of notice and return them to school after the visit. Thank you.



ONLINE SAFETY



WELLBEING

Well-being Top Tips for Positive Parenting

Leslie Lane ran a Positive Parenting Workshop at Wallace Fields Junior School last week and all those who attended found it very useful. The top tips were as following:-

REMEMBER : There is a reason behind every behaviour. All behaviour is emotion driven.

Use Empathy

Try to put yourself in their shoes. What is the emotion driving the behaviour?

Steps for giving Empathy

- 1. Stop what you're doing
- 2. give full attention and listen
- 3. give appropriate eye contact/body language and facial expressions
- 4. Try and find the feelings behind the words
- 5. Tentatively suggest the feeling behind the words, or actions, e.g "It sounds like....you seem....."
- 6. Allow them to tell their story if they want to, or walk away, or be silent as they wish.
- 7. Avoid questioning, commanding, giving advice or instructions
- 8. Do use gentle touch if appropriate
- 9. Keep focused on the person's feelings
- 10. Avoid fixing it or over reacting
- 11. Pause after the empathy (give time) to allow the child to come back (it could open up the conversation).

Empathic phrases that can help

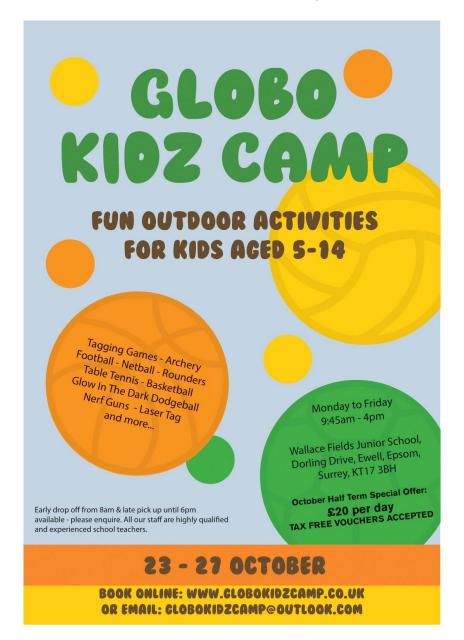
- "I'm wondering
- "You seem......
- "It sounds as though......
- "You sound......
- "You look.....
- "It can be hard when......
- "I can see......
- "It seems as though......
- "I can hear that.....

For all the notes from the workshop please see the handout on our website by clicking here⁴.

⁴https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2023-10-06-positive-parenting-workshop

CLUBS

GLOBO KIDZ CAMP - Fun Outdoor Activities for Kids aged 5 - 14



23rd - 27th October 2023

Monday to Friday

9:45am - 4pm (Early drop off from 8am & late pick up until 5:30pm available - please enquire)

October half term special offer: £20 per day

Tagging Games, Archery, Football, Netball, Rounders, Table Tennis, Basketball, Glow in the dark Dodgeball, Nerf Guns, Laser Tag and more...

All our staff are highly qualified and experienced school teachers

Book online via - www.globokidzcamp.co.uk⁵ or alternatively email to book: globokidzcamp@outlook.com⁶

Wraparound Care Provided by Junior Adventures Group - JAG!

Junior Adventures Group Club (JAG) provides excellent wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School. They run Breakfast Club from **7:30am until 8:40am** and After School Club from **3:25pm until 6:00pm.** From September, a new part session 4.30pm -6.00pm has been created for After School Club and is live on the JAG Magic Booking system (price is £11.00). This means your child can attend a Wallace Fields Club and then join JAG at 4.30pm at the reduced price. This is from September 2023 and available to juniors only.

It would be very helpful if all parents could register on JAG

<u>https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/</u> even if they never use JAG during their time at WFJS. This would allow a late pick up in an emergency. JAG cannot take unregistered children due to them being under a different Ofsted registration. The office cannot look after a child beyond school day and those children who are regularly picked up late must register with JAG.

⁵http://www.globokidzcamp.co.uk

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General Reminders and News

Prayer @ Wallace Fields (PAW)



- PAW is a group of Christian parents at WFJS from past and present.
 We believe that prayer has a positive effect on our school.
- We meet once a half term, at one of our homes (or virtually!) to pray.
- We have led occasional assemblies in school (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Year 6 leavers) and supported Faith & Philosophy lessons (e.g. What is prayer?, Why read the Bible?)
- There are PAW members for most year groups:
 - Year 4: Machiko Wantabe (Luca's Mum), Natalie Johnson-Hyde (Adam's Mum)
 - Year 5: Jo Wright (Naomi's Mum)
 - Year 6: Carolyn Dunlop (Amelia's Mum)
- We would like to warmly welcome all new children and their families in WFJS.
- If you are interested and want to find out more, please do contact Jo: wright jo@hotmail.co.uk

Linguascope practice and Top Translator Event

In French Mme Cornell has launched a Linguascope Competition called Top Translator. This event will take place later in the year (date to be confirmed). Children are encouraged to practise Linguascope at home and print off the worksheet for each topic we do (by clicking on "Fiche de travail" or "Imprime une fiche"). Children will get a special Linguascope sticker for each worksheet completed. A handful of top children from each Year group will participate in a special event to become the top translators. Winners and runners up will get a prize. Linguascope practice and Top Translator EventIn French Mme Cornell has launched a Linguascope Competition called Top Translator. This event will take place later in the year (date to be confirmed). Children are encouraged to practise Linguascope at home and print off the worksheet for each topic we do (by clicking on "Fiche de travail" or "Imprime une fiche"). Children will get a special Linguascope sticker for each topic we do (by clicking on "Fiche de travail" or "Imprime une fiche"). Children will get a special Linguascope sticker for each topic we do (by clicking on "Fiche de travail" or "Imprime une fiche"). Children will get a special Linguascope sticker for each topic we do (by clicking on "Fiche de travail" or "Imprime une fiche"). Children will get a special Linguascope sticker for each worksheet completed. A handful of top children from each Year group will participate in a special event to become the top translators. Winners and runners up will get a prize.

If you would like to practise Linguascope this week here are the topics.

- Year 3: Linguascope Elementary/ Ça va?
- Year 4: Linguascope Elementary Les animaux or Linguascope Beginner /Moi et ma famille /Animaux
- Year 5: Linguascope BeginnerLa vie au quotidian /Les matières (school subjects)
- Year 6: Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille/Les traits de personalité

*Remember if you want a Linguascope Sticker, print off the Fiche de Travail or Imprime une fiche, fill it in and hand in to Mme Cornell.

Would You Like the Newsletter in a Different Language?

We published the Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter in Traditional Chinese to those parents who we have identified as being Chinese speaking. If you would like to be included in this cohort, excluded from this or you would like us to translate into other languages please email the School

Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁷ confirming your name, child and which language. We will also produce the reports in the languages you have requested. Thank you.

500 Word Story competition

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition is now open for submissions and will run till Friday 10th November. We would love for some of our amazing children to enter the competition and let us see some of their entries. The two age categories are 5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds and children of all abilities are encouraged to enter. There are some amazing judges this year and it is once again supported by Her Majesty, The Queen.

All the stories must be:

- 500 words or less (the title is not included in the number)
- be written by an individual not a group
- be a child's original idea
- be narrative not rap or poetry
- The stories must not:
- give any personal data or details about the child
- recount a historical event

The stories are judged on the following criteria: characterisation, plot, originality, language and enjoyment.

If you click here,⁸ you will find far more details, hints and tips about entering the competition - and we would love to see and read some - so please send in some entries to our English Lead, Mrs Crabb so that they can be displayed and celebrated in school. Good Luck!



Lego Donations Requested

Do you have any clean Lego in good condition that they no longer need or wish to tread on? We are looking to possibly set up a Lego club and are looking for donations, particularly base boards, wheels, axles and characters. It is very expensive to buy new, so the children would be really grateful for any donations? We really hope we can start this club soon and showcase our creations.

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

⁸<u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about</u>-500-words/zctk7v4



Making the Roads Safer

If possible, please walk to school. Mr Findlay is always on duty to ensure the traffic remains calm and controlled. Drive slowly and respectfully and please park on one side of the road and not over the resident's drives. Obviously, do not park on double yellow lines and please give way to avoid gridlock. Use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive to maintain the flow of traffic. Avoid three point turns in the road as this blocks and is dangerous to children and other pedestrians. Thank you for putting the children's safety first.

COMMUNITY NEWS



QTS only £8250 QTS with PGCE £9250 Would you like to train in a school in your local community? Do you want to find out more? Come and chat one of the team at: St Martin's C of E School (Ashley Road, Epsom, KT18 7AD) on Tuesday 17th October, any time between 11am to 4pm Do I meed

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SATURDAY SKILLS CLUBS



BOOK NOW VIA FULHAMSOCCERSCHOOLS.COM



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

CAVE PAINTING

Tuesday 24 October

11am-12.pm & 2pm-3.pm

Rids Club bringing history alive



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'

Cost £5 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