

MESSAGE FROM MRS MIDDLETON

Dear Parents

Over the last few weeks, children at the Prep School have been introduced to this year's Take One Picture Painting, 'A Shipwreck on Stormy Seas' by Claude-Joseph Vernet, 1773. Each year a painting is selected by The National Gallery from its collection for the children to explore, resulting in a truly child-led learning experience. If paintings could make sounds, this one would be deafening! A crack of thunder as lightning splits the sky, gale-force winds howling across a roaring sea, groaning timber as ships struggle to stay afloat, and the terrifying snap of broken masts as the vessels become overwhelmed by the storm. Despite the danger, we can view this scene safely from dry land – it's an imaginary landscape we can experience without the danger of being swept out to sea. It presents a different kind of beauty: one that is also a little terrifying.

The children have had great fun learning all about the painting and exploring its themes, from emotions like fear, panic and danger, to the contrasting ideas of darkness and light; from considering what lies beneath the stormy sea to how things would look from the lighthouse on the cliff; from rocks, waves and stormclouds, to safe havens and sunbeams. All around the Prep school, there have been immersive experiences, poetry writing and artistic creative juices flowing. We plan to display the results of the children's work at the end of the school year, so watch this space for further news!

Best wishes
Mrs Rachel Middleton
Head of Prep Art and DT



MUSIC

Yesterday afternoon the Chapel and surrounding areas rang with the sound of young musicians as nearly eighty children from Years 3 – 8 performed in the Prep School Spring Concert.

The concert featured several Prep School and bridging ensembles including Sinfonia, Come and Sing Choir and Chamber Choir, a number of smaller Chamber groups (Recorders and Trumpets), and two bands. On this occasion we were sorry not to hear the String Group, Cello Duet or Beginner Violins, but we look forward to hearing them in the forthcoming String Faculty Evening on Thursday 28th April. After such a long absence it was wonderful to hear our young musicians sharing their talents with a live audience, very well done, to all who performed.

Mrs Ridley and Mrs Shaw

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Welly Camps and Welly Boot holiday clubs will be available over the Easter holidays, from Monday 4th April to Friday 8th April. Welly Boot holiday club is available to children in Nursery and Reception, and Welly Camps holiday club is available to Years 1-8. The holiday clubs run from 8.15am to 5.30pm, please click on the following links for further details and to book camps:



Welly Boot Holiday Camp

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNST>



Welly Camps Holiday Club

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNGV>

EARLY YEARS

This week the Nursery children have been enjoying the sunshine! We have been playing with the water outside and using paint brushes to mark-make. The children also made some special cards for some very special people... shhhh!

Mrs Lucas



'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen has been the focus literacy story for Reception class this week. We have used Granny Fantastic's clever words to support sentence writing, and talked about the adventures and characters in the story. At Forest School, the children went on a real bear hunt and had a teddy toast.

Mrs Wheller



YEAR 1

This week the children have been finding out about insects. They made log pile homes for insects at Forest School, and are now looking forward to checking for new inhabitants of their homes next week!

In preparation for the 'Take One Picture' art project, Year 1 visited Mr Askew in the Senior School Art Department to find out about different art techniques. The children loved what they saw and asked lots of questions. They are very excited to be starting their own piece of art inspired by the picture and their visit with Mr Askew.

Mrs Perry



YEAR 2

'By the Seaside' – Somerset Museum

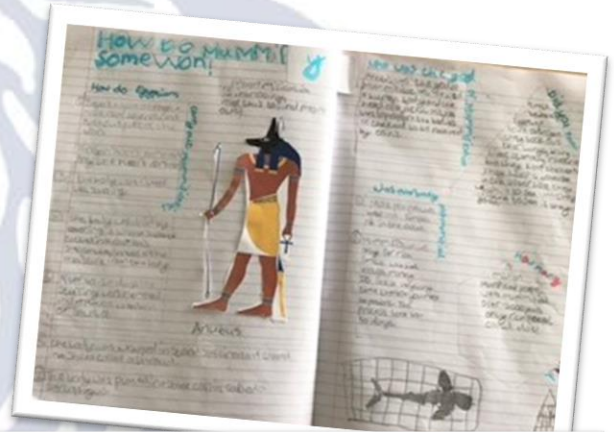
At our wonderful workshop on Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed exploring many aspects of the seaside in the past, through discussion, object handling and creative play. The children looked and handled objects such as a penny-lick, Victorian postcards, parasols and deckchairs. They dressed up in Victorian and Edwardian costumes and, as you can see, they looked fabulous! We also had a lovely, sunny and creative time at Forest School in the afternoon.

Mrs Webber



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been deeply touched by the situation in Ukraine and visited the Chapel on Wednesday to be part of the silent vigil. Mrs Beacock and Mrs Coate were very impressed by the maturity shown by the class.



In English, the children have been producing non-chronological reports about an aspect of ancient Egyptian life.

Mrs Coate and Mrs Beacock

YEAR 4

We have been very creative again this week in Year 4. In Geography, our fact files about the River Nile are beginning to take shape. The children have been very busy both at home and school researching facts about the River Nile. They have found out about the types of animals that live in and around the river as well as details about the river itself, such as where the source and the mouth are. They have then had to work out how to share this information, the finished products are going to look good!

Mrs Needs and Mr Stepney



YEAR 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the 'Take One Picture' painting, looking at the themes and discussing the emotions generated by the stormy scene. The children have produced some fantastic poems and are very excited about our art day today.

Mrs Lawrenson and Mr Warren



YEAR 6

Year 6 started their 'Take One Picture' project and working on their initial sketches.



SPORT

Hockey

On Wednesday, all of our Year 5 and 6 boys made their way to West Buckland for an afternoon of hockey. After a raucous bus journey, the boys began their matches in glorious sunshine. Both the U11 and U10 A teams won their matches, but both B teams were narrowly beaten. Our U11C team had a well-fought battle with their West Buckland counterparts. Noah Ringrose and Sonny Marsh both showed good control when on the ball and passed with accuracy, but the boys were unfortunate to concede the only goal of the match just before full time.

On Sunday, Elsa Mackey and Chloe Etherton competed at the British Biathlon Championships at Bath University Sports Village, both with super runs and holding their own with the nation's best in their age groups! Straight off the back of this, Elsa then finished Top Girl in the Primary Schools Cross Country race at King's College, and in the top six overall! The team of Year 5 Prep School children enjoyed racing into Spring in the sunshine, and a post-race treat of tasty donuts!

Mr Greany



POP-UP COOKERY CLUB

Mr and Mrs Jee are pleased to invite you to their Pop-up Cooking Club. Below is a list of ingredients for a delicious chicken dish. On Friday 1st April, the video link will be available for you to watch whilst you make your dinner. Enjoy cooking!

Butterflied Paprika Chicken Sweet Potato Wedges and Salad

Serves 2

2 x Chicken Breasts
Bread Crumbs (fresh homemade 100gms)
Paprika and BBQ Seasoning
1 x Egg
2 x Sweet Potatoes
2 x Potatoes
Spray oil
Salt & Pepper

Salad

Lettuce leaves
Cucumber
Tomatoes
Peppers
Celery
Spring onions
Any other salad items you would like to add



DRAMA

We have had a very exciting week in Drama. Our Senior School production of Les Misérables takes place next week, and our Year 2 children enjoyed going to Great Hall to see the set, having an opportunity to climb up the stairs of the barricade! On Saturday, it was the Stage School Showcase which was a wonderful event full of so many smiles, the children loved the opportunity to perform for a large live audience in Great Hall, and a big thank you to Steve Olive for all the amazing pictures!

On Monday, we had a series of LAMDA exams, and all our Stage School students were entered for their Entry Level Devising Grade, we also had some students sitting their first Duo Acting Grade. We look forward to receiving the results of these soon. We had our last week of dance lessons before breaking for Easter, if your child normally attends Dance Club then you are welcome to pick them up early on Monday or Thursday next week, alternatively then can join one of the clubs in school.

Mrs Davies



YEAR 3 AND 4 BOOK CLUB

The Year 3 and 4 Book Club children visited the Senior School library on Friday for a tour from librarian, Dr Billiald. The children thoroughly enjoyed some quiet Friday downtime in a cosy, sunny corner.

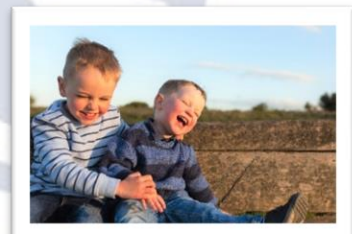
Mrs Lyon Taylor



WPS SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

Wellington Prep School is introducing Sibling Portraits! This is an opportunity for brothers and sisters to get some fun and natural pictures together during the summer season. Kathryn will be here on Saturday 18th June, to book your appointment, please click on the following link:
<https://book.usesession.com/s/Z9-4wOnz8>

Kathryn Anne
PHOTOGRAPHY



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL

We are excited to announce our events list for the summer term 2022! Please do look at our poster at the end of the newsletter and note down the dates – we would love to see you at as many of them as possible.

Our last Friends meeting of this academic year will be on Friday 22nd April at 8.30am in Café 37, on the Senior School site. Do come along if you would like to see what we get up to. There are twenty-two of us, representing each year group from Nursery right through to Year 6, so I am sure you would know someone! We will be chatting about the summer term events, and looking forward to the next academic year and what events we would like to host. All are very welcome!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Jessica du Toit Reception

Benjamin Woodford 1P

Harry Talling 2W

Robert Bambridge 3B Katherine Bambridge 3C

Gracie MacAlister 4N Katie Williams 4S

Archie Weir 5L Toby Milne 5W

Elsa Sadler and Sophie Yendole 6H William Eustace 6L Isabelle Hansard 6M

Drama Stars of the Week: Gracie MacAlister 4N and Holly Adams 6M

Music Star of the Week: Maggie Seaton 5W

Sports Star of the Week: Ethan Jacob 5L



HOUSE POINTS

GALILEO 437 PIONEER 486 APOLLO 374 VIKING 469

DIARY FOR WEEK W/C 28TH MARCH

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| 28-Mar-22 | Monday | 13:00 | 15:30 | Reception Forest School |
| 29-Mar-22 | Tuesday | 09:00 | | Parents' refreshments in Prep Hall* |
| | | 10:00 | 11:00 | Easter Chapel Service and Early Years Easter Bonnet Parade* |
| | | 13:00 | 15:30 | Year 4 - Forest School |

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| 30-Mar-22 | Wednesday | 09:00 | 09:30 | Reception - Balanceability Graduation* |
| | | 13:00 | | Year 6 to attend Years 7 and 8 Lunchtime Concert |
| | | 13:00 | 15:30 | Year 1 Forest School |
| 31-Mar-22 | Thursday | 09:30 | 11:00 | Little Wellies* |
| | | 13:00 | 15:30 | Year 2 Forest School |
| 01-Apr-22 | Friday | 08:00 | 09:30 | Friends First Friday (Café 37) |
| | | 10:55 | | Golden Leaves Celebration Assembly |
| | | 13:00 | 15:30 | Nursery - Forest School Easter Eggstravaganza! |
| | | 13:00 | | Swimming - Years 1 and 2 |
| | | 13:30 | 15:30 | Reception - Year 2 Easter Eggstravaganza! |
| | | | | End of Term |
| 02-Apr-22 | Saturday | | | Start of Easter Holidays |
| 03-Apr-22 | Sunday | | | |

**approximate return time

INSPIRE HOCKEY CAMP

We are delighted to be running a Multi Sport Camp at the beginning of the Easter holidays.

Monday 4th April

HOCKEY

Tuesday 5th April

CRICKET

Wednesday 6th April

TENNIS/FOOTBALL

Camps will include coaching from sport specific coaches, daily competitions, matches, and much more. 5% of all profit from the camp will be donated to charity. The camp will run between 9.30am – 4.00pm, Monday 4th April to Wednesday 6th.

EASTER MULTI SPORT CAMP



£40 1 DAY
£70 2 DAYS
£90 3 DAYS

Wellington School

4-6TH APRIL 2022

CAMP INCLUDES



HOCKEY CRICKET TENNIS & FOOTBALL

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL (PREP)
SUMMER TERM
EVENTS FROM APR 2022

Fri 22nd April
Cake & Take

Come & join us in the playground before pick up for some cake and beverages.

3.15pm - 5.15pm

Fri 6th May
Friendly Friday

Come & join us for a chat and a complimentary cuppa in Cafe 37.

8.00 - 9.15am

Sat 28th May
Pedalathon

Family bike ride along Tiverton Canal to Sampford Peverell play park, for a picnic.

9.30am WPS car park

Fri 10th June
Friendly Friday

Come & join us for a chat and a complimentary cuppa in Cafe 37.

8.00 - 9.15am



Fri 24th June
Sports Day

Our catering tent will be open with bacon butties, drinks, cake and Pimm's!

Senior School Field

Fri 1st July
Ice lolly Friday

Ice lollies for sale for the last Friday of the term in the playground.

3.15pm - 5.15pm

Fri 1st July
Friendly Friday

Come & join us for a chat and a complimentary cuppa in Cafe 37.

8.00 - 9.15am

Fri 8th July
Commem Ball 2022!

Come & celebrate the end of year with us.

Drinks from 7pm

Dates for your diary - see you there!

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FACEBOOK: Friends of Wellington School (PREP)

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SPRING
SWISH!



**A CHANCE TO RENEW
YOUR WARDROBE!**

May 5th - 7.30
Prep School Hall

£5 per ticket - for 2 swaps.
Extra swap tickets available
on the night

Donate your ladies clothes to the Prep School
office by 29th April (please ensure they are
clean and in good condition)

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.CO.UK/BNVA](https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNVA)

Proceeds to the Drama Department