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Faith fact finding

More than 70 pupils from seven Wandsworth secondary schools attended this year's Faith Direct event at the town hall, where they were able to fire a series of quick-fire questions at representatives from the borough's different faith groups.

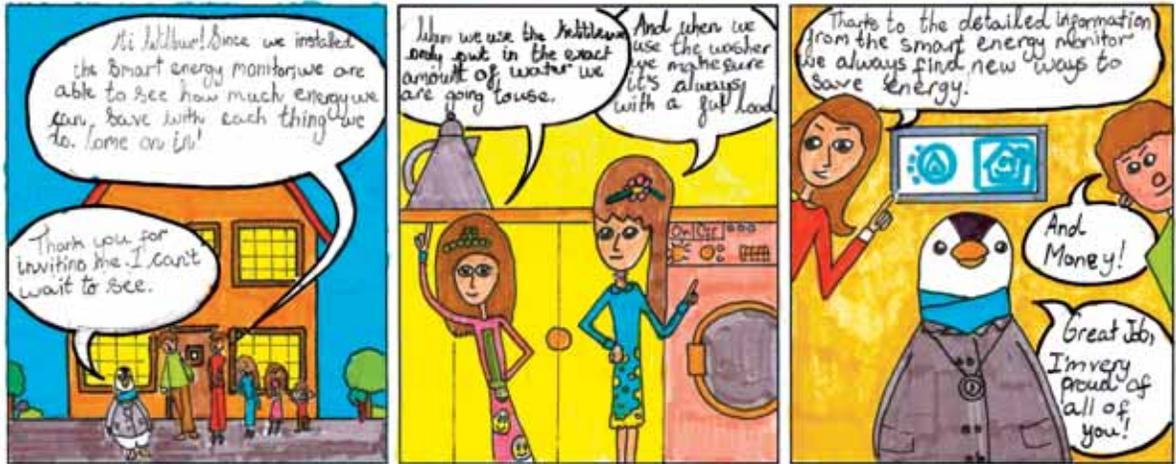
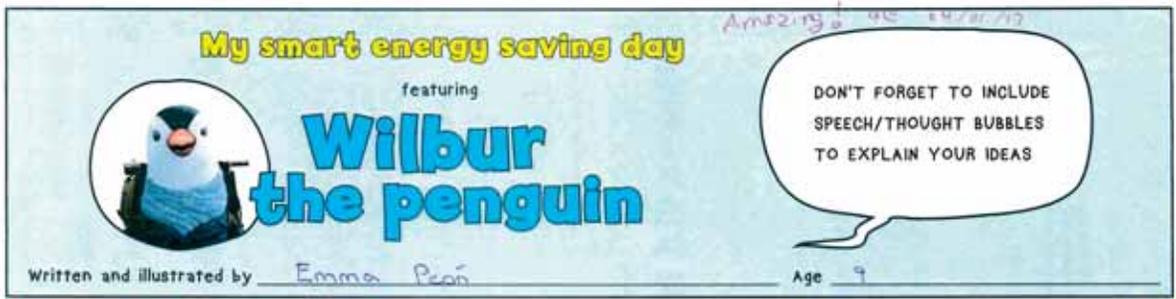
The Faith Direct initiative, organised by the council and the Wandsworth Multi-Faith Group, brought together speakers from local Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Baha'i, Humanist and Buddhist communities.

Students were given a fact pack in advance summarising each belief, and then conducted a whistle-stop tour round the room interviewing each representative in turn. The questioning lasted 15 minutes before a bell was rung and the students moved on to the next table.

After the event, speakers said they enjoyed having the opportunity to challenge stereotypes about their beliefs, and students said the event had added to their knowledge.

Find out more about the work of the multi-faith group at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/faithgroup.





Artist Emma wins green makeover

Nine year-old Emma Peon has won a £25k energy makeover for her school – Hotham Primary in Putney.

Emma took second place in the British Gas Generation Green Smarter Power competition, beating 4,000 other young artists. Her winning comic strip was chosen by judges including Beano artist Nigel Parkinson, and illustrated the importance of putting a full load in the washing machine, the right amount of water in the kettle, and using a smart meter to monitor energy use.

Now Hotham will get £25,000 of energy saving devices, including solar panels, LED lighting and a new energy efficient boiler, which together could save the school up to £7,000 a year on their fuel bills.

Sarah Martin, Headteacher at Hotham, said: "Emma's comic strip was outstanding and we're proud that she's won an energy makeover for our school. The makeover will help us to save energy every day and will inspire our pupils now and in the future to be more energy efficient."





Game, set and match for Granard

Granard Primary in Putney has won £5,000 to buy two outdoor table tennis tables.

The school was awarded the funding by financial mutual, OneFamily, through its Foundation Community Awards.

Teachers and governors wanted to install the new table tennis tables to encourage pupils to get active at break time. The concrete tables will be fitted in the playground used by children in years three to six. The school also hopes to launch a new table tennis club, to encourage more children to take up the sport.



Author Alex turns the page

Award winning author Alex Wheatle paid a visit to
Saint John Bosco College on World Book Day.

He talked about his early life in a children's home and a spell in prison following the Brixton riots in the 1980s, and about how he turned his life around through literature and reading. He also read from two of his books, 'Liddle Bit' and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize winning 'Crongton Knights'.

Students could then ask questions, which included Alex's favourite writers, his own inspiration for writing, what he is currently reading and how long it takes to write a book. Students were also keen to know when his next book, 'Straight Outta Crongton' is released and if he had plans for further stories in the 'Crongton' series.



Alton dress to impress

For their World Book Day celebrations staff and pupils at **Alton Primary School** in Roehampton dressed up as their favourite book characters.

All members of staff throughout the school had a chance to read their favourite children's book to a group of children of all ages from nursery through to year 6.



Shanice is top Young Chef

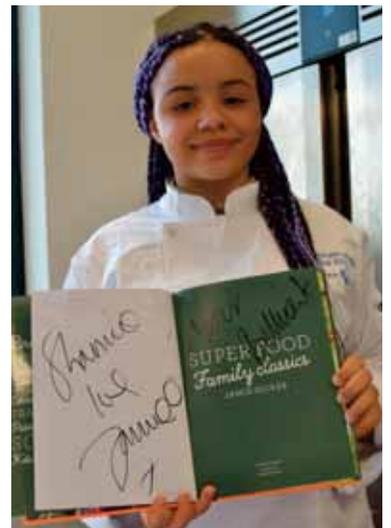


Shanice Gayle from **Harris Academy** has won the fourth annual Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition.

Judges were wowed by her dish of garlic butter prawns and chorizo skewers followed by lemon chicken piccata and homemade tagliatelle, with a pudding of tres leches (a sponge cake soaked in milk and cream) and pomegranate.

Each of the eight finalists won a Jamie Oliver cookbook, personally signed and dedicated to them by Jamie himself, plus £75. Shanice won £150 and a crystal trophy.

The Young Chef competition is run by the Mayor of Wandsworth and the council's lifelong learning team with support from catering company Compass. 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.



Monsters on Parade

The Kids Create Club at the ROSE Centre in Battersea has been exploring microscopic monsters from the Thames through weekly workshops run by Puppets with Guts.

The 'Monster Soup' project was funded by Wandsworth Council and the Battersea Power Station foundation to get young people involved in the arts and culture going on in their fast changing area

Their investigations ended with a lantern parade through Battersea featuring giant illuminated puppets that they made.

Free creative theatre workshops at the Kids Create Club are held during term time for children in the Patmore, Savona and Carey Gardens areas. Find out more about art and culture in Nine Elms at nineelmslondon.com.



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Something fishy

Children at **Swaffield School** in Wandsworth have been getting lessons in fish and sustainable seafood from local fishmongers Faircatch.

The idea is to teach urban youngsters where fish comes from, after a survey showed ten per cent of young people think it is grown in supermarkets. The children learned about sustainable fishing and why fish is good for you. Find out more at faircatch.co.uk/schools/

'Excellent' Harris

Harris Academy in Battersea has won the Academic Excellence Award in the Evening Standard School Awards, sponsored by the Jack Petchey Foundation.

Harris's Progress 8 measure is the highest in London and is one of the top three in England. Since becoming an academy its A* to C pass rate in English and maths has almost doubled — from 44 per cent to 80 per cent.

Do your DofE

Ever thought about doing a Duke of Edinburgh Award?

Wandsworth Youth Service runs DofE locally with a focus on Bronze and Silver Awards with young people aged 13-19 (up to 24 if they have a learning disability).

You will need to show you volunteer your time to your community, are physically improving in sport, dance or fitness, are developing practical and social skills and can plan, train for and complete an expedition in the UK or abroad.

To find out more email tlangham@wandsworth.gov.uk, call (020) 8871 8530 or follow [@WandsworthDofE](https://twitter.com/WandsworthDofE).

Brighter Sound from young musicians

Wandsworth's talented young musicians dazzled the South Bank at the ninth annual A Brighter Sound concert.

More than a thousand young singers and musicians from schools all over the borough took part on the concert, organised by the council's Wandsworth Schools' Music Service. The service offers music programmes in borough schools and has created three symphony orchestras to give children learning an instrument the chance to perform. Follow [@MusicWandsworth](https://twitter.com/MusicWandsworth) on twitter.



Hotham adds it up

Hotham School was victorious in this year's Wandsworth inter-school 24 Maths Competition.

The contest, run by the council and hosted by **Burntwood School**, helps develop maths skills in Year 2 pupils. Teams of three children and one adult from each school compete to make 24 from a set of numbers using adding and subtraction.

Ruben, Thomas and Ahmed from Hotham won the Gold Team Award. The runners up were Earlsfield and All Saint's C of E.



Charlie and Danny lead the way

Donkeys Charlie and Danny were at the head of a joint Easter Parade by pupils of Saint Cecilia's School and St Michael's Primary School.

The two Southfields schools started at St Michaels in Granville Road and continued to St Cecilia's in Sutherland Grove. It was organised by The Rev Annie Kurk, Chaplain at Saint Cecilia's.

The children, accompanied by their parents, sang songs and waved palm leaves. They then listened to the Easter story in the St Cecilia chapel.





Coding showcase

Members of coding clubs held in ten borough schools have been showing off their skills.

The clubs offered around a hundred students the opportunity to work collaboratively while creating their own coding projects that they could develop and keep in a portfolio.

Schools that took part were **Burntwood Academy, Southfields Academy, Bolingbroke Academy, Chestnut Grove Academy, St John Bosco, St Cecilia's, Ark Academy Putney, Harris Academy, Ernest Bevin College and Graveney Academy.**

Pupils were invited to the Wandsworth Civic Suite to showcase their work, including websites, games and apps. See examples at bluehiftpcoding.com/category/student-work

They also had the opportunity to listen to advice from coding professionals, including 12-year-old Tanmay Bakshim, the youngest person to ever work on IBM's Watson artificial intelligence project, former Graveney pupil Durrell Bishop who became a lecturer in Design Interactions at the Royal College of Art, and Euan Millar who works for a company improving tech infrastructure in the Eastern Congo who talked about how computing and technology can make the world a better place.



The council commissioned Blueshift to run the clubs to encourage young people to develop vital skills and skill up the next generation of workers in the borough's burgeoning tech sector.



Rackets cubed

Pupils at **Sacred Heart RC Primary School** are being taught squash, tennis, healthy eating and maths through a free initiative with the nearby Roehampton Club

Rackets Cubed sees children go to the club three days a week for free tuition in squash and tennis by

the club's coaches, a nutritional meal prepared by the club's chefs, and assistance in maths. The aim is to give children from inner London the same opportunities as children from more affluent families, to fulfil academic potential and improve physical and mental health.

For more information, visit the Roehampton Club website.

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For teens aged 12-17
Weekly sessions include tips on how to make healthier choices, practical food activities fun physical challenges and team building exercises.
Sessions are for 1.5 hours per week and places are subject to the participant meeting the programme criteria.

For more information on this FREE Programme please contact Leisure & Sports Services on 020 8871 8386 or www.enablelc.org

Wandsworth enable leisure & sport



The boys receive their Active Wandsworth Award from Olympian Phelan Hill

EBC sports success

The Ernest Bevin College Greenhouse Sports Boys' under 16 Volleyball Squad were crowned 2017 National Champions after beating New Forest 3-2 in a dramatic five set final at the Volleyball England National Cup Finals. The U18 team picked up the silver.

The U16 team has now been invited to represent England at the World School Championships in Brno, Czech Republic next year. Captain Christian Ioannou said: "I was incredibly nervous going into the tie-break set but I knew I had to stay mentally strong so that my team mates kept battling under the pressure until the end."

The Under 16s team were also named Schools Sports Team of the Year in the Active Wandsworth Awards. The awards rewarded hard work and exceptional achievement in 2016, and marked 20 years of the Active Wandsworth network.



Sporting visit from Kola

Triple jumper Kola Adedoyin visited **West Hill Primary School** as part of the Sports for Schools programme.

He chatted to young sports fans, meeting each class in turn and then presenting an assembly.

Sports for Schools was set up by GB gymnast Ben Brown to inspire children across the UK to take up sport and lead healthy lifestyles.



The children will grow up appreciating the rich heritage and history of the Summerstown area.

Remembering heroes

Smallwood Primary School has been working with the Summerstown182 Community History Project to remember local heroes of the First World War.

Forty of the 182 names on the local war memorial attended the school and many lived in nearby streets. One of them was the schoolkeeper, whose cottage stands in the school grounds as a permanent reminder.

Two of the best known Wandsworth First World War participants who survived the war are Corporal Edward Foster VC and Sidney Lewis, the boy soldier. Their homes, both marked with plaques, are close to the school and the children will grow up knowing their stories and appreciating the rich heritage and history of the Summerstown area of Tooting.





Ready, set, GO!

More than 250 young people, parents and carers attended the free Get Set GO! employment event for young people aged between 14 and 25 with disabilities and/or special needs.

The event, now in its third year, offers young people, their parents and carers the chance to find out about choices after school or college, local training opportunities and employment, as well as local support groups and services available in the borough.

Stands, workshops and presentations demonstrated various routes into education, employment or training and virtual reality company 3D Novations held a ConnectUP workshop to allow young people to experience a virtual office environment.

To find out more, email getsetgo@wandsworth.gov.uk.



Green fingered Alderbrook

Parents of Alderbrook Primary school pupils and community volunteers have transformed the school's roof into a hidden green oasis.

They held a 'Ground Force'-style day to transform the roof from a grey concrete slab to a lush garden complete with plants, flowers and vegetables.

Pupils at the rapidly expanding school will be able to take part in all stages of the plant growing process and use the garden for quiet reading sessions, art clubs and a hugely popular after school Eco Club. The garden is also regularly thrown open to the local community for Gardening Mornings that anyone can take part in.

The work was financed by the school's PTA, the council through the Wandsworth Grant Fund and Lauristons estate agents.

Find out about the Wandsworth Grant Fund at wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf



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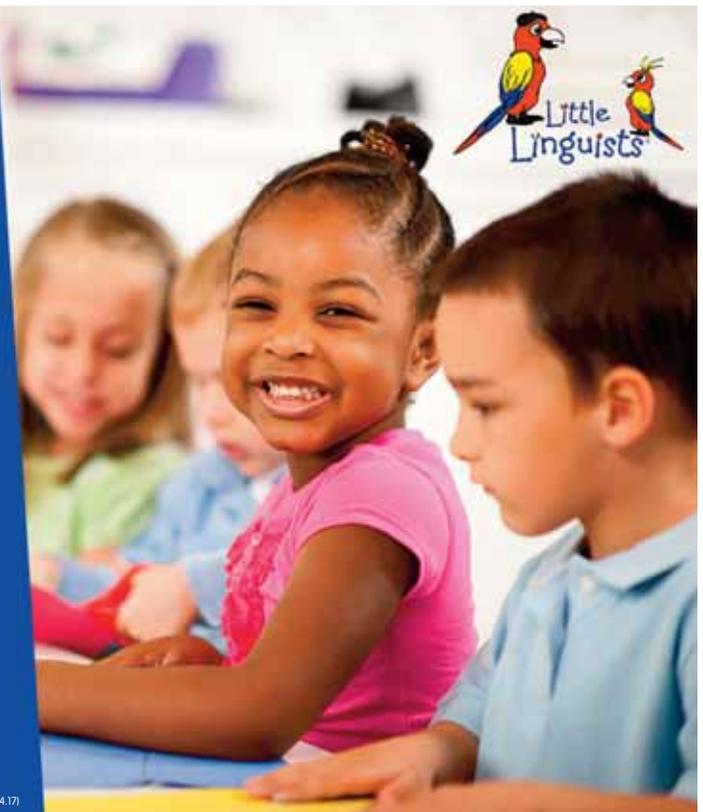
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Schools anti-slavery project makes the headlines

A project in six borough primary schools to teach children about modern-day slavery has appeared on the international news channel CNN as part of its Freedom Week programming.

Students are shown that slavery is not just something from history, but is happening now, and learn through comedy, drama, games, role-play and storytelling. The workshops also teach children about how to recognise risky situations and unhealthy relationships and to recognise that they have the ability to bring about change.

CNN filmed the final workshop in the programme at **Swaffield School**. One of the students said: "I learnt that if we don't stand up to slavery now, then people will still get abused"

Watch a video at wandsworth.gov.uk/anti-slavery.

The project was supported by the Wandsworth Grant Fund. Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf



Awards for top schools

Headteachers and governors of borough schools have been celebrating their success in 2016 at the annual Pupil Achievement Awards Ceremony at the town hall.

They include awards in in KS1 and KS 2 reading, writing and mathematics, value-added for pupil progress from KS1 to KS2 and awards at secondary level. In all 20 schools won awards.

Special awards were given to **Shaftesbury Park Primary** and **Trinity St Mary's C of E Primary** for above average progress from key state 1 to 2, **Harris**



Academy, Graveney and **Garratt Park** for their Progress 8 scores and **Ashcroft, Ernest Bevin** and **Chestnut Grove** for high average points scores at A-Level.



A banner was made of all the shortlisted entries

Pollution poster

Libbie Turnbull from St Mary's CE Primary School has won the council's anti-pollution poster competition, winning £100 for her school to spend on new air quality improvement projects.

The runner up was Kevwe Di Giuseppe Ayigbe, from Penwortham Primary School, who also received a special certificate.

The project is part of the council's wide-ranging air quality improvement programme and aims to increase awareness among children and parents of changes they can make to reduce air pollution including walking or cycling instead of driving, and switching off engines when cars are stationary.

For more information about the work being carried out locally to improve air quality, visit wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality

Shiver me timbers!

This fearsome-looking pirate ship will be the centrepiece of the new-look Swaby Gardens playground following a £163,000 makeover.



The replica pirate vessel, complete with ropes, nets, slides and a lookout tower, is being introduced to the playground along with a number of other improvements voted on by local people. These include a new triple bay set of swings and new rubber-based safety flooring. Artificial grass is also being installed to keep everyone free from muddy patches.



The St Mary's team



The Mayor judging the entries – the most ever



Famous musicians that have played at the Half Moon pub in Putney

Awards for history explorers

Our Lady of Victory School in Putney won the third annual year's Key Stage 2 Wandsworth GLL Heritage Awards for Schools competition with an exploration of Putney in the Past. They have won a thousand pounds for their school, plus a plaque. Each member of the research team will get a medal and certificate.

Two schools were highly commended: **St Boniface School** for their work researching the history of Mr Drouet's Establishment for Pauper Children and **All Saints Putney** for researching the Putney Velodrome and Raneleigh House. They both won £600.

Two schools were commended: **St Mary's RC Battersea** which looked into the history of **Queentown Road**-based Victorian beverage company **Pure Water** and **Putney High School** for research into the school during war time. They both won £400.

The competition was the brainchild of current Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Field. He said: "An understanding of local history is vital if we are to give our young people a sense of place and belonging in our diverse society, and who made Wandsworth what it is today."

The awards were sponsored by Greenwich Leisure Limited, the council's library and heritage service contractor.

Find out how to enter next year's competition at wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards.



Pay rise for foster carers

Foster carers working for Wandsworth Council are getting a pay rise.

The council's in-house foster carers get allowances to cover their costs, and fees as payment for their hard work.

Weekly allowances will be £196 a week for looking after a 0-10 year old and £255 a week for 11-17 year olds

Weekly fees will go up to £170 for looking after 0-10 year olds and £200 for 11 – 18 year olds. These rates will also be paid for each additional child looked after. For example, this means a carer looking after a 12-year-old and a 14-year-old would get £910 a week.

Meet the fostering team at:

- Southside Shopping Centre - May 8-14
- Sainsbury's, Wandsworth - May 15-21
- Wandsworth Town Hall - May 26

Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering or chat to the team on (020) 8871 6666.

WAND Award

The WAND card, which helps families with disabled children get out and about, has won the Parking in the Community award in the British Parking Awards.

Card holders can get extra support in shops, concessions at some attractions including Battersea Park Zoo, borough leisure centres and Battersea Arts Centre, and free parking at the town hall and outside schools during drop-off and pick-up.

Find out more about how to get a WAND Card at wandsworth.gov.uk/WANDCard



High achievers

Sixty-eight young people from schools across Wandsworth came to the town hall to receive prestigious Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards. Cllr. Richard Field, Mayor of Wandsworth, who presented the awards commented, "Another great evening; a wonderful organisation and tremendous achievements of our young people in Wandsworth. I was very proud to be here- congratulations to all!" Winners included, Lali Mohammed from **Ark Putney Academy**, Taha Suleman from **Ernest Bevin College**, Kevin Armoa from **St John Bosco College**, and Mohamed Bamba from **Garratt Park School**.



Book spree

Falconbrook Primary School went on a book shopping spree courtesy of the Siobhan Dowd Trust.

The trust offers grants for schools and groups working with young people to buy books from independent bookshops. Falconbrook were awarded £750 to restock their library. Find out more about the grants at siobhandowdtrust.com

Youth council raises questions about mental health

The Wandsworth Youth Council held a Mental Health Question Time event, as part of its ongoing mental health campaign.



They ran the town hall event in collaboration with the young people's NHS mental health service CAMHS, and invited 49 young people along to quiz a panel of senior mental health practitioners in the style of the BBC Question Time show. The discussion was chaired by Jasmin Hughes, the Mental Health Campaign Lead for the Youth Council.

Key areas the young people asked about included funding and waiting times for mental health services, access to support in schools, what advice to give young people who are struggling with mental ill health, what support is available and how to access it, and support for transitioning from young people to adult services.

The Youth Council develops campaigns, feeds into council decision-making processes, manages the Youth Opportunity Fund grant scheme, liaises regularly with the police and runs the annual Wandsworth Takeover Challenge. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

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Spring listings

This is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities, visit the Family Information Service at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis



• Hidden Heathbrook

May 20-21

Two days of outdoor art, theatre, circus, music puppetry and more. Bring a picnic, play games and be entertained. – all for free Heathbrook Park, Rule Street, SW8 Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe Wandsworthfringe.com

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SPORTS AND FITNESS



• Battersea Sport Centre Holiday Fun

May 30-June 2

Sport, activities and fun from qualified coaches.

£13 per day (drop-in) or £40 per week (bookable)

Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street, SW11

(020) 8871 8529

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

(020) 7957 8220

londondevelopment@chelseafc.com

www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools

• Junior non-contact kickboxing

Mondays, 5pm-6pm

Part of the Get Out, Get Active Programme.

£3 per session or six for £10

Newlands community hall, Roehampton
07766361288, etoft@enablelc.org

• 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



• All Star Tennis holiday camp

May 30-June 2

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

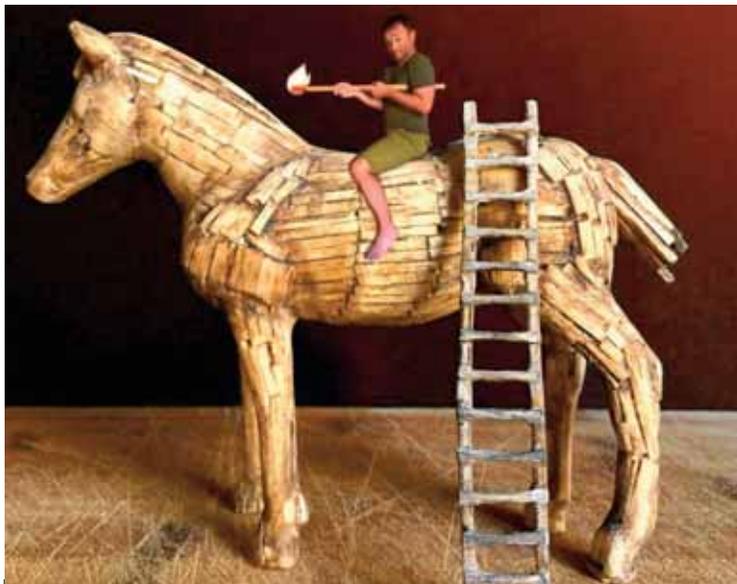


• Fencing

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. Classes every Mon & Wed from 4.30 - 5.30 during term time.

Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea SW11 4RA
contact@thefencingschool.com www.thefencingschool.com

THEATRE AND BOOKS



• There and Back Again: An Odyssey

May 17-21

The epic tales of Ulysses comes to life in a fast-paced, one man show suitable for all ages

Polka theatre, Wimbledon www.polkatheatre.com

• Book Hunt, From a Book to Another

May 5-21

Visit Putney Library, find the riddles and resolve them. Each riddle will indicate a page and page after page a story will appear. There will be special riddles for children and their families.

Putney Library, Disraeli Road
Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe
wandsworthfringe.com

• The Elephant of My Heart: An Interactive Kid's Workshop

May 6-7, 13-14

A nine year old girl recovering from an injury is visited by an elephant and a host of other splendid animals who help her to believe that one day she will fly. Come and play some of the characters and do your bit to guide her to the light at the end of the tunnel.

An uplifting interactive storytelling with songs and physical theatre for children 6 -12 years

St Mary's Church, Putney
Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe
Wandsworthfringe.com

• Tortoise and Rabbit

May 14, 2pm

It's race day! Tortoise vs Rabbit - who will win? Join them on their adventure to be crowned the fastest of them all. Interactive, multi-sensory retelling of this timeless classic for all ages.

Adults £9, children £7
Fresh Ground London, 68 Battersea Rise
Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe
wandsworthfringe.com

• Balham Literary Festival

June 9-11

Highlights include cook. Wahaca founder and journalist Thomasina Miers, The Unmumsy Mum, cookery, gardening, travel, novels, poetry and fun for children.

balhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

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.

Enter through Sun Gate entrance.

• Franciscan Children's Centre

Just drop in although some activities may require booking. The activities are free.

221 Franciscan Road, Tooting
(020) 8672 3048
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

• 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



• Go Ape

Treetop fun in Battersea Park
goape.co.uk

HEALTHY STUFF

• Beat It!

Free weight management and healthy lifestyle

programme for young people aged 5-11 and 12-18.



Roehampton

- 5-11 year olds, Mondays 4pm-5.30pm starting May 8, Granard School

- 12-18 year olds, Mondays 6pm-7.30pm starting May 8, Alton Activity Centre

Tooting

- 5-11 year olds, Wednesdays 4.45pm-6pm starting May 10, Fircroft School

- 12-18 year olds, Wednesdays, 6.30pm-8pm, starting May 10, Burntwood Academy

Battersea

- 5-11 year olds, Thursdays, 4.30pm-

6pm starting May 11, Sacred Heart School

- 12-18 year olds, Thursdays 4.30pm-6pm, starting May 9, Harris Academy

Queenstown

- 5-11 year olds, date and time tbc, Griffin School

To find out more or book a place, call (020) 8371 8377 or email

amacnaughton@wandsworth.gov.uk

• Carers' Week drop in

June 14, 11am-4pm

Meet the Disabled Children's Register and the Wandsworth Carers' Centre. Chat to other parents and carers, find out practical information to support you in your caring role and taste some delicious home-made cakes at the Carer's Bake Off at Muffin Break.

Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth

For more information visit

wandsworth.gov.uk/fis, email

fis@wandsworth.gov.uk or pick up a form from the Town Hall reception desk.

• 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.

MUSIC

• Captivating Creatures

May 9, 7pm

Join the singers of the National Opera Studio and The Burntwood Chamber Choir for an programme of opera excerpts featuring children and animals, including Mozart's 'The Magic Flute', Stephen McNeff's 'Tarka the Otter' and many more.

Burntwood School, Tooting

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

Wandsworthfringe.com

• Grand launch of the World Heart Beat Chamber Orchestra

May 14

Listen to a group of outstanding young musicians playing some of the most celebrated classical music including excerpts from Shostakovich's jazz suite, Strauss' waltzes as well as some rarely performed moments from films, such as Toy Story and Monsters Inc. £10 adults, children under 15 free.

World Heart Beat Music Academy, 58

Kimber Road, Wandsworth

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• Little Folk with Albo

May 13, 11am

Folk musician Albo Clogston will present his unique blend of folk songs, camp songs, action songs and Albo originals for kids aged 0-5 and their families accompanied on the guitar, banjo and Appalachian dulcimer

The Sound Lounge, Tooting

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• London's Vegetable Orchestra

May 20, 2pm-5.30pm

Learn how make your own veg-strument before joining a celebratory musical performance along Thessaly Road with London's Vegetable Orchestra. The orchestra will be accompanied by our newly formed Battersea Veg-cellent Community Band! Free

Edible Avenue, SW8

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HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

• Christchurch 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

Online in advance. Prices start from £10 per child for a half day (8am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm) or £20 per child for a full day (8am - 6pm)

For more information call the booking helpdesk on 020 8871 6348 or email EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk.

The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm.

DAYS OUT

Spring listings



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• Battersea Park Zoo

This May half term the zoo is 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. In the afternoon that day's animal will be getting special treatment with your help

Monday 29 - meerkats

Tuesday 30 - coati

Wednesday 31 - pigs

Thursday 1 - rabbits

Friday 3 - monkeys

Adult, £9.50, child £7.50, under twos free

www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

• 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 Saturdays at the BAC

May 27

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



• Ritherdon Road Street Party

June 11

Face painting, sugar craft model making, balloon making, entertainers, local bands, independent stalls food and drink.

Ritherdon Road, Balham

www.facebook.com/RitherdonRoad



• Furzedown Big Day Out

June 17, noon-8pm

This family day is the highlight of the Furzedown Festival, which runs from June 10-24. This year's theme is Furzedown-on-Sea and will feature live bands and dance groups, stalls, food and drink, old fashioned fairground games, children's arts and crafts, skateboarding, a bouncy castle and donkey rides. Free.

Furzedown Rec
furzedown.net

• 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

DAYS OUT



• Walking out of Darkness

May 13

Walk through central London to Battersea Park to raise awareness and end the stigma around mental illness.

£10 registration

claspcharity.com/Walking_Out_Of_Darkness

• Rampaging Rhinoceros

May 20

Create your own cardboard rhino in the puppet making enclosure and then join in the stampede!

Free

Heathbrook Park, Rule Street SW8

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• Hazelfest

May 20

Celebrate artful reuse with environmentally friendly arts and crafts activities and live entertainment at this mini outdoor family festival organised by the Work and Play Scrapstore.

Free

Hazelhurst Estate, Blackshaw Road,

Tooting

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• Allfarthing Primary School Summer Fair

June 17, noon-3pm

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

Allfarthing Primary School, St. Ann's

Crescent, Wandsworth



• 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

• Battersea Park Dog Show

June 18

Pets can be entered in a choice of pedigree and novelty classes. Entry to the show is free, but there is a fee of £1.50 to enter a dog per class. Entries will be taken on the day from 10.30am and judging starts at 12.30pm.

Battersea park, near boules area

(020) 8871 7124

• Pollinator Paths

Learn about biodiversity, do workshops in upcycling, create art and make a home for bees.

Putney Community Garden May 13

Rose Community Centre, May 20

Tooting Community Garden, May 21

[Facebook.com/groups/PollinatorPathsWandsworth/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PollinatorPathsWandsworth/)



• Live at the Bandstand

June 17

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

Enablelc.org/bandstand

Wandsworth Heritage Festival

- **Family drop in session: Archaeology and Local History on Battersea's Doorstep**

Tuesday May 30, 2pm-5pm

Organised by Wandsworth Historical Society. 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

Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill

- **Drop in session: Museum Collections Scratch: Guess the industrial object**

Saturday June 3 – 11am-1pm

Organised by BAC Moving Museum. Have a peek at some of the weird and wonderful objects that make up the Wandsworth Museum Collection. You can learn how to handle museum pieces and try your luck at guessing the industrial object.

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11 5TN

Free, no booking required

- **Open Weekend: Wandsworth Prison Museum**

Saturday June 3 and Sunday June 4, 10am-5pm (closed 1-2pm)

The museum has re-opened in a brand new building. New displays cover the prison's 166 year history, 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



- **Celebrity Dusty Duck Trail**
Until May 21

World famous Aardman studios designed Dusty Duck to celebrate WWT's 70th anniversary and this Easter, Dusty, along with his 14 celebrity-designed Dustys will be on show at the centre. £1 per trail plus admission to the centre

London Wetlands Centre, Barnes

www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london

- **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



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS



• Oily Cart's Theatre for People with Complex Learning Disabilities

May 13

Oily Cart's Artistic Director Tim Webb leads a practical hands-on introduction to the company's multi-sensory and interactive theatre for children and young people with complex disabilities and/or an Autistic Spectrum Condition. Register in Advance,

Smallwood School, SW17

(020) 8672 6329 flossie@oilycart.org.uk Part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe

• Alton Resource Base Holiday Scheme

For children aged 3-11 with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

(020) 8871 6348

playservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

psebookings.wandsworth.gov.uk

• Lady Allen Holiday Play scheme

Lady Allen provides a holiday play scheme for adventurous play for disabled children and their siblings from the borough of Wandsworth between the ages of 5 -14 years. It offers outdoor and indoor facilities on a secure site including a soft play area, an indoor slide, arts and crafts, swings, hammocks, a zip wire, a giant see saw, slides, tree houses and a wide range of two and three wheeled bikes. Phone and ask to come for a visit on a Saturday, between 11am and 3pm with the child. On that visit all forms can be completed and the child's needs can be assessed.

Lady Allen Adventure Playground,
Chivalry Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 7228 0278

ian.logan@kids.org.uk

www.kids.org.uk



• London Recumbents - free bike hire for WAND Card holders

WAND Card holders and children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs from Wandsworth can enjoy free hire of a range of modified and adapted bikes, trikes, tandems and recumbent cycles at London Recumbents in Battersea Park

(020) 8299 6636

info@londonrecumbents.com

www.londonrecumbents.com/

• Arts and Crafts at Aspire

Explore your creativity and get messy! For children aged 7-13 of all abilities.

Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields.

Call for details.

(020) 8875 2603

info@aspirecentre.com

www.aspirecentre.com



• Putney School of Art and Design Half Term Programme

30 May-2 June

Including Art and Design for 14-19 year olds, Family Learning Painting and Family Learning Pottery

Oxford Road, Putney

www.enablelc.org/psad

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

How do I find out about...

Schools

General information: [wandsworth.gov.uk/schools](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools)

Admissions: [wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions)

Term dates: [wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates)

Find a school: [wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ)



Recycling

General information: [wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling)

What can I recycle?:
[wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome)



Arts, leisure and culture

Arts: [wandsworth.gov.uk/arts](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/arts)

Events: [wandsworth.gov.uk/events](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/events)

Libraries: [wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries)

Leisure centres and sport: [wandsworth.gov.uk/sport](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sport)

Adult Education: [wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk](https://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk)



Parks

General information: [wandsworth.gov.uk/parks](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parks)

Playgrounds and trim trails A-Z:
[wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ)



Health, childcare and parental support

[wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis)





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Monday 12th June 6.00pm

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Wednesday 14th June 6.00pm

Junior school (7+, 8+, 9+, 10+)

Friday 23rd June 9.30am - 12.00pm

Whole school (7-16+)

Saturday 9th September 9.00am - 12.30pm

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