



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 13th October 2023



It was lovely to see many parents at our Inclusion Coffee morning on 'After School Restraint Collapse'. We hope those who attended found it useful. If you were unable to attend please click [here](#) to view the slides. Please keep an eye out for upcoming parent workshops across the rest of the year.

This week we had two wonderful class assemblies where our year 2 children celebrated all of the learning they have done over the last half term. We have welcomed three new members of staff over the last two weeks: Miss Watson (Year 1), Mrs Bahandari (Nursery), Mrs Just (Reception) and would like to welcome them to the Wallace Fields Community. We are pleased that so many families are continuing to join us for our fun fitness Friday. As we enter the second half of the Autumn these sessions will continue to run but weather permitting! Again, it has been a fantastic week of learning I was particularly impressed with Year 2 knowledge about kings and queens from the past. We are currently developing our history curriculum and will share more with you in due course.

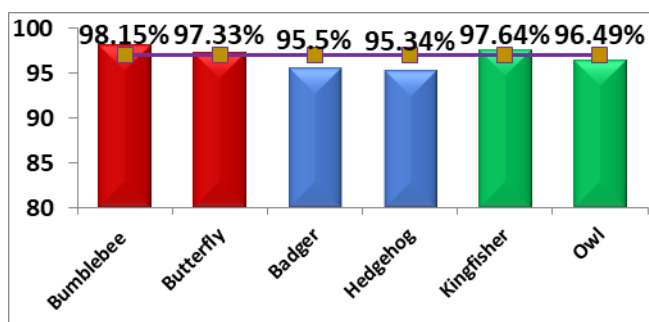
Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly

WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 22.09.23

Overall School Attendance: 96.75%



Class Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to our Class Attendance Trophy winners **Hedgehog** and **Bumblebee** for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. Keep up the great work!





Nursery

In Big Stars this week we had a beanstalk grow in our classroom! We have been painting our own using paint and collage material.



Reception

In Butterfly Class, we have done lots of activities based on the book 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We did some great work sequencing the story, creating a booklet of the main events, and retelling the story to our peers. We also used our fine motor skills (and imagination!) to create a fantastic grandmother's cottage/wolf's den using junk modelling, which we thoroughly enjoyed!!





Year one

In science we have been identifying and sorting animals into different groups. This week we have looked at the diets of a variety of animals and discussed whether they are a carnivore, herbivore, or omnivore.



Year Two

The children have been creating natural artwork based around our woodland theme and writing some lovely stories linked to our topic based on our Hansel and Gretel book. We have enjoyed our task time activities, especially our walkabout bingo in task time!



School Uniform Reminder



At WFIS we strive for 'high achievement and success with a smile' and this begins with dressing for school. We expect all children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to be wearing correct uniform every day, including correct footwear. Please click [here](#) for further information on our uniform requirements.

Sharing our learning

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers into school on 19th October at 2.45pm for Sharing our Learning. Due to space restrictions in our classrooms, unfortunately we cannot accommodate younger siblings unless they are babes in arms. Please ensure all pushchairs are left well clear of the doorways. We look forward to seeing you then!



Harvest Festival Donations

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be collecting donations for Epsom Food Bank. If you would like to donate they would be really grateful as some of their stocks are running very low. **Please only bring in items from the list below** as the Foodbank are unable to take any other items. Items should be well in date, sealed, and not contain alcohol. Please send your donations in with your child to their classroom or you can put them into the box in the lobby area of the school office by **Thursday 19th October**.

Harvest list 2023:

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| 1. Instant mash | 10. Chocolate spread (nut free) |
| 2. Cereal (not porridge) | 11. Shampoo / conditioner |
| 3. Weetabix | 12. Deodorant |
| 4. Rice pudding | 13. Shower gel |
| 5. Custard | 14. Soap |
| 6. Instant coffee | 15. Chocolate/ sweet treats |
| 7. Biscuits | |
| 8. Noodles | |
| 9. Jam / honey / marmalade | |



WFIS Has Got Talent!

Here at Wallace Fields Infant School, we relish the opportunity to celebrate 'in and out of school' achievements accomplished by the children. See our [WFIS Has Talent](#) page on our website.

These successes can take many forms - whether it be a sporting success, hobby related, a personal achievement or even a kind gesture! Please share these personal triumphs with us by contacting office.wfis@sfet.org.uk.



Well done to Sara L

date posted: Wednesday 12 Jul 2023



Well done to Phoebe J

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023



Well done to Ally K-Q

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023



Well done to Mila R

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023



Well done to Edward I

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023



Well done to Alma T & Rosie C

date posted: Monday 10 Jul 2023

Spotty Mufti Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th November, we invite all children to come to school wearing spotty mufti in return for a £1 donation to support this fantastic charity. Please hand donations in cash to your child's teacher at drop-off on the day. Children should bring a suitable coat for the weather.

For those children who have PE on this day, please ensure they are wearing something they can do PE in, and they should wear their normal school trainers on this day.



Parent Teacher Meetings

This term we will be holding parent teacher meetings in person on Monday 20th November 2023, with the option of a virtual/online meeting on an alternative date.

Bookings will be via [SchoolCloud](#) for both in person and virtual/online appointments. Bookings will open at 8pm on Monday 30th October 2023 and close at midnight on Thursday 16th November 2023.

Full details will be sent out via email in due course.



Behaviour Policy

This term we have launched our new behaviour policy. This involves our new 'Golden Rules'. Miss Kelly (Deputy Headteacher) will be leading a workshop to inform parents of our new principles and the research behind the policy. Please come along **on Monday 6th November** to hear more! Please click here to read our new policy.

[Behaviour Policy](#)

Golden Tickets

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!



Well done to **Bella B, Charlotte K, Sofia C, Rayaana B, Ethan R, Francesca B, Arielle H, Jasper H, Ruby N, Divena K and William F** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!



Class Reps

A huge thank you to the following parents/carers who have kindly volunteered to act as Class Reps for this academic year:

- Little Stars** – Mrs Thomas (Thea's mummy)
- Gold Stars** – Mrs Nurcombe-Thorne (Gabriella's mummy)
- Silver Stars** – Mrs Duru (Leo's mummy)
- Bumblebee** – Mrs Kelly (Charlotte's mummy)
- Butterfly** – Mrs Chan (Joel's mummy)
- Badger** – Mrs Dibble (Bobby's mummy), Mrs Osman (Mila's mummy)
- Hedgehog** – Ms Parry (Sonny's mummy), Mrs Brynteson (Savannah's mummy)
- Kingfisher** – Ms Panagos Aitken (Isabella's mummy)
- Owl** – Miss Lovett (X's mummy)

We look forward to welcoming our new Class Reps into school for the first of our termly Class Rep meetings on Thursday 2nd November. Full details will be sent to Class Reps in due course.



Useful Upcoming Dates

Mon 16th - Thu 19th Oct	Harvest Festival donations for Epsom & Ewell Foodbank
Thu 19th Oct	Year 1 & Year 2 from 14:45 – 15:05 'Sharing our learning'
Fri 20th Oct	INSET Day (School & Nursery closed)
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct	Half Term (School & Nursery closed)
Fri 27th Oct	Deadline to submit e-consent for flu nasal vaccinations (please see letter emailed to parents/carers of children in Years R-2)
Mon 30th Oct	Winter uniform for children in Reception – Year 2
Mon 30th Oct	Individual school photographs (all children in full uniform please)
Tue 31st Oct	Year 1 trip to Gatton Park
Wed 1st Nov	Year 2 trip to Gatton Park
Thu 2nd Nov	Nasal Flu vaccinations for children in Year R – 2
Sun 5th Nov	PTA Fireworks (tickets on sale 8pm Tue 10 th Oct via WFIS PTA Website)
Mon 6th Nov	Behaviour Policy Workshop led by Miss Kelly – details forthcoming
Tue 7th Nov	Reception local visits to Alexandra Park (letter to follow)
Fri 17th Nov	Spotty Mufti – Children in Need £1 Donation
Mon 20th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings (in person) 15:30 – 19:30
Tue 21st Nov	Reception Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual) 15:30 – 17:00
Wed 22nd Nov	Year 2 Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual) 15:30 – 17:00
Thu 23rd Nov	Year 1 Parent Teacher Meetings (Virtual) 15:30 – 17:00
Thu 23rd Nov	Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum (letter to follow)
Thu 30th Nov	Cauliflower Card deadline for artwork to be returned to school
Sun 3rd Dec	PTA Christmas Fair

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is extremely important and we monitor this closely. If your child is absent from school for an unauthorised reason, you may be liable for a penalty notice issued by Surrey County Council.

Please find below links to some useful information regarding our attendance policy based on *Department for Education* guidance. Please take the time to read this policy and watch the presentation.

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Working Together to Improve School Attendance \(slides\)](#)





Reading for Pleasure at Home



At Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery we know that reading for pleasure is at the heart of everything we do. With this in mind, we would like to use this reading column to provide you with some ideas for you to try, at home, to promote reading for pleasure.

With the October half term fast approaching, meaning Halloween is on our doorstep, why not have a spooky sleepover with your favourite pyjamas. Turn the lights out and use torches to read your favourite bedtime stories out loud.

If you're feeling brave, try one of these spooky classics: Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson, Winnie the Witch by Valerie Thomas or The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy.

Take some pictures of you trying this activity out and show them to your teacher or send them to the office, to put on our brand-new reading for pleasure display in school.

Watch this space for further ways we are supporting you and your child to develop their love of reading throughout the year.

World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th October it was WMHD, the children had the opportunity to talk about the different ranges of emotions they may feel and discuss simple mindfulness techniques to promote their own mental health. The Nursery children explored yoga as a mindfulness technique and our Reception children talked about their emotions using the colours associated with the Zones of Regulation.



Behaviour Policy Workshop 6th November at 09:00

WFIS have further developed a new policy to continue to promote the excellent standards of behaviour. You are welcome to come and hear about the latest research and rationale behind the updates.



PTA Updates

WFIS PTA Committee Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA committee meeting via zoom last night. We are delighted to report that the PTA has approved new funding of nearly £4000 to enrich the children's learning experiences in school. Do have a look at the minutes [here](#) for further detail.

The Pumpkin Trail is back!

Follow the trail map to find all the pumpkins and win a goodie bag (one goodie bag per trail map purchased). This year we have different trail options for different ages so this is a half term activity the whole family can enjoy! Trail maps are on sale now at www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta



Calling all Business Owners of Wallace Fields!

Would you like to advertise your business on our ticketing website?

Tell our school community about your fabulous business while supporting our children in school!

We are offering a limited number of advertising slots on the WFIS PTA Events website and we would like to give business owners in our school community priority access to these slots.

Our WFIS PTA Events website is very active with over 50k page views in the last 12 months and 5428 emails sent. As we implement cashless payments for more events, we expect the traffic on our website to increase.

For only £300, your business could be one of a very limited number to feature on our website for this academic year.

Contact us on wfispta@gmail.com to find out more!

TURN YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK INTO CHRISTMAS CARDS AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

It's that time of year again! Each child has created some amazing Christmas artwork in school, which can be made into Christmas cards, mugs, gift tags, wrapping paper and more! We use the company Cauliflower Cards and **they pay a commission to the PTA for each and every order.**

Here is what you need to know:

Your child's artwork and order form will be coming home in the bookbags on 18/19 October.

Please use the reference and unique code on the order form to place your order online.

You MUST return the artwork and order form to school on Monday 30 October at the latest.

If you have any queries please contact us on wfispta@gmail.com.

Want to help our PTA to get £s for *nothing*?!

Download the easyfundraising app and sign up as a supporter today, and **our PTA will get £2 for every download.** It's the easiest and quickest way to support WFIS PTA!

Did you know that easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 loved brands so **we can get free donations from your online shopping?** How amazing is that?

Download the easyfundraising app **today** and start supporting our PTA:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=ptaoctgiveaway-wa1

QR CODE TO PTA EVENTS

Your one-stop shop for pumpkin trail maps, pre-loved uniform, fireworks tickets, donations and so much more!





Secondary



Thinking of a career in teaching?



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 to one of the team at:

St Martin's CoE Schools (Ashley Road, Epsom, KT18 7AD)
on **Tuesday 17th October**, any time between **11am and 4pm**

How do I
apply?

How do I
find a
school?

Can I train
close to home?

What
programme is
right for me?

Do I need
experience?

Am I
eligible?

What finance
options are
available?

visit www.ssfscitt.org.uk ('information events') or email scitt@sft.org.uk



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Is your child starting school in September 2024?



If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

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KidsQuest



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Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

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The children have been busy making playdough to create fruit and vegetables in celebration of the harvest season. The children have also been soaking up the last of the summer sun playing outside whilst gathering leaves for autumn pictures and collages.

Next week we will be making preparations for a spooky Halloween!

Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

Miss Golding, Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

