



Character Education

Character Education is at the heart of everything we do at Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery. Through the delivery of the PSHE curriculum and the strong links we continue to make with our local community for example, The local food bank, Care home, local hospitals, Veterans Society, to name but a few, we have created a strong sense of pride, belonging and identity for all children at WFIS. Supporting our local community has also developed the children's empathy and helped them to understand the positive impact they can have on other people around them.

In order to support children to explore and express their character and build the skills they need for resilience, empathy and future employability, we offer a range of after school clubs and opportunities for the children to compete and perform e.g. The annual Dance Festival at Epsom play house, Local sports competitions at other schools, The Music festival, The Big Draw.

Our Pupil Parliament provides all children with the opportunity to be part of a democracy and develops children's social confidence. It offers a rich opportunity for children to develop the ability to make points or arguments clearly and constructively, listen attentively to the views of others, behave with courtesy and good manners and speak persuasively.

Our creative curriculum also welcomes visitors and experts into school to enhance children's experiences, to inspire them whilst broadening and deepening their understanding of the wider world. Our close links with Epsom College have also provided the children with hands on memorable experiences. Such as, a chemistry lesson in the science lab and a music recital by Epsom College Students who shared their love of music.

The chickens at WFIS & Nursery help the children to understand the responsibilities that come from looking after an animal. The children have been involved in naming the chickens and enjoy going to feed them. They have also been involved in selling the eggs to parents. Nurturing the chickens has also been a positive experience and support children who have emotional needs.








Not only are our school values; (*Respect • Friendship Determination • Effort • Good manners • Reflection, kindness*) taught explicitly in the classroom but they are also part of everything we do. All staff within the school also model the values and relationships show the importance of mutual respect. Children's achievements are celebrated weekly in our 'Golden tea' assembly, during which time children are encouraged to be reflective and identify which values the children have shown in order to achieve their certificate. We also have two assemblies per week, which focus on teaching a value through a story and encourage the children to identify how this relates to them. British values are also embedded in curriculum area across the school. We believe that not only is it important for the children to be highly motivated and keen to please, through the positive rewards, superstars, golden tickets, and head teacher awards but we want them to understand the importance of being driven internally as this shows greater levels of persistence and achievement.

Through our 'Wallace Fields Infant School has Talent' platform, we are able to celebrate children's achievements outside of school, giving them the opportunity to inspire others.

We have devised some key strands as part of our Personal Development Offer that we believe are important to ensure children grow up to be good citizens in the world, knowing they can make a difference.



Personal Development Offer

Year Group	Trips/ Visits/ Workshops 	Care in the community/ Charity 	Climate Crusaders 	Campaign for change 	Celebrating Difference 	Careers 	Competition and Performance 
All year Groups	Theatre Trip Music workshops	Children in Need Foodbank Gifts for the children's ward	Eco committee School grounds litter pick Chicken egg collection and selling Growing our own produce in the allotment area Walk to school project Travel plan mode shift Nature Explorer sessions Litter picking	No electricity day British Values Democracy lessons Pupil Parliament Suggestion box	Language of the month Festivals around the world Spotlight on special needs assemblies Around the world assemblies British Values, tolerance and mutual respect lessons. Diversity across the curriculum, texts artists, historians.	Dream Big assemblies – parents invited to share careers.	Read Aloud competition Art Festival Class Assemblies Christmas Performance Sports WFIS has talent Poetry/ Oracy – stake a stand Take one picture
Little Stars	World Nursery Rhyme Week Butterflies Author visit	Cards to care homes Big Toddle	Re use and recycle Junk modelling			Builder	
Big Stars	Story telling workshop Farm Visit Reptile Visit Egg Hatching	Cards to care homes Big Toddle	Looking after wildlife – Bird feeders, planting to attract wildlife Somebody swallowed Stanley- Ocean pollution	Wow moment- How can we help?	Different families Traditional dress Diwali Lunar New Year	Firefighter Police Vets	
Reception	Gatton Park Local Walk Church visit Dragon Dance Kite Festival Red Bus Trip	Volunteer in school Visit Nursery children to talk about starting reception	Recycling Re use and recycle Growing	Sponsored event to raise money for something they would like to change in their own environment.	Come with me Festivals	Dentist Fire Safety	Story/Poetry performance
Year One	Castle trip Painshill Park Dinosaur fossil experience Church visit VR immersive experience story telling	Volunteer in local area Local litter pick	Caring for the planet (science) Where our food comes (Science) Saving the Bees	Saving the Bees Project.		Dentist Scientist Author People Who help us (PSHE)	Cross school competitions football, multiskills, scatter ball
Year Two	Hampton Court Living Rainforest Space dome VR immersive experience monarchy Church visit Synagogue visit Salsa Carnival workshop	Singing at Epsom hospital Gifts for the Children's reward at Xmas Care home singing Sports Leaders Write poetry to post for care homes.	Debate re: forestation Clean up Text – Plastic in the environment Habitats Plastic in the environment	Letters to parents, bake sale to raise money to adopt orangutans.	Curriculum Henry Fraser artist Windrush (History) Floella Benjamin	Astronauts	Dance Festival Music Festival Choir performances Pentathlon Cross school competitions football, multiskills, scatterball Pentathlon

