



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 26th January 2024



The children continue to make me so proud every day. Over the last two weeks, I have spotted lots of children displaying the qualities that we discussed in a recent friendship assembly and it is heartwarming to hear and see children using these skills in real life. In another assembly this week, children have also been learning how to keep themselves safe in the garden, where they were excellent at spotting dangers and what to do to ensure they stay safe.

I have enjoyed spending time with the children this week as always and finding out about their learning. In Nursery children have been drawing the planet Earth on a large scale. In reception children were creating books based on their story of the week, exploring and experimenting with ice and getting creative when making 2D shape pictures. In Year 1 I have seen some beautiful artwork. In Year 2 children had excellent knowledge of 3D shapes and the terminology used to describe them.

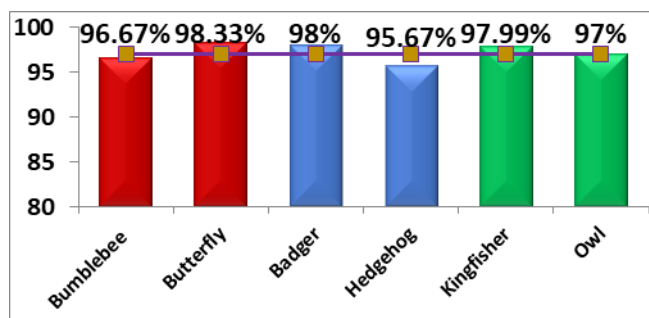
I am delighted to announce Alice Feldwick and James Bradshaw are our new Co-Chairs of the Governing Board with Emma Bailey being our new Vice Chair.

Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly
WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 19.01.24

Overall School Attendance: 97.03%



Class Attendance Trophy

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





Nursery

Little Stars have been working on their fine motor skills. They worked really hard to thread cheerios onto pipe cleaners using their pinchy fingers. They then took a trip to the field to hang their pipe cleaners on the trees for the birds to eat the cheerios.



Reception

Over the last two weeks the children have had great fun building rockets and making helmets using the large construction resources to help them consider how we can fly to the moon! They have also enjoyed learning about the different planets which make up the solar system. The children have learnt lots of facts about the planets and can tell you which planet is their favourite and why. We have also shared with the class lots of stories about rockets, aliens and astronauts, and the children have been able to compose and write their own sentences using their phonic knowledge. This week we have also been representing numbers in different ways using foam and dice. Butterfly Class enjoyed making messy number patterns.





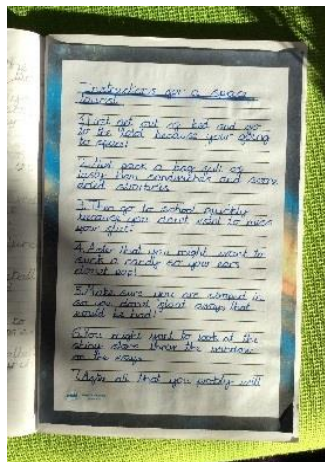
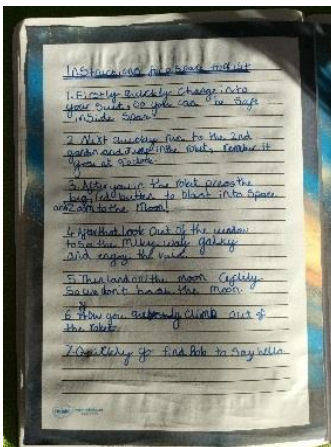
Year One

This week in Art we have been using wax crayons to create our own landscape pictures, applying mark making techniques that we have learnt such as hatching. We used Vicent van Gogh's work as inspiration. In DT we cut out stars and experimented with different materials to try and make our stars strong and stable. We are going to hang them from the classroom ceiling once they are ready.



Year Two

In Year Two this week we have been writing instructions! We have read the story, Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, and were inspired to write a set of instructions to inform space tourists on how to enjoy their holidays to the moon and other planets in our solar system. The children acted out various imperative verbs which allowed them to be very bossy to one another! They then learnt to use time adverbials so they could sequence the instructions correctly! We hope you enjoy some of the snippets below.





Staff Spotlight Patricia Wadey



I started working at Wallace Field Infant School 12 years ago, working one-to-one with a child with Special Educational Needs. This was a pivotal moment for my career and I haven't looked back since.

The element of my role I enjoy the most is the 'penny-drop' moment when a child has been struggling with something for some time and, all of a sudden, it clicks and it all falls into place. It is a privilege to witness and be a part of.



I have worked in all year groups and enjoy each of them in equal measure. One of the highlights for me has been seeing a child come full circle, from teaching them to working alongside them when they return for work experience. It has been wonderful to be a part of a team that has adapted and evolved with the changing needs of the school.

Outside of school I am doing a foundation degree in Pedagogy with the Open University. This has been challenging but rewarding to continue my learning and further my understanding of how children learn.



Drop-off Procedure

Please could all Parents/Carers ensure to come through the office if you arrive once the front gates have been closed at 8.55am. This is to avoid getting stuck within the perimeter and to ensure the school is secure once children are in classes.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



PE Day Reminders

Our sincere apologies for the confusion around PE days this term. We have had to make some changes to the timetable which has resulted in these changes. For confirmation, the PE days are as follows:

Bumblebee: Friday

Butterfly: Thursday

Badger: Monday

Hedgehog: Thursday

Kingfisher: Wednesday & Friday

Owl: Tuesday & Thursday

Childrens Mental Health Week

The week beginning 5th February is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is '**My Voice Matters**'. This is about empowering children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there is a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel their voices are heard and can make a difference, have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. During this week, we want all children to be able to say and believe their voice matters! All children in Big Stars, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in a 'Mindfulness Superheroes' workshop on **Monday 5th February**.



Behaviour Policy

Last term we launched our new behaviour policy. This involves our new 'Golden Rules'. Miss Kelly (Deputy Headteacher) led 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](#)

To contact us for any reason, please get in touch via: Wallace Fields Infant School, Wallace Fields, Epsom KT17 3AS
or 020 8394 0647 or www.wfis.co.uk or office.wfis@sft.org.uk

Golden Tickets

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!



Well done to **Samarpit G, Eva K, Jonah B, Eva C, Harry B, Dylan IM, Beth W, Isla G, Huey F, James D, Divena K, and Abeeha A** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!



Circus Poster Design Competition Winner



Congratulation to Aarya C in Hedgehog Class for winning the Circus Poster Design Competition!

This was a tough competition with entries from both the Infant and Junior Schools.

Well done Aarya, we are so proud!

Useful Upcoming Dates

Mon 29th Jan	'Brush like a Dentist' Reception visit
Wed 31st Jan	Inclusion Coffee Morning
Mon 5th Feb	'Mindfulness Superheroes' Workshops – Big Stars, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Mon 12th – 16th Feb	Half Term
Mon 19th Feb	INSET Day – School & Nursery Closed
Fri 1st Mar	PTA Pop-up Café
Mon 4th Mar	Space Dome – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Fri 8th Mar	PTA Mother's Day Shop
Fri 22nd Mar	PTA Easter Disco – Details TBC
Mon 25th Mar	Epsom & Ewell School's Music Festival – dress rehearsal (selected Y2s)
Tue 26th Mar	Epsom & Ewell School's Music Festival @ Epsom Playhouse (selected Y2s)
Wed 27th Mar	Epsom & Ewell School's Music Festival @ Epsom Playhouse (selected Y2s)
Thu 28th Mar	End of term 13:15 Infants, 15:30 Nursery and 16:30 KidsQuest
Mon 15th Apr	Summer Term begins – children to wear Summer Uniform
Thu 25th Apr	PTA Circus (tickets on sale 21 st March)
Fri 17th May	PTA Race Night
Fri 14th Jun	PTA Father's Day Shop – Details TBC
Fri 14th Jun	PTA Quiz Night (tickets on sale 29 th April)
Sun 30th Jun	PTA Summer Fair

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.

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Attendance

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authorisation for five or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a Penalty Notice. Currently the amount payable under a Penalty Notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents/carers and two children will receive four Penalty Notices.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

[Attendance Policy](#)

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





Governor of the Month visit from Alice Feldwick



Dear Parents,

Hope you are all well and have settled back into the school routine, albeit a bit frosty. I had the pleasure of coming into school on my recent Governor of the Month visit and I wanted to share some insights of my day.

I started the day by attending the Year 2 curriculum workshop, presented by Mrs Amos. I found the session was very well run, engaging, informative and well presented, so a huge thank you to Mrs Amos for putting it together. Being a parent myself, I managed to pick up quite a few tips to help at home with my children. The slides from the presentation should be sent out to you, but if you have any feedback please feel free to send back to the school or you can also email me directly at afeldwick@sfet.org.uk.

I then met with Miss Kelly to discuss the Well Being plan for Pupils, Families and Staff, and had a look through some of the Learning Journals, with particular focus on PHSE learning which was very evident in their journals. Miss Kelly is a great lead in this field, with plenty of experience so I am looking forward to seeing how the action plan will be implemented in the school.

It was then lunchtime, so I joined the children in the hall, I timed my visit perfectly as I was there for the New Years Celebration lunch which was lovely. The children were all very kind and excited to have a "Governor" present, I even got asked if I worked with Rishi Sunak, probably a bit disappointed when I told them I am not quite in the "Government". It is always great to see the children in this natural environment, they were all very welcoming and talkative, I had some lovely conversations.

Next stop was a highlight, where I had some interaction with some very interesting young people. We have recently introduced a new Behaviour Policy (it is on the website for anyone that would like to read) and the teachers have been working hard to introduce it to the children. I spoke to a number of Year 1 and 2 children and I was very impressed to see that they were all very aware of our school's Golden Rules (Ready, Respectful, Responsible) and our Values (Kindness, Friendship, Respect, Reflection, Effort, Determination, Good Manners). They also shared examples of how they demonstrate the values on a daily basis. As the policy is new, it was impressive to see how they have managed to grasp it so quickly and I also welcome the changes to the policy.

I completed my day by reviewing the Sports Premium Action Plan and I am excited to see all the new ideas that Mr Cliffe will be introducing over the year.

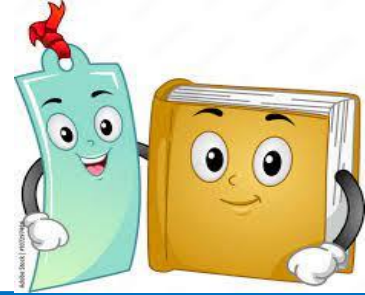
Thank you again to all the staff and pupils for making me feel very welcome, I had a great time and look forward to my next visit!

Alice Feldwick

Reading for Pleasure

Thank you to all the parents who attended the reading-focused Curriculum Workshops last week. We had a great turn out from each year group and some great questions. We hope you found the sessions informative, and if you missed them, look for the email sent last week with the PowerPoints attached.

This week, we would like the children to get creative with their reading. Can they make a new bookmark to use at home? They can design it any way they like, and if they would like to, bring them into school to show and tell their teachers and friends.



Twitter mention by artist



Well done to Leo F in Owl Class for his wonderful artwork created in the style of Henry Fraser, which received recognition from the art himself.

Super job Leo!

Arbor Parent Portal & App

We use [Arbor](#) to help us manage our school and nursery. Parents/carers can access information about their children's attendance, clubs, trips and more. For nursery parents/carers, you can also manage your child's lunch balance if they have hot lunches.

If you have not already logged into [Arbor](#), you will have received a reminder of your login details via automated email today. Please take a moment to login and familiarise yourself with the platform.

For more information, please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.



Reading Books



Please see below schedule for when reading books will go home and when they should be returned.

Year Group	Day given	Day to return
Reception	Wednesday/ Thursday	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday	Thursday
Year 2	Friday	Thursday
Year 2 Chapter books	Every Fortnight Friday	Keep for two weeks

Educational Subscriptions

Please could parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 please log into [Arbor](#) and make payment for your child's Educational Subscriptions if you have not done so already. This can be found in the 'Clubs' section.

Lost Property

Lost property is available to claim from the School Office. Please do pop in to claim any items before Friday 9th Feb when they will either be passed on to the PTA or taken to a charity shop.





DRESS *for* SUCCESS



We endeavour to achieve a high standard in all our activities at school and we expect this to be reflected in the appearance of all our pupils. Here is a reminder of our uniform requirements:

Winter Uniform (worn from after October Half Term until the end of Spring term)

- Grey pinafore dress, skirt, shorts or trousers
- White polo shirt (school logo preferred, otherwise plain)
- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Red/grey tights or black/grey socks
- Black sensible school shoes (not trainers) with velcro fastening (no sandals, slip-ons, boots or open toes). Shoes should be suitable for school wear enabling your child to play safely at playtimes.

Summer Uniform (worn from the start of Summer term until October Half Term)

- Red and white gingham dress, or
- Grey pinafore dress, skirt, shorts or trousers
- White polo shirt (school logo preferred, otherwise plain)
- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White/grey socks or red/grey tights
- Black sensible school shoes (not trainers) with velcro fastening (no sandals, slip-ons, boots or open toes). Shoes should be suitable for school wear enabling your child to play safely at playtimes.

PE Kit (worn all day on PE days)

- White t-shirt (school logo preferred, otherwise plain)
- Red shorts (shadow striped/plain)
- Black jogging bottoms or leggings (plain)
- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Trainers/black plimsolls with velcro fastening

Personal Appearance

- Hair should be clean, tidy and off the face
- Hair past shoulder length should be tied back
- Pupils are expected to wear red or white hair accessories only
- No nail polish, earrings, jewellery, or smart watches may be worn to school

Nursery Uniform

We ask all Nursery children to wear uniform as we feel it promotes inclusion and confidence and saves all their lovely clothes getting so dirty!

- Purple polo shirt with Nursery logo
- Purple jumper with Nursery logo
- Purple cardigan with Nursery logo
- Purple fleece with Nursery logo
- Purple summer dress

All logo uniform items (and some generic items) are available to purchase from Mapac:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallaceinfantKT17>

Don't forget there is 10% off until 31st January using code JSP24 at the checkout.



Inclusion Coffee Morning

9am-10am

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Focus: Establishing bedtime routines

Bedtime is an essential part of your child's daily routine. Join Mrs Smith to explore how to establish a consistent bedtime routine for your child following previously shared guidance from professionals and have the opportunity to discuss with other parents who have similar concerns.





We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

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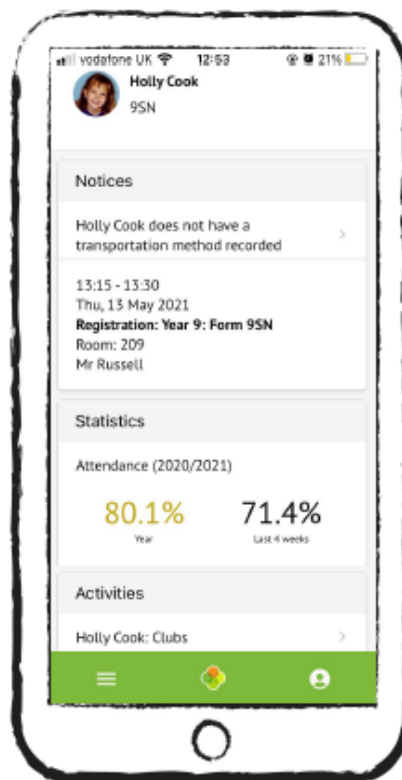
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



Our Special Person Shop is back by popular demand!

**WFIS PTA
Special Person Shop
for Mother's Day
Friday 8 March**



The children may choose
one or more lovely gifts
during school hours for
their mummies, aunts,
nans or other special
people in their lives

If you wish your child to have the
opportunity to choose a gift, please pay
in advance £3.50 per gift per child at
www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta

Do you need to label your child's uniform? Help raise funds for WFIS PTA with My Nametags using our unique School ID number 19729!

School life is a lot easier when things don't go missing, so labelling your child's belongings can be a big help.

The My Nametags labels are extremely hardwearing and save a great deal of effort and potential lost property. They can be used on school uniforms, brownies/guides clothes, football kits, in fact almost anything.

For every order of personalised labels, My Nametags will contribute to the school. Order online at www.MyNametags.com and use our unique School ID number 19729.

You'll be helping to raise much-needed funds for WFIS PTA, which will go towards enriching the learning experiences of all of our children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We have lots of exciting plans for the rest of this year so do make sure you have these dates in your diary!

WFIS PTA SAVE THE DATE 2024	MOTHER'S DAY SHOP 8 MARCH
EASTER DISCO 22 MARCH	CIRCUS 25 APRIL
RACE NIGHT 17 MAY	FATHER'S DAY SHOP 14 JUNE
QUIZ NIGHT 14 JUNE	SUMMER FAIR 30 JUNE

PTA MEETING THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 8PM VIA ZOOM

Did you know that you are automatically a member of the PTA if you have a child at the school? Join our next meeting to find out more!

You will be able to hear all about the fabulous events and activities we have planned, have your say in how the PTA allocates funds to improve the children's learning experiences as well as share your amazing ideas for events.

We welcome everyone to get involved. Help make the magical memories of school that your children will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Join our next meeting on Thursday 1 February at 8pm via zoom. Please email wfispta@gmail.com for login details and to receive the agenda.



KidsQuest



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Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

Friday 26th January 2024

This week in KidsQuest our activities have all been based around the weather.

The children have been creating model, painting waterproof garments and creating weather symbols made of playdough.

What a super week we've had!

With very best wishes,

Ms Bowyer and Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

