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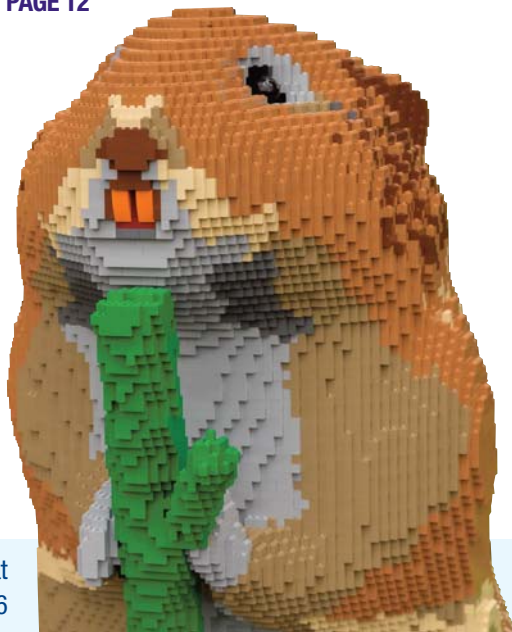
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More space to play

This summer has seen a range of upgrades to some of the borough's best loved playgrounds.

The junior and toddlers' playground in **Battersea Park** is now full of brand new, colourful surfacing to keep youngsters safe as they play on the variety of playground equipment. The grass verges, which could quickly turn to mud, have also been replaced by artificial grass.

One dad and his family were so impressed they've become regulars at the playground since it reopened. "It looks great and it feels very safe," said local resident Jeremy Cook. "And my boy and girl seem to love bouncing up and down on it so they've certainly done something right!"

Godley Gardens in Earlsfield now boasts a new pathway, new benches, improved entrances and landscaping, with the centre piece of the work a striking play tunnel set into an astro-turf hill.

You can show off your football, netball and basketball skills at an upgraded ball games area near **Chivalry Road** on Wandsworth Common. As well as a new playing surface, fencing and renewed sports equipment, the floodlighting has also been improved allowing the facility to be used after dusk.

The playground improvements were delivered by Enable Leisure and Culture on behalf of the council.

In Battersea the ball court on the **Savona Estate** has been completely refurbished thanks to Battersea Power Station and its contractor Careys. It's now available for lots of different sports, including basketball, tennis and badminton.

And **Powerleague** has opened in Nine Elms, with free play for local schools and community groups.





Debate stars

Students from 25 Wandsworth primary schools got together to debate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the 2018 Wandsworth Model United Nations General Assembly (MUNGA) at the town hall.

The charter says that every child has the right to the best possible health and that governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries to achieve this.

Students gave interactive presentations and then competed in an inter-school debate on the motion for the day - the banning of single use plastic. They then all got together at The General Assembly to make amendments and vote. The winning schools were **Sacred Heart RC (Roehampton)** and **Penwortham**.





Connecting classrooms

St Joseph's in Putney school has been chosen to launch a pioneering new programme by the UK Government and the British Council.

The school has spent the last two years developing critical thinking skills through the Connecting Classrooms scheme and pupils have been linking up for shared lessons with pupils at the Marka Prep Girls' school in the Marka refugee camp.

St Joseph's was chosen to host the launch of the next stage of the scheme, Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning. The British Council and the Department for International Development are putting up £38m to enable three million pupils from across the UK to link up with schools in Africa, Asia

and the Middle East using mobile technology such as What's App.

Love Actually film director Richard Curtis, who is a UN advocate for sustainable development has lent his support to the scheme and was at the launch, along with International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt, Secretary of State for Education Damian Hinds, Wandsworth education spokesman Cllr Sarah McDermott and dozens of newspaper and TV journalists.



Students at Saint Cecilia's celebrate their A-level results

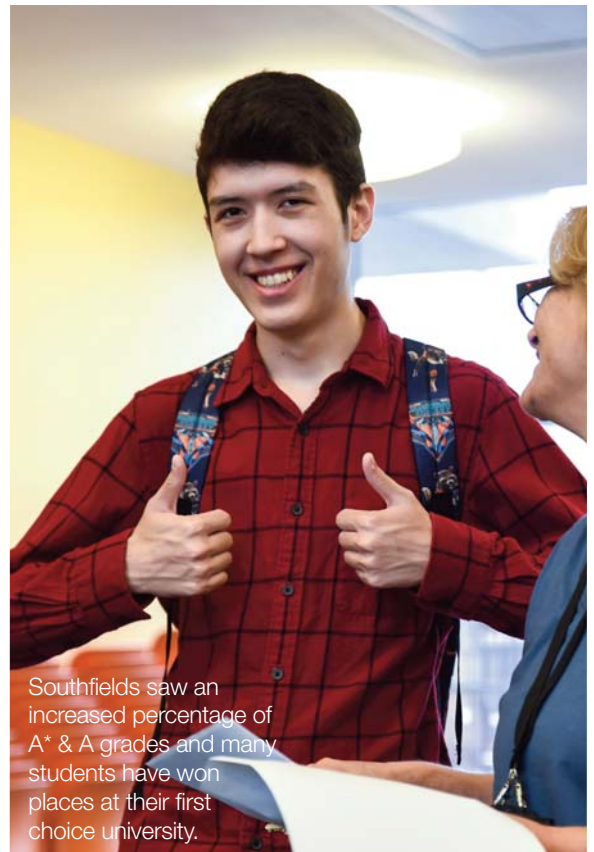
Top marks!

It was another bumper year for exam results in Wandsworth this year.

At A-level 78 per cent were passed at Grades A* to C - a success rate higher than the national average.

Graveney was the highest performer, just ahead of Saint Cecilia's which saw 31 per cent of its A-Levels achieve an A* or A result.

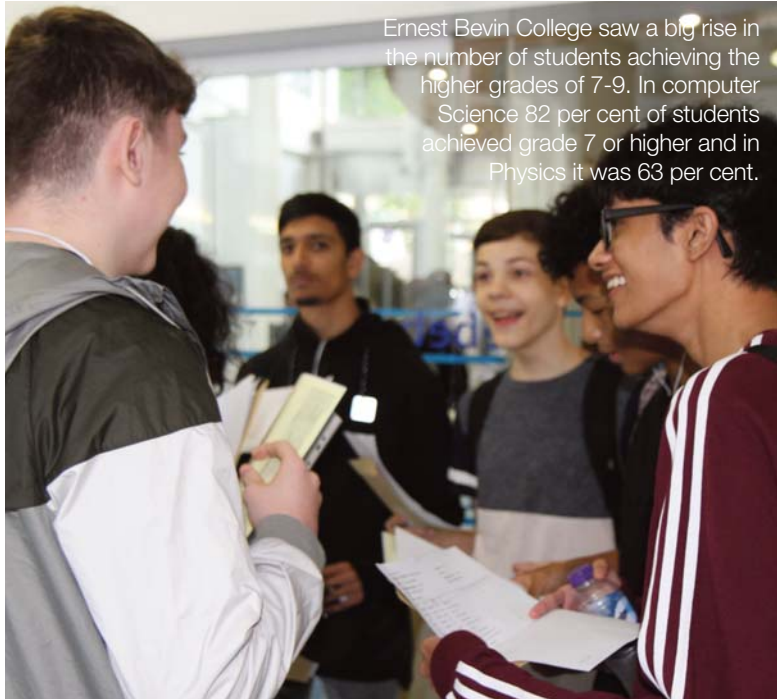
At A* to C grade, Harris Academy Battersea continued its successes of the past two years by again topping the borough league of highest performing schools with a success rate of 88 per cent.



Southfields saw an increased percentage of A* & A grades and many students have won places at their first choice university.

At GCSE 74 per cent of students achieved grades 9-4 in English and Maths, up two per cent from last year. Under the new scoring system, a 4 is roughly the equivalent of a C. Grade 9 is higher than the old A*. In English **Chestnut Grove, Saint John Bosco and Southfields** made significant improvements. **Southfields, Graveney, Ernest Bevin and Burntwood** all saw gains in Maths.

The council's education spokesman Councillor Sarah McDermott said "I'd like to thank the staff at all our schools, as well as parents and carers, who worked so hard to prepare students and who helped and encouraged them to succeed."



Ernest Bevin College saw a big rise in the number of students achieving the higher grades of 7-9. In computer Science 82 per cent of students achieved grade 7 or higher and in Physics it was 63 per cent.



Wahbi and Mohammad, seen here with other high achievers at Southfields Academy, both received a clean sweep of 9s. Seventy per cent of Southfields students achieved grade 4 and above in English and Maths.



Pat on the back for star students

The borough's top students from secondary schools around the borough were invited to town hall receptions along with their teachers, friends and family to celebrate their success in this year's GCSEs and A-Levels. The council's cabinet member for children's services, Cllr Sarah McDermott thanked them for their efforts.





Poetry in the Park

Pupils from **Falconbrook** and **Westbridge** Primary Schools in Battersea came together at York Gardens to showcase their poetry talents at a live performance event Poetry in the Park.

A hundred students took turns in performing their spoken word creations to an enthusiastic audience of children, teachers, families, guests and lucky passers-by. The pupils based their pieces around the

theme of home, exploring thoughts and feelings about their local area and where they feel at home. Poetry in the Park was the culmination of a six-week Cultivate project in which pupils from years three and four worked with spoken word organisation Apples and Snakes and professional spoken word artists BREIS and Kat Francois.

Cultivate Routes

More than 500 young people from Wandsworth schools took part in free Cultivate Routes workshops during the summer term, trying out new skills with creative professionals.

During the workshops the young people tried a new hands-on creative skill – either Journalism, Animation, Spoken Word, Choreography, Visual Art or Textile Design and learnt about creative careers and local creative opportunities. Pupils from **Brandlehow, Eardley, Graveney, Honeywell Junior, Oak Lodge, Penwortham, Sacred Heart (Roehampton), Sellincourt, Sheringdale, Southmead, St. Anne's and The Alton Schools** all took part in the workshops, which continue into the Autumn term.

For more information on the Cultivate Project contact Katherine Hill, Cultivate Programme Manager: khill@enablelc.org, www.cultivate.london





The Wandsworth Youth Council wants to raise young people's awareness on how local and national politics works so they can make informed decisions when they vote for the first time.

Here's how you can get involved

Youth Voice Question Time

Just like the BBC1 show, young people will have the chance to ask local councillors their most pressing questions. **Tuesday November 13, 5pm – 8pm,** Wandsworth Council Chamber

Political Awareness Sessions

Wandsworth Youth Council have partnered with the Houses of Parliament Education team and local councillors to deliver educational sessions on local and national politics. Young people will also then get the chance to visit the Houses of Parliament. There will be sessions on **December 12, January 9 and January 18 from 5pm-8pm.**

Takeover Challenge

The Takeover Challenge is a national event supported by the Children's Commissioner for England. Young people get the chance to 'take-over' the jobs of senior decision makers for the day such as

the police and the council and to experience the world of work. In Wandsworth, this will be the seventh year that Wandsworth Youth Council have run Takeover Challenge. **This year it will be held on Tuesday November 20.**

To take part in any of these, email **wandsworth@participationpeople.com** and you will be signed up right away.

The events are open to young people aged 11-19, or up to 25 if they have a disability.

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 give them a follow on Twitter: **@WBCYouthCouncil.**



Black Minds Matter

This summer's #BlackMindsMatter programme was a chance for young people to get together and explore issues around black people's mental health and what needs to be done to improve it.

Organised by the Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network, it included discussions and workshops and the people taking part were encouraged to respond to the theme in a creative way.

At the end a presentation ceremony was held at the town hall, and the council's children's services spokesman Cllr Sarah McDermott handed out certificates. She said: "Talking is one thing; now we need to move onto the next stage and find solutions", promising to look at ways the council could help.

The 10th Anniversary Black Mental Health Conference will be held in Tooting on Oct 25. Visit wcn.co.uk/events



Nominate a young star

Do you know a young person that deserves to be recognised for their achievements, courage, generous attitude or ability to overcome difficulties? Nominate them for the Wandsworth Young Person of the Year awards. Nominations will open in November 2018. Winners will receive up to £500 and attend a awards ceremony overseen by the Mayor of Wandsworth For more information visit wandsworth.gov.uk/wypy



Inspiring visit

Gus O'Donnell, head of the civil service under three prime ministers, went along to inspire students at **St John Bosco College**.

The ex-Salesian College pupil, now Lord O'Donnell, talked about his time in the Treasury, the British Embassy in Washington and the International Monetary Fund. He was also Press Secretary to John Major and Cabinet Secretary to Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Cameron.

He also took questions from students ranging from Brexit, President Trump, the Northern Ireland border and whether Drill music should be banned. He left with the piece of advice "pay careful attention to those who are honest to you."



Wandsworth Civic Awards

If you know an unsung community champion we'd love to hear from you.

Nominations have opened for the latest Wandsworth Council Civic Awards which seek to shine a light on people aged 19 and over that make fantastic contributions to day-to-day life in Wandsworth. Nominate online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards by October 15.

Click members at the launch with staff and officers including assistant director of children's services Michele Harris



Welcome home

A new home has opened for young people in the care of the council.

Its name, Luminous House, was chosen by young people. It will be home for up to nine children in care in Wandsworth and will be run by St Christopher's Fellowship.

Young people from the Wandsworth Children Living in Care Council (Click) gave feedback throughout the project on how they wanted Luminous House to be and even helped interview staff and organise the launch event.

Luminous House is part of a wider plan to meet the needs of an increasing number of looked-after young people in the borough – especially adolescents preparing to move into adult life. As well as providing each care leaver with a personal advisor, support includes paying the council tax bills of young people leaving the care system, helping them learn how to budget and manage their own finances, and giving them clear information about support with health, relationship, education, training, accommodation and work.

Helping children in care

Teams that help children in council care have been nominated for Children and Young People Now awards.

The Participation and Independent Visitors Service runs the successful Children Living in Care Council (CLICK), which gives young people a voice, and the Independent Visitors Service which matches young people up with volunteers who befriend them.

The Future First Leaving Care Service gives support to young people including a personal advisor.



Sporting success

This year's London Youth Games team won fourth place out of 33 London boroughs. The Wandsworth team performed especially well in cross country, archery, volleyball, athletics and tennis, where they scooped gold and silver medals.



The games are Europe's largest youth sports competition with tens of thousands of participants across nine months culminating in the finals event at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre In July.

In Wandsworth more than 50 schools and more than 400 athletes were involved, embracing a wide range of sports including football, hockey, archery, netball, athletics and swimming.

The council works with Enable Leisure and Culture at the London Youth Games. If you want to take part next year keep an eye on enablelc.org/leisure/lyg for details of trials, or follow @ActiveWands on Twitter.

Help during the early years

Wandsworth parents are to be given a chance to comment on a new way of providing services for young children and their families.

The council's Thrive strategy aims to make sure all children start school with the same strong foundation. It includes

- Offers of help for families that need support but do not necessary meet social care thresholds
- Extra support from the Health Visiting service when new parents have post-natal depression or are in difficult circumstances
- Information from the Family Information Service (now renamed Thrive Online)
- More joined up working with the police, health services and schools
- 'Stay, play and learn' services where parents can stay with their children while they learn
- Encouraging takeup of free early learning places for two, three and four year olds
- The development of Hubs bringing together services for children and families



The first new THRIVE hub will be based at the Yvonne Carr Children's Centre providing services for Battersea. It will continue to offer children's centre services, plus 2-year-old nursery places and a wider range of services for the whole family and will be fully operational in 2019.

The second THRIVE hub serving the whole borough will be based in a brand-new community facility being built in York Road near Clapham Junction which will be ready in 2023. This will include a library, nursery, clinical space and more. While the new York Road facility is being built, the existing York

Gardens site will increase the number of nursery places it provides for two, three and four-year-olds. Key services such as health visiting and family support will also be offered.

In Tooting the Franciscan Children's Centre will merge with Hillbrook Children's Centre. There will be an enhanced service at Hillbrook and the Franciscan site will be used to provide more free 2-year-old places plus family support.

Parents are being invited to have their say. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline

FLU are you protected?

The annual programme to protect children against flu continues this autumn, with vaccinations offered in schools for pupils in reception, and years 1, 2 and 3, 4 and 5. Your school will contact you with details.

There are no nasty needles – the flu vaccination is given to children via a nasal spray. Protecting children helps prevent flu spreading to vulnerable people such as old people and babies.

Flu is more than just a bad cold – in some people it can be a very serious illness.

As well as young children, free vaccines are offered to pregnant women and children and adults with an underlying health condition or weakened immune systems. Vaccines are widely available through pharmacies, GPs, school immunisation nurses and midwives. Talk to your GP or find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk



Q My child had the flu vaccination last year. Do they need another one this year?

A Yes, the flu vaccine for each winter can change because different virus strains circulate each year.

Q Who will give my child their vaccination?

A Children aged two, and three years old will be given the vaccination at their general practice usually by the practice nurse. Nearly all eligible school-aged children will be offered the vaccination in school.

Q How will the vaccine be given?

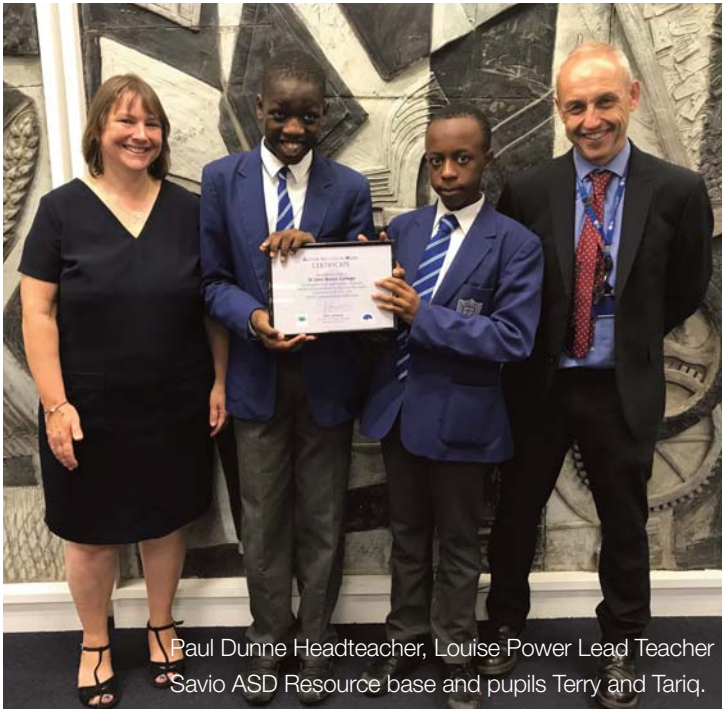
A For most children, it is given as a nasal spray.

Q Can the vaccine cause flu?

A No, the vaccine cannot cause flu because the viruses in it have been weakened to prevent this from happening.

Q Are there any side-effects?

A Children may develop a runny or blocked nose, headache, general tiredness and some loss of appetite. However, these are much less serious than developing flu or complications associated with flu. Serious side-effects are uncommon.



Paul Dunne Headteacher, Louise Power Lead Teacher Savio ASD Resource base and pupils Terry and Tariq.

New scheme to keep kids safe

A Child Safe Zone has been launched by the Wandsworth Town business improvement district, working with Southside Shopping Centre and the council's Disabled Children's Register team.

Posters have been put up around the town centre with a direct number to the town's security team, who are in direct contact with the CCTV control room. Shoppers can pick up a free colourful wristband onto which they can write their mobile phone number. The wristbands are available from participating shops, who will display a sticker in their window, Southside security staff and BID ambassadors, or you can apply for one online.

Find out more at wandsworth.gown/child-safety



Look out for this sign, seen here in the window of Kaspas.

Inclusive school

St John Bosco college is the first school to achieve the Wandsworth Autism Inclusion Mark.

Awarded by the council's inclusion service, it recognises good practice in meeting the needs of pupils with autism and social care disorders. St John Bosco has a resource base called Savio for pupils with autism and expertise is shared with staff across the school. Six more Wandsworth schools are now working towards the award.

“ When I get distracted or find the work difficult in mainstream lessons the teaching assistants always help me.” Terry

The support I get in lessons is very good because I always get help when I need it. I am very excited for the year ahead.” Tariq



New friends

Oak Lodge school invited a group of pupils from Blanche Nevile School for the Deaf in Haringey to visit.

The two groups made up of around 15 children discussed their Deaf Identities and the highlights and challenges they faced over the past year as part of being in their school councils.

Oak Lodge is a maintained Special Education Needs school for pupils who are deaf or who have speech, language and

communication needs.

Jayden, school council member for Oak Lodge, said, "I really hope we can do more events like this in the future and can invite other deaf schools and make it an even bigger event. We are looking forward to more joint school council events in the near future!"

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Jayden
School council member

Welcome to John Archer Academy

High View reopened its doors the autumn with a new name after joining the Ark network of academies.

Now known as **Ark John Archer Primary Academy** named after a former Battersea Mayor, John Archer, who was the first person of African descent to hold elected office in the UK and lived locally to the school.

The school rounded off its last days as **High View** in the summer with a fete, which raised more than £3,000 to help fund school trips and resources.



Are you a business tycoon of the future?



The Peter Jones Foundation and Wandsworth Council are urging borough schools and colleges to take part in Tycoon, a free national enterprise competition.

The competition is spearheaded by entrepreneur and star of Dragons' Den Peter Jones and will give young people aged 6-18 the chance to run their own business.

Wandsworth schools can compete against other schools across the borough with the winning team announced during Wandsworth Enterprise Month in March 2019. Participating schools will have the opportunity to trade in key trading sites across Wandsworth. The nationwide competition will

culminate with an awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace in the spring term.

Students have until October 19 to register their business. The Peter Jones Foundation is offering student businesses a goodwill start-up loan of up to £750 for primary schools and up to £2000 for secondary schools and colleges.

Register your interest at tycoon.com

For further information contact Jenni Asiana jasiama@wandsworth.gov.uk 020 8871 7807.

Brighter walk to school

St George's CE Primary school children in Battersea were delighted to meet artist Yinka Ilori when he dropped in to show them his winning design for the nearby Thessaly Road bridge underpass.

Pupils from years 3,4 and 5 told Yinka how his colourful design would brighten up the 'dark and scary' underpass and help them feel happier on their walk to school. The improvements to the road running under the railway bridge are part of a programme of work in Nine Elms to smarten up the area and turn the underpass into an attractive route for pedestrians and cyclists.

Wandsworth council had teamed up with the London Festival of Architecture earlier this year to consult local resident groups and St George's school on the winning design.

Find out more at nineelmslondon.com/Thessaly-road-design



Keep your pet safe this bonfire night

Ali Taylor, Head of Canine Behaviour at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and star of ITV's Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs has shared her top tips with Headstart on helping pets cope with the stress of fireworks going off.



- 1 Make sure your dogs and cats are microchipped and that their microchip details are up to date. In the worst-case scenario, any animal that does run away from home on Bonfire Night can be more easily reunited with its owner.
- 2 Avoid letting your dogs and cats outdoors at times when fireworks are likely to go off.
- 3 Create a 'safe place' inside your home for your dog or cat to hide away in. For dogs, a table draped with a blanket is a great retreat. Cats prefer a hiding space higher up.
- 4 The sudden bang of fireworks can be masked by keeping a radio or TV on, which can reduce the impact noises may have on your pet.
- 5 It's not only the sound of fireworks that can cause distress for your pets, it's also the light and flashes across the sky. Always draw the curtains or cover the windows.
- 6 Don't confine your dog or cat to one room as they may hurt themselves trying to get out, particularly if they become stressed.
- 7 Cats (and even some dogs) can squeeze into surprisingly tight spots, so make your home as escape-proof as possible. Make sure all doors and windows are firmly closed.
- 8 Animals are highly perceptive and will notice if you're behaving unusually. Following your pet around or being overly affectionate may cause them to feel nervous or confused.
- 9 Provide dogs with a long-lasting chew to help keep them distracted.
- 10 Even if after following all my advice your dog or cat is still extremely stressed by fireworks, you may want to consult your vet. They may be able to provide medication to help reduce your pet's anxiety. However, any medicinal treatment should always be accompanied by a behaviour management plan.

Autumn listings

This is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities, visit Thrive Online Wandsworth at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline

How to be listed

Send details to:

headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk

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• Fireworks

Saturday November 3

Battersea Park hosts one of London's most spectacular displays.

Book in advance – tickets not available on the door.
Enablelc.org/fireworks

SPORTS AND FITNESS

• **Activ Camps at Emanuel School**

Half-term camp for children aged 4-14. Indoor swimming, rock wall, fives, tennis, fitness and activities.

4 year olds - £27.50 a day,

5-14 year olds **£44 a day.**

Emanuel School, Battersea Rise
activcamps.com/venuesdates/emanuel-school/

• **AFC Wimbledon Football Holiday club**

Open to any boy or girl of any ability between the ages of four and 14.

Prices from £15 for one half day to £80 for full week of full days.

Wimbledon Park, Revelstoke Road
(020) 8974 5712

communityfootball@afcwimbledon.co.uk

• **Aspire Centre**

Classes for young people including rock-climbing, trampolining and swimming

Merton Road, Southfields
aspirecentre.com

• **Chelsea Soccer Schools**

Soccer Schools are for boys and girls of all abilities aged 6-14. Learn the skills of the game in a fun, safe environment.

- Battersea Park
- Chestnut Grove School

Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

• **Community Swim Programme**

Term time only, 30 minute lessons, £70 per term. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5.30-7.30pm.

Non-swimmer, beginner and improver and advanced swimming classes for ages 5-15.

Burntwood School,
Burntwood Lane, Tooting
020 3959 0042

• **Zesh Rehman Foundation Football**

These term-time 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.
info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org
zeshrehmanfoundation.org
www.enablelc.org/frc



• **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
thefencingschool.com



• **All Star Tennis holiday camp**

Camps run for juniors aged three to teens. All levels and abilities welcome.

- Wandsworth Common
- King Georges Park, Wandsworth
- Tooting Common
- Leaders Gardens, Putney

allstartennis.co.uk
info@allstartennis.co.uk
020 8871 4706



• Family Saturdays at the BAC

October 27, November 24
10am-3pm

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

• Deen City Farm

Children's events, riding lessons, educational programmes and a collection of friendly animals.

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

• 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

• Celebrating harvest time in Nine Elms

Did you know that October 21 is National Apple Day? The Nine Elms area of Battersea was once an important agricultural area so it is celebrating the tradition of harvest time with local workshops on cooking and recipes that include apples.

Find out more and book at
www.nineelmslondon.com/harvest



Halloween Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

• Pumpkin Trail

Saturday 20 – Sunday 28 October

Purchase a quiz sheet upon entry and use the clues to work out, and find, which animals have put out pumpkins this Halloween half term.

Cost £1 (includes a prize) Usual entrance fee applies

• Slithery Snake Day

Monday 22 October

Snake story time and the chance to meet a real snake. Make your own snake Puppet or badge.

Cost £1. Usual entrance fee applies.

• Hedgehog Day

Tuesday 23 October

Hedgehog arts and crafts, hedgehog story time and a chance to meet a real hedgehog.

Usual entrance fee applies.

• Creepy Crawly Day

Thursday 25 October

Ugly bug story time plus meet some bugs and make your own mini-beast puppet to take home.

Craft activity costs £1. Usual entrance fee applies.

• Boo at the Zoo

Sunday 28 October

(Slightly) Spooky Story Time, make a trick or treat bag (£1), spooky face painting (£2.50) and scary surprise boxes.

Dress up as witches, monsters, pumpkins or zombies and claim a sticker upon entry

Batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

DAYS OUT

MUSIC AND DANCE



• Neighbourhood Network Wednesdays November 7

Drop in any time between 10am-1pm to meet neighbours and enjoy activities including songs for the Under 5s and craft activities.

Free but donations welcome.

Southside Scouts Centre, Balham High Road Tel: 075817 16916

neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk

info@neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk

• 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

• Wandsworth symphony orchestra November 24

- Butterworth:
A Shropshire Lad
- Vaughan Williams:
Tuba Concerto
- Hamish MacCunn:
The Land of the Mountain and the Flood Overture
- Britten:
Four Sea Interludes
from Peter Grimes
- Malcolm Arnold:
Four Cornish Dances

Church of the Ascension, SW11 5TU

www.wandsworthsymphony.org

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 £10.40 per child for a half day, £20.50 for a full day.

wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo

For more information please call the booking helpdesk on 020 8871 6348 or you can email us at EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk. The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm.

• Putt in the Park

Mini-golf in Wandsworth Park and Battersea Park. Enjoy a round of putting and then relax in the cafe. The new 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

• Giant LEGO Brick Animal Trail

October 6-November 18

Meet new additions Sam the short-eared owl, Walter the water vole and Skye the stork, and book a place on a LEGO workshop where you can create your own miniature version of Sam to take home.

Wetlands Centre, Barnes

www.wetlands-centres/london



ARTS AND CRAFTS

• Affordable Art Fair

October 18-21

Contemporary Art Fair. All work for sale under £5,000 to make art accessible.

Battersea Park

www.affordableartfair.com

• Open Studios Art Show

November 15-18

Come and buy directly from the artists

Free entry.

Wimbledon Art Studios, 10 Riverside Yard,
Riverside Road SW17.

www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk



• Summerstown Stripes of Peace Workshop

October 20

A 'Creative Commemoration' workshop making tributes to remember residents of Summerstown killed in the war.

St Mary's Church, Summerstown
Summerstown182.co.uk

• Putney School of Art and Design

October 22-28

Half term courses include art, printmaking, photography and pottery.

enablelc.org/PSAD



• Wandsworth Arts Fringe wants you!

Next year is the tenth anniversary of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe and Wandsworth primary and secondary school pupils are being urged to get involved. This year's event saw 20,000 visitors at more than 180 events including circus, comedy, opera, drama and much more.

Organisers want schools to take part in a range of arts and cultural projects across the borough, or who have a story about the festival they want to share.

Get in touch to have an initial chat by emailing arts@enablelc.org.



• Family Learning Festival

October 15-26

This year's theme is 'Try it Here & Take it Home'.

Join a session and pick up the tools to help you continue the learning with your family. Highlights for family include workshops, family fun days, jewellery making, design and decorate your plates and cups, a lego workshop, boxing and yoga and gardening.

Find out more and book your place at wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

JUST PLAY



• Soft Play at Wandle Recreation Centre

A brand new soft play Adventure Zone opens this month in Wandsworth
New facilities will include:

- 2 floors of Soft Play
- Different Climbing equipment
- Slides
- Sensory Area
- Trampoline
- New flooring and sitting area

Children must be supervised by parents at all times whilst using the soft play area.
www.placesleisure.org/centres/wandle-recreation-centre



• 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.

• Soft Play at Latchmere Leisure Centre

Two storey soft play facility for children aged up to 8 years.

Some of the features include:

- Slide
- Ball pond
- Tiger rollers
- Bish bash bags
- Spider web climbers

Children must be supervised by parents at all times whilst using the soft play area.

placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre/soft-play

• Go Ape

Treetop fun in Battersea Park
goape.co.uk

HEALTHY STUFF



• Beat It!

Beat It! is a FREE healthy lifestyles programme for children aged 5-18. The 10-week programmes supports families and teens who are above a healthy weight. Each week consists of a 45-minute lifestyle session and a 45-minute physical activity session. The lifestyle sessions are designed to develop understanding and awareness of how to eat healthily and include practical tips and advice.

To find out more or ask about the joining the programme email the Beat It! Team on beatit@enablelc.org.

• Wandsworth Walk 4 Life

Free led health walks around Wandsworth New walks:

Wandsworth Common Walk
Every Tuesday 11.15am

Meet outside the NatureScope building at the back of Skylark café on Wandsworth Common.

Join the group for tea or coffee after the walk

Move More Wandsworth
Every Tuesday 12pm

Meet at the Macmillan Information and Support office within St George's Hospital

No need to book just turn up
0203 959 0033

www.enablelc.org/walk4life

YOUTH CENTRES

Wandsworth has seven youth centres, all open for a minimum of five days a week for 11-19 year olds (or up to 25 for young people with disabilities). Activities include sport, dance, cooking, arts and crafts, table tennis, and access to the internet.

Find your nearest centre and discover what's on offer this summer at wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

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

THEATRE AND BOOKS

Autumn listings



The Gingerbread Man Oct 24-28

Gingerbread Man must use his wits to escape anyone who finds him tasty. Suitable for ages 3+
Polka theatre, Wimbledon
polkatheatre.com



• **Reading Group: Covfe: Language in a meme economy with Ami Clarke**

Three sessions where visitors are invited to read and discuss together several texts, as we consider how our interactions with evolving technologies inflect and impact upon how we communicate with each other.

Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park
Pumphousegallery.org.uk

• **Group 64 Holiday Projects**

October 23, ages 11-16

• The Stopwatch Project

October 24-25, ages 4-7

• The Friendly Ghost,

October 26, ages 7-11

• Hagrid's House Play in a Day,

www.g64.org.uk.

• **Under the Rainbow**

Oct 24-Nov 3

Evocative music, puppetry and a beautiful transformative set gently tells the story of one woman's courageous journey. As she crosses land and sea, she befriends a turtle and a colourful bird of paradise, discovering a plentiful island that gives her hope for the future..

Suitable for ages 3-6

Polka theatre, Wimbledon
polkatheatre.com (020) 8543 4888

I wish I was a Mountain

October 24-26

On the day of the famous annual fair, the town of Faldum receives an unexpected visit. Written and performed by former Glastonbury Poetry Slam Champion Toby Thompson, I Wish I Was A Mountain uses rhyme, live music, and just a smattering of metaphysical philosophy to boldly reimagine Herman Hesse's classic fairytale. For everyone ages 5 and over

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

• Free activities at Latchmere Leisure Centre

WAND Card holders and a parent or carer can swim for free at Latchmere Leisure Centre and there are up to 50 per cent reductions on Junior Gym, Play Zone, Tumble Time, Football, Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash.

Wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

• New Contact Monthly Coffee Morning

Friday 19 October
10.00am – 12.00pm

A monthly coffee morning at Debenhams Coffee Shop in Southside shopping centre. The first hot drink is on us so please do come along to meet other parents and to find out what we are up to. **First hot drink is free**

Café is on the top floor of Debenhams
10 Garratt Lane, Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth, SW18 4TF

Children welcome to attend – no booking necessary

Wandsworth.office@contact.org.uk

• DSC Community Club

Tuesdays, 4.30pm-6pm, term-time only
Sport for young people aged 11 and over with any disability. £3 or £1.50 with WAND Card.

Caius House Youth Centre, Battersea
(020) 8021 0973

clubs@disabilitysportscoach.co.uk
disabilitysportscoach.co.uk

• Family Play Sessions

First Saturday of the month
This monthly drop-in gives working parents a chance to enjoy an ECC play session with their children. For children aged 0-5

Enhanced Children's Centre, West Hill
wandsworth.gov.uk/fis
(020) 8877 0758

• Disability Dance

Fun Sunday morning dance sessions organised by Wandsworth's Enable Leisure and Culture give disabled children and young people aged 5-16 the opportunity to learn to dance with an experienced disability dance teacher.

Booking essential
(020) 3959 0041



• 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

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

• Unique Youth at the George Shearing Centre

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

Este Road, Clapham Junction
(020) 7228 2230

zgrant@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

• Discounts for WAND Card holders

WAND Card holders and 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
 - Half price sessions at Flip Out
 - Free sessions at Go Ape! In Battersea Park
 - Free entry to Battersea Park Zoo
- www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



NOW BOOKING - PANTOMIMES

• Cinderella and the Beanstalk

December 5 – December 31

Follow Cinderella on a perilous adventure as the scheming Rumpelstiltskin blackmails the would-be princess into retrieving the coveted Golden Eggs from the top of The Beanstalk. She must complete her quest to recover her glass slipper, but Prince Charming, the Fairy Godmother and Jack's pregnant cow are all doing their best to get in the way so her mission might not be quite as easy as she thought. By The Sleeping Trees.

Theatre503, The Latchmere, 503 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 3BW
Theatre503.com (020) 7978 7040

• Aladdin

Dec 8-Jan 6

Starring Paul Merton.
New Wimbledon Theatre
www.atgtickets.com/venues/new-wimbledon-theatre/information

• Royal Trinity Hospice Christmas Fair

Preview evening: November 13 6.30pm-9.30pm

Day: November 14, 8.30am-3.30pm

St Luke's Church,
194 Ramsden Road, Balham
trinityhospicechristmasfair.org

• Putney School of Art and Design Christmas Fair

December 2, 10am-5pm

Arts and crafts, stalls, pottery throwing demos and more.

PSAD, Oxford Road, Putney
enablelc.org/PSAD

• Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability Christmas Fair

November 28, 11am-4pm

All your Christmas shopping needs under one roof.

rhn.org.uk

See more at wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

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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