



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 15th December 2023



Thank you to all the parents/carers that came to see the children in the Christmas performances. The children sang, danced and spoke with such confidence and I am sure you will agree they were brilliant! We would like to say a big well done to the choir who sang in front of a large audience at Ewell Yule last week; again they sang with such confidence and joy and it was amazing to watch them sing in the local community. This week we announced our Value of the Month award. This is a very special award that goes to children who have been living our school values at all times. It was a very tricky decision for teachers to make as many of our children show this value every day! Congratulations to: Alexander R, Sophia D, Sonny G, Felix C, Rosie S and Sofia T. As well as our Christmas productions this week, I have seen some brilliant learning across the school, including fine motor activities in Nursery, Christmas lists in Reception, 2D and 3D shape learning in Year One, and beautiful handwritten letters to Santa in Year Two.

Thank you to all of those parents who read regularly with their children at home. Our assessments show our strongest readers are the readers supported at home alongside the provision provided at school. We ask all parents/carers to write a comment/entry/sign in their Reading Records each day. Teachers monitor this weekly during the group reading sessions.

Just a reminder please could all children bring their Reading Records each day at the start of the new term. We regularly have volunteers and additional adults who read with the children who write in the children's Reading Records. Teachers also stick the focus of the week for reading in the diary so you can revisit vocabulary and comprehension with the children at home. Please also remember you have access to previously set texts via the eBook platform so you are able to build the children's reading mileage. This week we are sending lots of love and well wishes to Mrs Wadey who has not been at school due to a planned operation.

We wish all of our families and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to our new Year to our new topic 'Zoom to the Moon'.

Thank for your continued support.

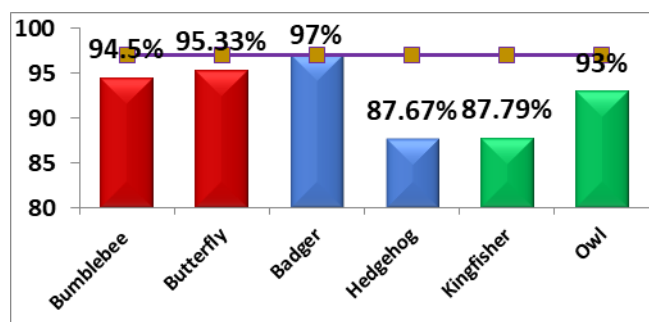
Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly

WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 08.12.23

Overall School Attendance: 92.55%



Class Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to our Class Attendance Trophy winner **Badger** for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. Keep up the great work!





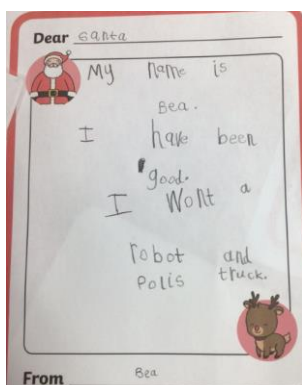
Nursery

Little Stars have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week. They have worked together and used their fine motor skills to create a giant Christmas tree. The Christmas tree has been cut out and hung on the classroom door for everyone to see. They worked really hard and are very proud of their tree.



Reception

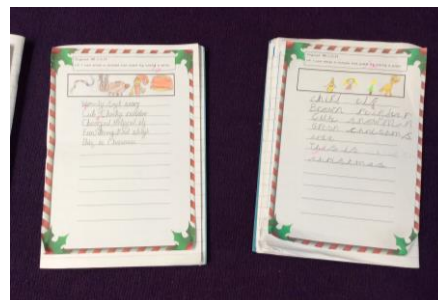
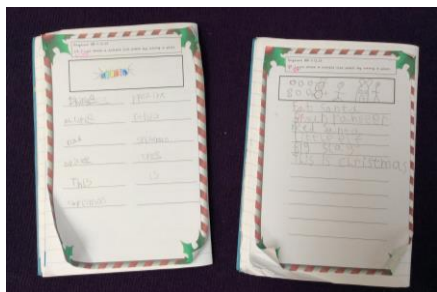
In Butterfly Class, we have been using our best handwriting and phonics knowledge to write (and post!!) letters to Santa. We have also continued learning about shapes, by cutting and sticking 2D shapes to make Christmas items. Some of us also wrapped 3D shapes in Christmas wrapping paper and asked our friends to guess the shape. We have loved our Christmas activities this week.





Year One

In Hedgehog class this week we have been very busy learning about list poems. We looked at the features of list poems and then planned and wrote our own Christmas poems titled 'This is Christmas'. They were amazing! The children came up with some fantastic Christmas descriptions e.g. warm woolly scarf, fast fluffy reindeer, delicious warm turkey. Well done, Hedgehogs!



Year Two

Year 2 really enjoyed creating Christmas crafts linked to the Christmas story with Father Mark. We created angels, sheep and crowns and learned about them as we created our artwork.





Staff Spotlight Hannah Barron



I started at Wallace Fields Infant School in 2014 as an Assistant Teacher after completing my Early Childhood Studies Degree. I then worked as Deputy Manger before completing my Early Years Teacher Status in 2016 where I took on the role of Lead Nursery Teacher. I love being a part of children's nursery experience and seeing how they develop and grow over their sometimes 2+ years with the team and me. It's also so lovely for families to return with a younger sibling after leaving us when their child joins Reception.

Some of my most memorable moments have been:

- Going on the bus trip with the Big Stars and the visit from the farm which the children absolutely loved!
- Opening the Nursery in COVID and having to be in bubbles and waving to the children in the other bubbles across the playground!

I have been involved in many changes in the Nursery from introducing full days sessions which used to be called 'Rockets', changing the age children can start to 2 years and splitting Big Stars into two classes now know as 'Gold Stars' and 'Silver Stars'.

I have also had the pleasure of leading Art across the school, and being involved in the Epsom and Ewell Art festival which the children's art work is selected for in the Autumn term.



A Heartfelt Thank You to our Volunteers.

This term we have been very fortunate to have had a lot of support from parents, carers and members of our community. Their time, dedications and encouragement has been so very appreciated.

If you would like to join this wonderful team of helpers, please contact the school office.

Any amount of time is gratefully received.



WFIS Has Got Talent!

Please bear with us while we work with our new website team to update this section. Please do keep sending through your children's achievements as we are saving these on file ready to publish in the New Year.



coming soon!



Christmas Post Box



The office has been filled with excitement as the children have posted their Christmas Cards. Thank you to all that participated!



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 [click here](#) to read our new policy.

[Behaviour Policy](#)

Golden Tickets

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!



Well done to **Joel C, Millie W, Thea CB, Stanley H, Oscar J, Leo F, Max T, Bea C, George H, William K-B, Arda V and Guy H** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!



Reading for Pleasure at Home

Over the Christmas holidays why not wrap one of your favourite books for a family member and read it to them. Remember to take a picture and send it to school so we can add it to our reading display.

If you are looking for last minute Christmas present ideas why not have a look at the recommended book lists for each year group.

Nursery-[Best Books for Nursery | Top 100 Recommended Reads | The Reader Teacher](#)

Reception-[Best Books for Reception: Ages 4-5 Recommended Booklist \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

Year 1-[Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6 \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

Year 2- [Best Books for Year 2: Recommended Booklist for Ages 6-7 \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

Thank you to Epsom College

A big thank you to Epsom College, for once again, their kind donation of Mince Pies and Crackers to help celebrate this festive season. It is greatly appreciated.



Useful Upcoming Dates

Tue 2nd January

Spring Term Begins

You can now subscribe to our school calendar via our website. Please [click here](#) to view our calendar, and click 'Subscribe' to sync the calendar with your own device.

NSPCC E-Safety workshop slides

Thank you to all the parents/Carers that took the time to join Mrs Male on the E-Safety workshop on Tuesday evening. It was very informative and for those who missed this or could not attend, the slides are worth having a read of. Please click [here](#) to access the slides. With Christmas just around the corner and with the potential of children accessing more screen time whilst not at school. Please spend some time to review the slides to ensure you know how to keep children safe online.



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 \(slides\)](#)



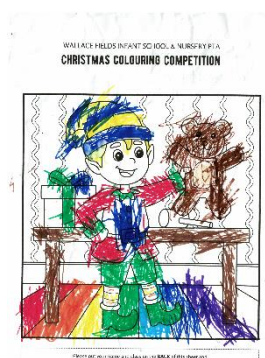
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PTA Colouring Competition

Well done to our Colouring competition winners!



Charlie, Owl



Oliver C, Gold Stars



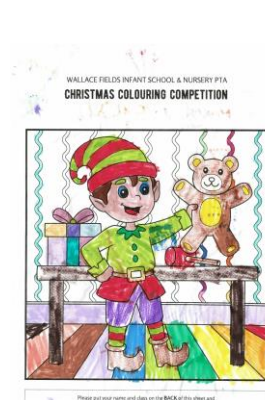
Leo, Silver Stars



Kayla, Little Stars



Joshua, Badger



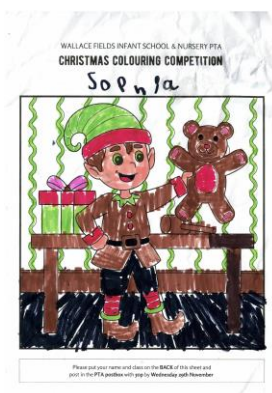
Francesca, Butterfly



Grace, Bumblebee



Rayaan, Kingfisher



Sophia S, Hedgehog



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PTA'S EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES!

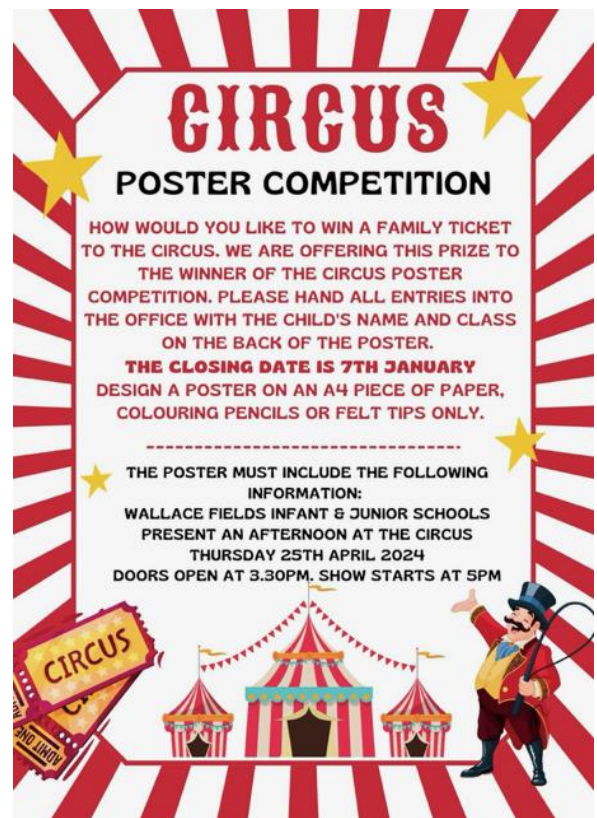


The PTA has approved spending of approx. £7,500 this term to improve, enhance and enrich our children's learning experiences in school. For example, we have funded a Polka Theatre Workshop, Space Dome experience, World Book Day author visit, Little Wandle Fluency Reading Books, Little Wandle intervention resources, STEM resources for construction and problem solving and outdoor resources. This makes a HUGE difference to all our children in school.

The Circus is coming to town!

Save the date! The CIRCUS is coming to Wallace Fields on 25 April 2024, so put the date in your diary now. Information on how to buy tickets will be published next term.

In the meantime, would your child like to enter a competition to design the poster we use to advertise the circus?



Our popular Quiz Night is back next term – save the date!

WFIS PTA PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

STAFF TEAM TO BEAT!

TEAMS OF 8 MAX

Friday 2 February

WFIS HALL DOORS OPEN 7.30PM

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champions? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night!

**TICKETS ON SALE 10AM
FRIDAY 5 JANUARY
PTA-EVENTS/WFISPTA**

TICKETS £15 EACH, INCLUDES PIZZA SUPPER AND A DRINK!

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KidsQuest



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Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

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This week the children have had a wonderful time creating their very own hot chocolate cups and salt dough decorations. The Hall has been filled with excitement and cheer!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With very best wishes,

Ms Bowyer and Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

