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Over £7,200,000 has been spent on local schemes in Wandsworth since 2015.

Tell us what you would like to see the Wandsworth Local Fund spent on in your area.

Where does the funding come from?

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tax collected by Wandsworth Borough Council and paid by developers. The CIL allows the council to support and fund new social and physical infrastructure that the council and local communities want.

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projects have received funding since 2015. projects funded for improvements to roads, pavements and street lighting.

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- 1 Visit the consultation at the following address; https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthced/wlf-18
- 2 Choose your top three priorities to tell us what you would like to see Wandsworth Local Fund spent on.
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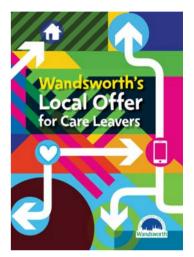
A student from **Chestnut Grove Academy** has won the Wandsworth Regional Final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, the world's biggest youth

speaking event.

Rosa McDonnell, 14, won a £100 gift certificate and the chance to go through to the Grand Final on July 2. Her winning speech, The Girlfriend, The Mother and The Wife, talked about the portrayal of women in theatre and film.

Second place went to Luke St Clair from **Southfields Academy**, while Oghale Erikigho from **Bolingbroke Academy** was third.

The awards were presented by the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Leslie McDonnell and the judges were Hannah Cilia from the Jack Petchey Foundation, Amy Ewbank, Artistic Director, Doll's Eye Theatre, Russell Findlay, CEO of the Speakers Trust, Lesley Strachan, Radio Wandsworth arts editor, Sam Phillips from the Wandsworth Youth Council and 2017 finalist Ally Stuart.



Leaving care

Young people leaving the care system are getting a package of support from the council to help them cope with adult life. The Wandsworth 'Local Offer' includes help on how to budget and manage their finances and more mental health support, better access to apprenticeships and accommodation for young people with complex needs. They will all receive an information pack giving clear information about the support available. The council will also pay their council tax bills until they are 21.

Follow the Wandsworth Children's in Care Council on twitter @clickwandsworth for updates on support for young people in care



Good news for Oak Lodge

There's been loads going on at Oak Lodge School, with

some good news and some very special visitors.

The school, for children who are deaf or who have speech, language or communication needs, has bagged £1000 from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme, which will help provide more mental health and well-being support for pupils, like this healthy cooking class (above).

Meanwhile, students taking part in the weekly hair and makeup session were surprised with a visit from prominent deaf blogger Jasmine Whipps and her friend Jemma James. Jasmine, known as Jazzy to her fans, is profoundly deaf in both ears and uses British Sign Language (BSL) as her first language. Both girls taught the class how to properly apply makeup.

The school also welcomed a visit from therapy dog Faith. Faith, a fiveyear-old Staffordshire bull terrier, qualified as a PAT (Pets As Therapy) Dog in 2011 and has visited schools, hospitals, hospices and care homes since she was eight months old. She has been given an award by the Mayor of Wandsworth her contribution to the local community. For more information on PAT visit: www.petssastherapy.org.







Rose cooks up a win

Rose Picicco has won the fifth annual Wandsworth Young

Chef of the Year competition.

Rose, from **Southfields Academy**, wowed judges with her dish of cod cakes followed by chicken parma ham, with a Portuguese desert of natas de ceu.

The Young Chef competition is run by the Mayor of Wandsworth and the council's lifelong learning team in association with borough schools. It nurtures young talent, teaches young people how to cook good healthy food to a budget, provides a chance to learn from the experts and helps young people get a foothold in the catering industry.

Each of the eight finalists won high street vouchers, with Rose scooping the top prize of £130 and a crystal trophy. May Newkey-Burden from **Burntwood School** was second and Yafiet Binyam from **Ernest Bevin** was third. The other finalists were: Raheela Aslam (**Ark Putney Academy**), Farnaz Abubaka (**Ark Putney Academy**), Zakareya Ahmad (**Ernest Bevin**), Jamiee Hyacinth (**Chestnut Grove**) and Jada Burrell-Powell (**St Cecilia's**).





Judo champs

Ernest Bevin College has been ranked the top British school for judo following a haul of five medals at the British Schools Judo Championship.

The team faced competitors from 460 schools to win two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze medal at this year's competition. Omar Amaidia (16) and Umar Zabboughi (13) both won Gold Medals to be crowned British Schools Champions 2018. It was a brilliant end to what was a great

weekend of Judo

for the Ernest

Bevin Judo

team.



Eric Bonti Head of Elite Sport at Ernest Bevin



Granard is neighbourhood hub

Granard Primary School is proud of its place right at the heart of the community it serves.

It prides itself on being as inclusive as possible and works with parents as well as students to help children succeed and feel part of a team. This approach has helped the school achieve another 'Good' Ofsted rating in December, with inspectors noting that parents had praised the school's strong sense of community. A lot of our pupils' parents feel that Granard is their family.

Cheryl Grigg Headteacher Top: Mabel the school therapy dog is popular with all the children, but is especially good at helping children who have anxiety or find it difficult to talk about how they are feeling.

Middle:People are regularly invited in to meet the children. Here they get a fitness class from Joe Wicks, The Body Coach.

Bottom: The school even has its own pool

Headteacher Cheryl Grigg said: "Granard also has a children's centre so in many cases we've known the children since they were born - a lot of our pupils' parents feel that Granard is their family.

"We run workshops for parents as well as children so they can see how we are teaching their children and to help prevent them feeling concerned and out of their depth.

"One of the things that we are striving hard to do is to maintain high educational standards, particularly in Year 6. Our staff are very effective in motivating and extending the children's learning as well as successfully working in partnership with our parents."

Follow @GrandardSch on twitter for updates





Schools set for £15m expansion

Councillors in Wandsworth have approved plans to invest more than £15m in providing more places at some of the borough's most popular schools to make space for rising pupil numbers.

At secondary level, subject to the normal feasibility and planning application processes where necessary, the following schools will expand:

- St Cecilia's in Southfields will increase its intake by one extra class.
- Chestnut Grove Academy in Balham will increase admissions by one class size, while the investment in new facilities will also enable the school to expand its sixth form provision.
- Ark Putney Academy will add two new classes by utilising

available space in its existing building which was recently upgraded as part of a £30m school modernisation scheme.

• Burntwood School is already undertaking expansion plans and will be offering extra spaces from September this year.

At primary level:

• Brandlehow School in Putney will have enhanced buildings to enable it to revert to two forms of entry, having recently had to reduce to one due to lack of space.

- There will be two new classes at **Paddock School** in Roehampton which caters for children with moderate and severe learning difficulties.
- Riversdale School in Southfields will see the establishment of a new £450,000 unit to support children with special needs. The support of the headteacher and governors to put this in place as soon as next September is very welcome and a consultation on this proposal is under way.



Local youth workers Kafui Brese and Nicole Gordon, Wandsworth Council leader Ravi Govindia and Daniel Tomkinson, CEO of New Covent Garden Market Authority on the site of the new pitches.

Top class pitches

Powerleague is creating a five-a-side football facility at Battersea Power Station featuring six state-of-the art fifth generation artificial all weather pitches, due to be open by July.

There will be five five-a-side pitches and one 8-a-side pitch allowing up to 76 people to play at any one time. Special access will be available for local schools and community groups to use the pitches and local residents will be eligible for discounted rates at designated times.

Think outside the box

Think Outside has invited all the borough's primary schools to a conference on June 12 to find out more about outdoor learning.

The organisation runs outdoor learning clubs in Wandsworth schools, both as part of lessons and afterschool, focusing on healthy living, food and wildlife.

It also develops under-used or derelict sites on school premises into growing and wildlife spaces and is an experienced fund-raiser to help schools pay for them.

The conference will be hosted by **Swaffield School.** Find out more at www.think-outside.org.uk





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Praise for hospital school

The Wandsworth Hospital and Home Tuition Service (HHTS Wandsworth) is the first school of its type in the country to gain the



UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.

HHTS Wandsworth, run by the council, helps children suffering from severe or chronic illnesses, mental health issues or who are pregnant or young parents. It means that young people in hospital don't miss out on their education, with hospital school teachers liaising with every child's school to ensure that wherever possible pupils keep up with their peers.

It is recognised as outstanding by Ofsted, and has two schools – one at St George's Hospital and the other at Springfield University Hospital. It also offers home tuition for pupils with acute medical needs, reintegration support for pupils with mental health needs and runs outreach programmes for young people who are school phobic or otherwise vulnerable in mainstream schools.



Rights Respecting Schools are those that focus on four key areas: wellbeing, participation, relationships and selfesteem. Children's rights are central to how these schools operate and children are taught about respect, dignity and nondiscrimination.

UNICEF Assessors said they will be working with HHTS Wandsworth to share their experiences with other hospital schools so that more can become accredited.

Harris Academy 'Outstanding'

Harris Academy Battersea has been given an Outstanding Ofsted rating.

The school, ranked as one of the top performing schools in London, was also named Evening Standard School of the Year for academic excellence in 2017 and was one of the Sunday Times' Top 20 Schools in the country. The report commends the outstanding behaviour of pupils, outstanding leadership and the 'unwavering commitment' of staff. Ofsted also praised the Academy for its support for disadvantaged students, who make 'excellent progress' whilst at the Academy. David Moody, Principal, said: "It's been an incredible few years at Harris Academy Battersea and this Ofsted rating really is the icing on the cake."

Get reading

Heathmere School is hosting the first ever Roehampton Reads reading festival on June 23, and everyone is invited.

So far, the line-up includes Piers Torday, Kes Gray, Neal Zetter and Joshua Seigal, Swapna Haddow, Ross Montgomery, Sally Kindberg, Story Storks, Bigfoot Arts, Amari Harrs (sponsored by the Polka Theatre) and the Really Big Pants Theatre.

For more information and tickets, visit www.heathmereprimary.org/ roehampton-reads



Harini is top young person

Harini Thiruchelvam, who spends much of her spare time volunteering, has won this year's Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award.

As well as being academically gifted, Harini (pictured holding the trophy) is hoping to train as a vet and helps out as a volunteer for three hours each week at an animal re-homing centre run by Cats Protection. She also helps out at a horse riding school for one day a week, has recently started work as a veterinary assistant once a week and for the past five years she has volunteered at a library on a reading support programme and is a mentor to younger students at **Graveney School**.

Presenting her award, the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Leslie McDonnell said: "Harini's concern for the wellbeing and her consistent support for her school community are heart-warming."

Other young people recognised were:

- 12-year-old Rhea Kara who has raised £50,000 for the charity Reverse Rett by selling her own paintings.
- Sofia Perera for her work with the Wandsworth Youth Council raising awareness of mental health issues.
- Sinead Brown who attends Ark Putney Academy is the only school-age pupils to be admitted to the Office for Students panel, which represents students' interests in higher education.
- Finley Wright established the Combined Cadet Force at **Ernest Bevin School** and went on a trip to Zambia to help coach local young people in Rugby.
- Two groups were recognised the Band Project at Ark Putney and The Gap Youth Club, which provides a safe social space for LGBTQ youngsters



Contacting families

Contact is a charity that helps families with

disabled children

It provides families with the best possible guidance and information, brings them together in local groups and online to support each other by sharing experiences and advice and helps families to campaign, volunteer, fundraise and shape local services to improve life for themselves and others.

It's based at the Early Years Centre, 1 Siward Road, Tooting. Families can register themselves by calling the office on (020) 8947 5260 or emailing Wandsworth.Office@contact.org.uk

You can also go along to one of the regular drop-in sessions (right). No booking is necessary.

Battersea

May 23, June 6 and June 13, 1.30pm-3.30pm Chesterton Children's Centre, Dagnall Street, Children welcome

Roehampton

Call 07920 655074 for dates Eastwood Children's Centre, 166 Roehampton Lane

Tooting

May 25, June 22 9.30am-11.30am Early Years Centre, 1 Siward Road, Tooting,

Budding business stars

The first ever Wandsworth Enterprise Schools Week encouraged the borough's budding entrepreneurs to think about a career in business.

The event, part of the council's Wandsworth Enterprise Week support programme, featured inspiring sessions from successful young entrepreneurs sharing their story of how they got started, with ten sessions in schools across the borough, including this visit (below) to **Southfields Academy.** There were also interactive workshops to give students an insight into self-employment and talks from business support organisations.

Now schools are being invited to sign up for the Tycoon Enterprise Competition, a free competition run by the Peter Jones Foundation, a charity founded by Dragon's Den star Peter Jones CBE.

Tycoon, which opens for entries in mid-June, is for students aged six to 18. Every participating team writes a business plan, is given a goodwill loan of up to £2000, starts a business and trades, competing with other student companies through a sophisticated kickstarter style platform, in a safe and controlled environment. This helps students to gain valuable hands-on experience of what is involved with forming, and running, their own start-up.

To find out more information and to register your school's interest visit: www.peterjonesfoundation.org or contact wew@wandsworth.gov.uk





ADT room unveiled

Local MP Justine Greening visited **Mosaic Jewish Primary School** to officially open the school's new Art, Design and Technology (ADT) Room, funded through a successful bid to the Maurice Hatter Foundation and the Friends of Mosaic.

"The ADT room is fully equipped with a range of resources that will enable the children to explore a wide range of creative learning techniques," said Chair of Governors, David Kelin. "We are aware that such a dedicated facility is unusual in a primary school. We are extremely grateful to all those who have supported the creation of a cutting edge resource for our children."



Raising awareness Hillbrook School in Tooting has been running free Dementia Friends information sessions for staff, pupils and parents. So far all 333 Year 3-6 children have attended a session, as well as all the staff. Year 1 and 2 children will have their sessions this term. The sessions are part of the Alzheimers Society's Dementia Friends programme to change people's perceptions of dementia and tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around the condition.



History comes alive

Judging has started on this year's Wandsworth GLL Heritage Awards for Schools competition. Schools from across the borough have entered, and have explored aspects of local history including local historical figures and how neighbourhoods have changed. Outright winners receive a cash prize and all winning groups will be presented with their awards by the Mayor of Wandsworth at a town hall ceremony. See the next edition of Headstart to find out who won.

Telling stories

The first trained reading helpers have begun supporting young Wandsworth children to read as

part of the new Story Starters programme.

Story Starters was launched last year by children's literacy charity Beanstalk, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and LuCid (University of Liverpool). It sees volunteers from the local community visit schools twice a week to help children aged three to five become ready to read.

Jan Thole is among the very first Story Starter reading helpers and has begun working with children at **Chesterton Nursery** (part of Chesterton School) in Wandsworth supported by Beanstalk. She supports three children one-to-one twice a week for 20 minutes at a time.

Chesterton School currently has ten Beanstalk volunteers who support pupils in Years 1 to 6 with reading. Katherine Williams, Every Child a Reader teacher said: "We are delighted to be able extend this support



into our Early Years by welcoming our first Story Starters volunteer, Jan, into our nursery."

If you are interested in becoming a Story Starter volunteer, visit www.storystarters.org.uk



Supermarket sweep

Fircroft School has received £2,500 from Sainsbury's stores across Wandsworth. The money will be used towards transforming a classroom into a library.

Headteacher Anne Wilson said: "Promoting a love of reading is at the heart of everything we do here at Fircroft and a new library will help our children have easy access to a wide range of books right here in the school - as well as very



special space in which to explore them. We are very grateful to Sainsbury's stores from across the borough for helping us to achieve this."

Local businesses who want to support the fundraising drive can contact PTA co-chair Katy Hill on k8yhill@hotmail.com



Elliot Veheary is a security apprentice with Banham Academy and Pareice Hassan-Wright is a Business Administration Apprentice with Wandsworth Council. They talked about their experiences at a recent breakfast encouraging employers to take on apprentices.

Leaving school?

Young people leaving school are being urged to think about apprenticeships. Apprentices are paid while you learn and get a recognised qualification, important skills, valuable work experience and a foothold into their chosen industry. Support is available from the council's Lifelong Learning team. Find out more at wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk.

News from the Youth Council

The Wandsworth Youth Council have had a busy start to the year. Here are our two key highlights

Leadership Team Elections

Members of the Youth Council stood for election for a variety of roles and were elected into these posts by their peers.

A HUGE congratulations to the following young people, who were elected:

- Chair Conor, Southfields Academy
- Deputy Chair Mohammad, Southfields Academy
- Media Officer Sofia, Burntwood Academy
- Political Awareness Campaign Lead Sam, Ashcroft Academy
- Mental Health Campaign Lead Chloe from Harris Academy Battersea
- Education for Life & Police and Youth Engagement Lead Shaye, **Kingston College**

Well done to all of them and to all of those who stood for election too.

2018 – 2019 Campaign Priorities

Key campaign priorities for the year ahead are:

Political Awareness: We want to raise young people's awareness on how local and national politics works, to help young people be better informed and better prepared to make an informed decision when they vote for the first time.

Mental Health: We will raise awareness, reduce stigma and improve mental health provision and services for young people. We will ensure more young people are educated about mental health and know what it really is.

Education for Life: We will help young people be better prepared for adulthood when leaving school.

Police and Youth Engagement: We will work with young people and the police to help tackle crime related issues in the community and raise awareness about support services available to young people.



Wandsworth YOUTH & COUNCIL &

Wandsworth Youth Council is run as part of the Wandsworth Youth Participation Service, which is delivered by The Participation People on behalf of Wandsworth Council.

If you would like to know more about the Wandsworth Youth Council and the work they do, please get in touch with Tiffany on wandsworth@ participationpeople.com.



Students from the **Saint Cecilia's** Musical Theatre Club, Concert Band, Choir and String Group opened this year's 2018 Brighter Sound Concert at the Royal Festival Hall with their rendition of 'Fame'.

The Choir and Concert Band members also joined other secondary schools to perform 'New York, New York', 'Motherless Child' and 'Scarborough Fair'.

The tenth annual Brighter Sound concert featured young singers and musicians from schools across Wandsworth. It was organised by the council's Wandsworth Schools Music Service which offers training and the chance to perform. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ musicservices



Brand awareness

Young people working with the Wandsworth BEIT team have been building their own brand.

BEIT, the council's Early Intervention Team, worked with the Brixton Soup Kitchen on the project in Tooting. They created two teams, Born Unique and Generation 21, which each came up with a concept, brand name and design. Their work reflected their desire to be authentic and individual and looked at issues affecting young people in 21st century London.

BEIT run workshops on issues such as knife crime, theft, sexual bullying and also work with young people individually. Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/youth.



Cultivating a love of art

Year 2 students at Falconbrook School have been

working with artist Bethan Lloyd-Worthington as

part of the Cultivate scheme.

They explored their local area and their place within it over six sessions and imagined how they would improve it. They worked with clay, collage, drawing and rubbings and documenting their journey through hand made sketch books.

Last month they held a special exhibition of their work and acted as tour guides for other students at Falconbrook, their families and guests.

Cultivate is run by the council's leisure contractor Enable Leisure and Culture and is an arts education programme working with primary and secondary schools to inspire, involve and educate young people about the creative opportunities in Wandsworth, including creative careers and future skills.

For more information contact Katherine Hill, Cultivate Programme Manager on khill@enablelc.org

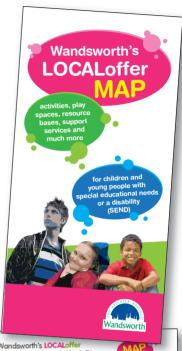
Creative Wandsworth: A Guide for Young People

A new guide has been specially designed for young people to showcase the wide range of creative organisations based in Wandsworth and the activities they offer for young people and families, many of which are free or low cost. There is space for young people to make their own notes and use the guide to track their creative journey around the borough, allowing it to be used both in and out of school. Copies of the guide have been distributed to every child in Wandsworth via schools. libraries and other public places.

What's on offer?

Wandsworth's new Local Offer map is designed to help families with children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) make the most of their borough. It includes activities, leisure and sports centres, plus useful support services.

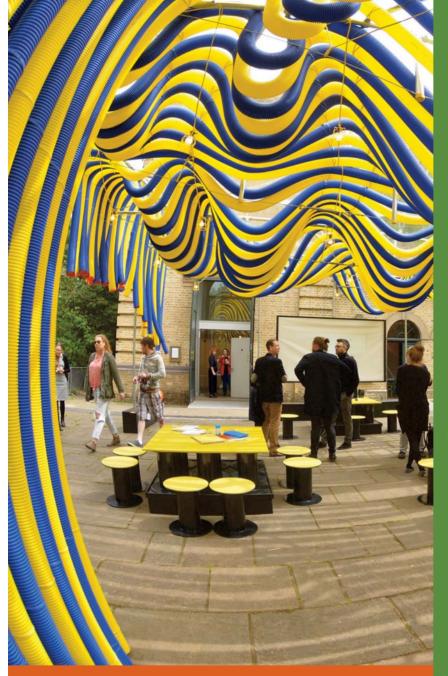
There are venues across the borough offering reductions or extra support to members of Wandsworth's Disabled Children's Register (DCR) with a WAND card. Battersea Park is one of the most popular because London Recumbents and Battersea Park Children's Zoo are free to WAND card holders all year round and Go Ape, Putt in the Park and Bluebird Boats sometimes offer WAND card holders free or reduced price entry. Parking in Battersea Park is also free at certain times for WAND card holders.



Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



isit the Family Information Service at www.wandsworth.gov.u his is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities



• Pump House Gallery Pavilion May 18-20

Pavilion is back with a programme produced specially for Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2018, running alongside the exhibition 'We are having a little flirt' (25 April – 8 July 2018). With events at the gallery and at the Pavilion throughout WAF, drop in for a series of workshops, performances and events exploring uncertainty, taking chances and multiple possibilities.

All activities are free, suitable for all ages and open for all to drop-in to. This is part of this month's Wandsworth Arts Fringe, featuring events across the borough - many of them outdoors and free.

Wandsworthartsfringe.com

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SPORTS AND FITNESS

• Battersea Sport Centre Holiday Fun

May 29-June 1 Sport, activities and fun from qualified coaches. £13 per day (drop-in) or £55 per week (bookable) Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street, SW11 (202) 3959 0050 bsc@wandsworth.gov.uk enablelc.org/bsc

Chelsea Soccer Schools

Soccer Schools are for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-13. Learn the skills of the game in a fun, safe environment. Battersea Park Chestnut Grove School Barn Elms www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools

Multi-sports at Lennox youth Club

Thursdays, 5pm-7pm

Drop in sessions, different sports every six weeks for ages 11-16. Part of the Chelsea Kicks programme

Lennox youth club, Ludovick Walk, SW15 020 3959 0038



• Under 8s swim for free

Swim for free at Latchmere Leisure Centre. All children must register and get a membership card to swim for free, and must be accompanied by an adult. Latchmere Leisure Centre, Burns Road, Rattersea

(020) 7207 8004

enquiries@latchmereleisurecentre.co.uk www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/l atchmere-leisure-centre



• The Fencing School Classes every Mon & Wed from 4.30 - 5.30 during term time.

Fencing for beginners aged 7-12. £8 per session including the use of all equipment, with half price rates available for people that live on local estates. Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea SW11 4RA contact@thefencingschool.com

• Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

These Saturday afternoon football coaching sessions are for any 3-11 year old who enjoys playing football and wants to improve their skills. Graveney School, Welham Road, Tooting.

07583 628 324

info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org

• Junior Rowing courses May 29-June 1

For age 11 and up, suitable for beginning and experienced rowers £130 Barn Elms Boathouse

enablelc.org/bebh

• Millennium Arena Athletics Camp May 29-June 1

Four-day courses covering all athletic disciplines for 7-12 year olds £38.40 enablelc.org/bpma



• All Star Tennis holiday camp May 29-June 1

These popular courses for all abilities are suitable for ages three to ten

- Tooting Common
- King George's Park, Wandsworth
- Wandsworth Common
- Leaders Gardens, Putney

allstartennis.co.uk info@allstartennis.co.uk (020) 8871 7171

DAYS OUT

• Big Art Picnic

May 12 – The Woodfield Project, Tooting Bec Common May 13 – Heathbrook Park, Battersea

Picnic with WildCity artists and create a giant, interactive, tunneling installation, a unique extension of the Northern Line, an underground cityscape created over ground on the fields of Tooting Common and Heathbrook Park. Bring a picnic, family and friends and enjoy creating together in the great outdoors. 12.30pm-4.30pm.

Free, no booking required Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe Wandsworthfringe.com

Deen City Farm

Children's events, riding lessons, educational programmes and a collection of friendly animals. Open from 10am-4.30pm all year round. Closed on Mondays.

39 Windsor Avenue, South Wimbledon (020) 8543 5300 www.deencityfarm.co.uk

• Family drop-in session, Archaeology and Local History on Your Doorstep May 31, 11am-6pm

Discover the history of the borough where you live using historic maps and by handling and identifying archaeological objects such as Roman pottery. Bring along anything interesting you have found in the ground. Free – no booking required Wandsworth Town Library

Part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival



Battersea Park Zoo

This May half term the zoo is again taking part in the BIAZA (British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums) 'Love Your Zoo' week celebrations. Each day a different animal will step into the spotlight. In the morning you will get the chance to make an animal badge (cost £1) between 11am-12.30pm and listen to an animal story at 11.45am.

Each day an animal will be getting special treatment with your help Monday 28 - meerkats (11.15am and 2.15pm) Tuesday 29 - coati (12.15pm and 2pm) Wednesday 30 - world otter day (11am and 2.30pm) Thursday 31 - donkeys and pigs ((12.15pm and 3.30pm) Friday 1 - monkeys (11.30am and 3pm) www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk 020 7924 5826



• Family Saturdays at the BAC May 25

Join the BAC on the final Saturday of every month for a day of fun, food and free activities, including face painting, music, workshops storytelling and free entry into the magical indoor play space for under 5s. The recommended age is 0-11s and their families **Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill** www.bac.org.uk

DAYS OUT

• Furzedown Big Day Out June 16

This free family day out includes live music, stalls, food and drink and children's entertainment Furzedown Rec furzedown.net



• Hazelfest 2018 May 20

Back for the second year due to popular demand, this community-based green festival brings celebration and free music, arts, crafts and creativity to Hazelhurst Estate, Tooting. Free, no booking required

Work and Play Scrapstore, Hazelhurst Estate, 13 Blackshaw Road, Tooting Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe Wandsworthfringe.com



• Putt in the Park

Mini-golf in Wandsworth Park and Battersea Park. Enjoy a round of putting and then relax in cafe. The Battersea venue also includes a Pizzeria and Bar. Open 9am to dusk. No booking required. www.puttinthepark.com

• Vauxhall City Farm

A piece of the countryside in the heart of London. Riding lessons, young farmers club and a collection of animals. Entrance free but donations welcome. **165 Tyers Street, SE11** (020) **7582 4204** info@vauxhallcityfarm.org www.vauxhallcityfarm.org



Flagz Carnival Day May 20

Join the award winning 'Flagz Mas' band for a spectacular day of carnival at York Gardens. Bring all the family and get into the carnival spirit. Food, workshops and more.

Free, just turn up York Gardens, Battersea. Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe wandsworthfringe.com



• Live at the Bandstand June 9, 12pm-6pm

A free afternoon of live music and more at the Battersea Park Bandstand. No ticket required – just turn up. enablelc.org/bandstand

• Old York Road Unplugged June 3, noon-6pm

Live music, stalls, street food and bars and children's activities Follow @OYRunplugged on twitter for updates.



Open Weekend: Wandsworth Prison Museum

Saturday June 2 and Sunday June 3, 10am-5pm (closed 1-2pm)

The history of Wandsworth Prison in more than 400 objects, telling the story of residents including Oscar Wilde, Ronnie Biggs, the Acid Bath Murderer, conscientious objectors, spies and traitors.

Free, No booking required Prison Museum, North Gate car park, Wandsworth Prison, Heathfield Road SW18 3HR



• Ritherdon Road Street Party June 10 Community event with local and visiting stallholders selling a wide range of

quality, affordable goods, along with hot and cold food, live music, dance and children's entertainers.

Ritherdon Road, Balham www.facebook.com/RitherdonRoad



• Wimbledon Windmill Museum

Saturdays 2pm-5pm, Sundays and bank holidays 11am-5pm

Get a fascinating insight into the world of windmills and milling. The mill ceased working in 1864 and became living accommodation for six families before opening as a hands-on museum. **Windmill Road, off Parkside, Wimbledon**

• Allfarthing School Summer Fair June 16 1pm-3pm

Rides and inflatables for the children, a bar and barbecue for the adults, plus a raffle, sweetie tombola, toy stall, icecream, face-painting and other activities throughout the afternoon.

Allfarthing School, St Ann's Crescent, Wandsworth

• **Really Wild Weekends** Sat 26 May - Sun 27 May and Sat 2 – Sun 3 June

Two action-packed weekends where you can marvel at meerkats, be amazed by armadillos, see snakes and learn about lizards. Plus, come face to face with fascinating giant bugs! Free with paid admission to the centre.

London Wetlands Centre, Barnes www.wwt.org.uk/ wetland-centres/london



HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES

Christ Church Primary School

Este Road, SW11 - 5 mins walk from Clapham Junction station, for children aged 3-13 years

• Smallwood Primary School

Smallwood Road, SW17 -15 mins walk from either Earlsfield or Tooting Broadway stations, for children aged 3-11 years Prices start from £10 per child for a half day, £20 for a full day. 020 8871 6348 EYISSChildcare

@wandsworth.gov.uk. playservices @wandsworth.gov.uk

CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Children's centres across the borough will be holding special half-term activities. To find your nearest centre and download a timetable, visit

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ fis

YOUTH CLUBS

Wandsworth has seven youth centres. To find out about half term activities, visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ fis

JUST PLAY

• Battersea Park Playground

Exciting play equipment suitable for children over 8. Under 8s should be supervised by an adult. Free – just drop in. The playground is open the same hours as the park.



• Energy Kidz Out of School Club May 29- June 1

An Ofsted-registered club offer arts and crafts, science workshops and games. Sheringdale School, Sherindale Road, SW18 Info@energy-kidz.co.uk

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• Supercamps at Putney High School

May 29-June 1 Multi-activity camp. Putney High School, Putney Hill 01235 467 300

• Go Ape Treetop fun in Battersea Park goape.co.uk

• Energy Kidz Holiday Club

May 29-June From £25 per day. Sheringdale School, Standen Road, Wandsworth www.energy-kidz



• Tots Activities May 29-June 1, 10am-noon

Four-day course for children aged 3-4. Different activities daily aimed at improving social skills, balance and general co-ordination. £60, £40 siblings Millenium Arena, Battersea Park enable.org/bpma 020 8871 7537

HEALTHY STUFF



• Beat It!

Free weight management and healthy lifestyle programme for young people aged 5-11 and 12-17. Weekly sessions held in venues across the borough. (020) 8871 8386 enablelc.org/beat-it

• Drop-in Behaviour and Sleep Clinic Second Wednesday of every

month, 1pm-2.30pm

For parents experiencing difficulties with their child's behaviour or sleep Franciscan Children's Centre, Franciscan Road, Tooting (020) 8672 3048



• Free Led Walks

Walks led by trained leaders in Battersea, Tooting and Roehampton. (020) 8871 6373.



• Sexual Health Workshop May 17, 4.30pm-6pm

14-18 year olds are invited to talk about local sexual health services and find out more about how to take care of their sexual health. Organised by Spectra and Healthwatch Wandsworth **The Tooting Hub, Beechcroft Road Book a place at bit.ly/2H5kjHA**

THEATRE, MUSIC AND BOOKS

African drumming and dance weekend May 19-20

Learn rhythmic African drumming techniques and dance improvisation skills in these workshops open to young people aged 10-18. Come to Day One to try out African drumming and dance, or Day One and Two together to create a short performance for a friendly local audience at Flagz Carnival in York Gardens on Sunday afternoon. £3 first day only, £5 both days Providence House, 138 Falcon Road 020 8237 7010 Wandsworthfringe.com

Antiquarian Booksellers' Association Fair

24 May 2018 - 26 May 2018 One of the world's largest and most prestigious rare book fairs is moving to a new home in Battersea Park. Sir David Attenborough will open the 61st ABA fair, which will feature rare books, manuscripts, maps, prints, ephemera and original artwork. First-time and serious collectors all ages are welcome and admission is free. Battersea Evolution, Chelsea Bridge Entrance Battersea Park SW11 4NJ www.rarebookfairlondon.com

• Battersea Community Music Group

The group runs affordable music lessons for local children, and will be expanding after receiving a grant from the Wandsworth Grant Fund. Suitable for children aged 5-11 in groups or one-to-one.

ROSE Community Clubroom, Battersea To find out more call 07478 218288 or email rosecmg16@gmail.com.

• Elmer Day Story Time

- Northcote Library May 24, 9.30am-10.30am
- Putney Library May 24, 2.30pm-3pm
- Roehampton Library May 25,
- 3.45pm-4.15pm
- Stories followed by some Elmer Crafts

• National Opera Studio free lunchtime recital June 6

National Opera Studio, 2 Chapel Yard, off Wandsworth High Street nationaloperastudio.org.uk

• Intent to Murder May 17-19

MAGDALENE PLAYERS

Featuring a lonely cottage on the Yorkshire Moors, a body and an unexpected visitor. A nailbiting thriller by Leslie Sands performed by the Magdalene Players **St Mary Magdelen Church Hall, Trinity Road, Tooting magdalenplayers.com**

• Techtopia Festival May 24-June 3

Explore how technological innovation shapes all our lives in this eight-day festival of theatre, workshops and debates for all ages.

Polka theatre, Wimbledon www.polkatheatre.com

• What's Your Sound? May 15-17, 7.30pm

Spend an evening in the company of reigning world beatbox champions, The Beatbox Collective. Battersea Arts Centre bac.org.uk



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• Baba the Baboon May 5-12

A musical with environmental themes for children aged five and above.

The Arches at St Mary's Church, Putney Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe wandsworthfringe.com

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CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



• Discounts for WAND Card holders

WAND Card holders, who are children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs from Wandsworth, can enjoy offers including

- Free hire of a range of modified and adapted bikes, trikes, tandems and recumbent cycles at London Recumbents in Battersea Park
- Half price swimming at Aspire Centre and free swimming at People for Places Leisure Centres
- Reduced price tickets to Battersea Arts
 Centre
- Free entry to Battersea Park Zoo www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

A2i Dyslexia Homework Club

Each Wednesday 5pm-6pm during term time

A2i (Aspire2inspire) Dyslexia is a charitable organisation based in Wandsworth focused on supporting the dyslexic community. Its after-school homework club is aimed at improving the skills of children from KS1 & KS2. Caius House Youth Club, Holman Road,

Battersea info@a2idyslexia.org.uk

a2idyslexia.org.uk

Family Play Session

Drop-in stay and play session for all the family on the first Saturday of the month at the West Hill Enhanced children's centre for children aged 0-5 with a disability, special need or complex medical need. 020 8877 0758

enhancedcc@wandsworth.gov.uk



• Lady Allen Adventure Playground

Adventurous play for children with special needs and their siblings aged 5-14. Activities include a soft play area, indoor slide, arts and crafts, swings, hammocks, a dip wire, a giant see saw, slides, tree houses and a wide range of two and three wheeled bikes

Call for more details Chivalry Road, Battersea (020) 7228 0278 www.kids.org.uk

• Information and Advice Event

May 22, 10.30am-2pm

The Enhanced Children's Centre and Contact are working in partnership to run a drop-in information and advice event for Wandsworth parents of children aged 0-13yrs with a disability, special need or complex medical need. The event will offer information and advice to parents and carers on finance and benefits, leisure activities, legal advice parent wellbeing, health, education and more. Enhanced Children's Centre, West Hill School, Merton Road Wandsworth Book by calling (020) 8877 0758 www.enhancedcc.org

George Shearing Centre

Open for young people aged 13-25 with severe learning disabilities and complex needs. Activities include pool, drumming, football, football, art, computers, Wii and a sensory room.

Este Road, Clapham Junction (020) 7228 2230 aburman@wandsworth.gov.uk www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

ARTS AND CRAFTS

• Elmer Crafternoon

May 29, 3.30pm-4.30pm Make a pair of colourful elephant ears for Elmer Day! Recommended for ages 4+. Free and drop in. Battersea Library 020 7223 2341

• Family Art May 31, 2-4pm

At this drop-in session, a tutor from Putney School of Art and Design will provide guidance and materials. Families are invited to be inspired by the open space and boating lake in Battersea Park. Free – no booking required. Meet by the Pump House Gallery. Part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival

Putney School of Art and Design

And Design Half Term Programme

29 May-1 June Including family learning painting and pottery, comicmaking, a kids art club and throwing for beginners.



Oxford Road, Putney www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad



• Spin the Bottle Until July 8

Open alongside the Pump House Gallery's new exhibition, We are having a little flirt, visitors are invited to play a game which used chance as a creative tool. There will also be family workshops on May 20 and June 2, with famileis invited to play games with words, images and sounds.

Free, no booking required Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park Pumphousegallery.org.uk

See more at wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

Schools

General information: wandsworth.gov.uk/schools Admissions: wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions Term dates: wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates Find a school: wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ

Recycling

General information: wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling

What can I recycle?: wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome

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Arts: wandsworth.gov.uk/arts Events: wandsworth.gov.uk/events Libraries: wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries Leisure centres and sport: wandsworth.gov.uk/sport Adult Education: wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk

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