

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

The children in Nursery and Reception have been delighted with the new 'motor bike' (bike with pedals) additions to their Balance-ability lessons. The bikes were bought with money donated by the Friends of Wellington School, thank you so much to the Friends, and to you as parents, for supporting the events that allowed this to be possible. Included in the donation were ten new helmets, four pedal bikes, as well as certificates and stickers. We are so lucky to be able to run this programme in-house and it forms an integral part of our enrichment offer for the Early Years.

I have been excited to hear from the children who have been entered for the Taunton Festival of the Arts, and I look forward to going with the choirs next week as they enter their competitions.

No one day like the next.....

Best wishes
Vics Richardson



PERFORMING ARTS

Taunton Festival of the Arts

Congratulations to all our Prep musicians who performed in the Taunton Festival of the Arts this week in the piano, strings and wind classes:

Cara Cavaciuti, Alex Robinson, Florence Eve, Erika Lacy-Hulbert, Iona Shaw, Holly Adams, Amba Barthakur, Maisie Frost and Evangeline Stone

You should all be very proud of your performances, as you received some lovely comments from the adjudicators.

Good luck to our Come and Sing Choir, Chamber Choir, our solo singers and Mis-placed Blazers who are performing next week.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ridley



CELEBRATE WITH US

This year sees the 50th anniversary of the first female pupil joining Wellington School. We are hosting a gala dinner to celebrate the move to co-education on the evening of 14th May. This event is open to parents, staff, Old Wellingtonians and former staff. Further details and tickets are now available via this link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BLIR>



EARLY YEARS

This week at Nursery, the children have been learning about the 'Chinese New Year', and this is the Year of the Tiger. We tasted Chinese food, sewed tiger stripes, made lucky red envelopes and Chinese fans! We also enjoyed the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', and used props to tell the story. The children also used chopsticks in the water tray with squishy noodles!

Mrs Lucas



The Tiger
Who
Came
to Tea



Reception started the week searching for signs of Spring, hiding in the big tree and rolling down the school bank. On Tuesday, we celebrated Chinese New Year. The classroom was decorated and the roleplay area became a pop-up restaurant serving noodles and spring rolls. The children dressed up and listened to stories about the naming of the Chinese Years and they were excited to find out if they were born in the Year of the Rooster or the Monkey.

Mrs Wheller



YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a busy week visiting Asia with Paddington. On Tuesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with lucky packets, fortune cookies and a lion dance. This was followed up on Wednesday with tasty noodles for our Forest School snack. The children also took part in some 'Forest Bathing', when they laid down on the grass so that they could think about what they could see, feel, smell and hear. It was a well-deserved rest in the middle of a busy week!

We have also been very proud of Alex, who was so inspired by his reading book, that he asked to keep it for the weekend, to follow the instructions to make a puppet theatre. On Monday, he brought his fantastic theatre into school to show everyone.

Mrs Perry



YEAR 2

What an exciting week for Year 2! Not only did Year 2 take a trip to the Senior School to look for mini beasts, but they also enjoyed a variety of forest school activities!

Mrs Webber



YEAR 3

Year 3 and 4 were at Taunton Prep School on Monday afternoon for their first Netball and Hockey matches of the season. The sun shone as the Year 3's had an opportunity to practice skills and be coached through their first matches. For the Year 4's it was also a great chance to play their first. The afternoon was finished with doughnuts and squash. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Beacock and Mrs Coate



YEAR 4

In Geography this term we have been learning about rivers. So far, the children have discovered what the upper course, middle course and lower course is, and they can also explain meanders and oxbow lakes. This week the children have been pretending to be a river in order to learn about erosion and deposition. They meandered along the twists and turns, and eroded some of the bank, depositing soil and rocks on the opposite side.

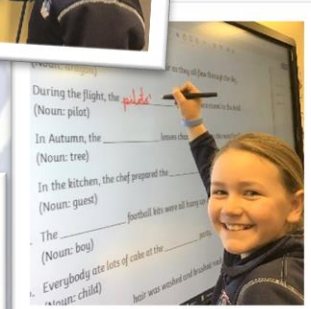
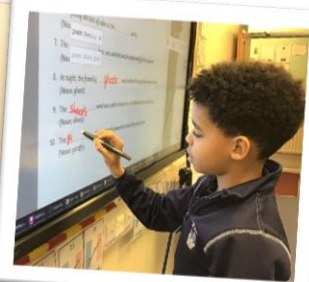
Mrs Needs and Mr Stepney



YEAR 5

Year 5 children have had another really busy week. In Science, the children made working models of the solar system. In Maths, they learnt how to read a timetable and calculate journey times. In English, the children practised using apostrophes, and in PHSEE they worked together to design a poster to help people to live healthy lives.

Mrs Lawrenson and Mr Warren



YEAR 6

Year 6 having 'fun with flags'; matching flags to their European countries.



SPORT UPDATE

U11 Hockey

Our U11A team enjoyed a brilliant match, displaying a much-improved display of passing. The movement of the ball was excellent and we were unlucky not to have put away a couple of more goals. Harry Gillam was the stand-out player, his distribution was central to the performance of the team. An excellent strike from Jack Debenham got Wellington onto the scoreboard. The 3-1 result (in favour of Queen's) was certainly not a reflection of the quality of the game. Very well done, to all of our players.

We also had two other U11 teams playing a triangular with the Queen's B team. It was an excellent afternoon of hockey, interestingly when our two teams played against each other the level of intent was noticeably higher! Bobby Stewart and Jacob Greenlee were the stand-out players in these matches. Wellington won the first game 3-0, the second game was 0-0, and the final game of Wellington v Wellington was a predictable victory for Wellington, 1-0!

U10 Hockey

The Year 5 boys hosted Queen's and enjoyed a triangular with two WPS teams and one Queen's team. Game one was a spirited match but Queen's managed to finish several well worked goals. Game two was much closer with Wellington playing some excellent hockey and were unlucky not to score. Queen's had less of ball but were more clinical with their finishing. The game ended 2-0 to Queen's. Benjamin Hynd and Archie Weir were the stand out players for Wellington, well done!

Friday 11th February - The Lungley Dash!

Next Friday brings us the 2022 Lungley Dash. All of our children in Years 3-6 will run the course out on Bulford which will comprise of a number of obstacles for them to negotiate. Parents are welcome to watch but are kindly asked to park in the WPS car park (not by the astro). Thank you.

- 14:50 – Years 3 and 4 Race Starts
- 15:10 – Years 5 and 6 Race starts
- 15:30 – All runners to have completed course
- 15:35 – Prize Giving (astro)
- Move back to School
- 1550 – Clubs as normal



In Wednesday's netball lesson, the Year 5 and 6 girls enjoyed a action packed in-house tournament with Mrs Browne.



FENCING DEVELOPMENT CLUB

Calling all Year 5 and 6 children keen to try a new sport! Fencing Development Club is at 5.00pm – 6.00pm on Wednesday's in the PRSC fencing salle using the electronic pistes and epee blades. Specialist coach, Jon Mason, takes a small group of Year 5 and 6, no experience necessary, all kit provided. Parents must drop off the children at the PRSC and pick up afterwards, the cost of £4.00 per session can be billed. Competition possible or just for fun! Free taster session before you sign up, please contact Mrs MacAlister at l.macalister@wellington-school.org.uk for more details.





YEAR 6 CAREERS DINNER

We are very excited to be hosting a Year 6 Careers Dinner on Monday 7th March to celebrate National Careers Week 2022. We are looking for parents who would kindly volunteer their time to attend the dinner and speak to the children about their own career paths. We would welcome a diverse range of careers and experience, if you would be interested in attending, please contact me at c.bailey@wellington-school.org.uk

Mrs Clare Bailey

ANNUAL FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL QUIZ



The Annual Friends of Wellington School Quiz is back, with members of the Sixth Form, parents and staff competing to be the 'top' student and adult teams. Once again, our Quiz Masters, Rob Stevens and Simon Costello, will take us on a journey across continents and through the decades, as they do their best to confuse and outsmart us! This is always a wonderful evening of fun and good cheer, with our Sixth Form teams, who will also compete for the prize of 'Best Dressed Team'.



There are a number of different question rounds, with something for all, and a chance to play your Joker, on your (hopefully) 'best' round. With a break for a light supper served in the ARC, a reasonable cash bar serving soft drinks, beers, ciders and wine, and a raffle with super prizes, please invite your friends to join you and book your team tickets here. <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BLCW> Tickets cost £12 for adults and £6 for students (6th Formers only), thank you for your support, and we look forward to a super evening.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Lily-Rose Batchelor Reception

Per Teig 1P

Isaac D'Souza 2W

Jemima Hines 3B Arthur Greany 3C

Esme Parkinson 4N Oliver Wielkopolski 4S

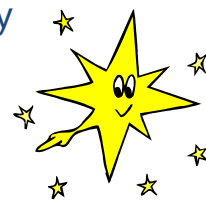
Elsa Mackey 5L Thomas Luter 5W

Jacob Greenlee 6H Sam Turner 6L Harry Gillam and Hugo Lathwell 6M

Sport Star of the Week: Archie Weir 5L

Drama Star of the Week: Kira Purbrick 1P

Music Stars of the Week: All the Prep musicians who played so beautifully at the Taunton Music Festival this week.



HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER 635

APOLLO 615

VIKING 547

GALILEO 633

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

07-Feb-22	Monday			Taunton Music Festival Fortnight
		13:00	15:30	Reception Forest School
		13:45		Hockey Sevens Boys U8 and U9 vs West Buckland School (H)*
08-Feb-22	Tuesday			Safer Internet Day
		09:00	15:30	Years 1 and 2 - trip to Plymouth Aquarium
		18:00	20:00	Governors: External Relations Committee
09-Feb-22	Wednesday	am		Year 5 and 6 - Careers discussion by Captain Pyne (airline pilot)
		09:00	12:30	Years 3 and 4 - Egyptian Workshop with Somerset Museum
		13:00	15:30	Year 1 Forest School
		14:00	16:15**	Netball Girls U11A and B vs Taunton School (A)*
		17:30	18:30	Year 5 French Fashion Show*
10-Feb-22	Thursday			Little Wellies (cancelled)
		13:00	15:30	Year 2 Forest School
		18:00	20:00	Governance Committee
11-Feb-22	Friday	08:30	12:30	Year 3 Forest School
		13:00	15:30	Nursery Forest School
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
		14:00		The Lungley Dash - Years 3 - 6 House Cross Country Competition*
12-Feb-22	Saturday	09:00	10:00	Stage School, Reception - Year 2
		09:00	10:00	Stage School, Years 5&6 (1hr session for students also participating in SAQ)

		09:00	10:00	Years 3 and 4 SAQ in PRSC (optional)
		10:00	11:00	Stage School, Reception - Year 2
		10:00	11:00	Years 5 and 6 SAQ in PRSC (optional)
		10:00	12:00	Stage School, Years 3 - 6
				Taunton Music Festival (Pop Vocals competition)
13-Feb-21	Sunday			

**approximate return time

HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMP

Please come and join us on our February half term hockey camp at Wellington School. The camp promises to be filled with fun, skills, hockey and pizza! Yes, that's right, we will be having a pizza van coming to the Hockey Camp! Book now to reserve your space using the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/inspirehockey?embed=1>



HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMP

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21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY '22

Wellington School

£40 PER DAY

£70 FOR 2 DAYS

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