

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

This week I have been so proud of the children. There were fantastic reports from the Year 1 and 2 trip to the Plymouth Aquarium and Year 5 were fabulous in the French Fashion Show. I accompanied children to the Taunton Festival of the Arts where the Prep Choir and Chamber Choir performed. And just now I have returned to the office from the playground where children in Years 3 to 6 have gathered after the Lungley Dash. Dr Lungley commented afterwards that participation makes the children stronger and whilst we can celebrate the winning positions, we can also celebrate the efforts of all of the runners, competing for their House.

The children were, without exception, marvellous this week; Wellington Prep at its best!

Best wishes
Vics Richardson



MUSIC

Taunton Festival of the Arts

Congratulations to Lily who performed in the Taunton Festival of the Arts this week and earned a Distinction (87), and joint second place for Scarborough Fair, Commended (86) for 'Wouldn't it be Lovely', and Commended (86) for her vocal solo 12 years and under. Lily is performing again on Saturday along with Mis-placed Blazers at the Pop Vocals Evening. Our Come and Sing Choir and Chamber Choir also performed very well yesterday, and it was lovely to see so many Prep parents in the audience.



February Brass Faculty Evening Tuesday 15th March

Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to invite parents into school, however, the event will be filmed and once ready, will be made available.

Come and Sing Saturday 19th March

Our Come and Sing Choir are now preparing for the Come and Sing Day. Please continue to work hard on all your Come and Sing Songs, and use the Team's Group to listen to the recordings and keep practising at home.

Prep Spring Concert Thursday 24th March

Due to COVID restrictions, we have moved our Prep Spring Concert to Thursday 24th March when we hope we will be able to invite you all to come and enjoy a wonderful evening of music.

Ros Shaw and Nikki 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

In Nursery this week, we have been thinking about snowy winter days. The children made snow people collages, bird feeders to take care of our birds on cold days, and footprints in the snow pictures.

Mrs Lucas



In Reception this week, we have had a focus on sharing and learning to compromise. The children helped Elmo and the Cookie Monster sort out how to share cookies, and worked in pairs to create Lego models.

Mrs Wheller



YEAR 1

Year 1 have enjoyed a fishy-themed week for our Science focus on classification of animals. On Tuesday, we had a fantastic visit to the Plymouth Aquarium, the children were very excited to meet 'Spaghetti' the octopus' and 'Friday' the turtle, as well as learning many ocean facts. One of the highlights of the trip was meeting a mermaid called Marina, who read a story and told the children all about her friends who live in the ocean. We continued the mermaid theme with a magical underwater cave in our classroom and mermaid collages at Forest School. In English, the children have produced some amazing posters about Plymouth Aquarium. Well done, Year 1 on having such a magical but hard-working week.

Mrs Perry



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been super creative in Art this week. Focusing on the work of Joseph Turner, the children have been creating their own stormy seascapes.

Mrs Webber



YEAR 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 had a fabulous visit from the team at Somerset Museum when they came to talk to the children about Ancient Egypt, our topic for this term. The children learnt about how the ancient Egyptians believed scarab beetles gave them good luck and they decorated their own beetles. The colours used to paint the beetles symbolised different aspects of Egyptian life. The children learnt about food in ancient Egyptian times and made their own date bread.

Everyone had great fun being archaeologists, digging for artefacts and treasures in the sand. The children dressed up as Egyptians, as well as learning how to write their names in Hieroglyphics. It was a very interesting morning.

Mrs Beacock, Mrs Coate, Mrs Needs and Mr Stepney



Harry in Year 3, was so inspired by the date bread he went home and created a cranberry roll, well done, Harry!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a 'fantastique' week performing superbly at the French fashion show on Wednesday evening. In lessons, as well as beginning to master line graphs in Maths, the children have been learning various skills in English lessons to enable them to begin to work on their Caribbean projects. They also enjoyed an informative talk from a visiting Pilot who encouraged them to perhaps take up flying as a career and certainly inspired them to travel to far-flung destinations.

Mrs Lawrenson and Mr Warren



YEAR 5 FRENCH FASHION SHOW



YEAR 6

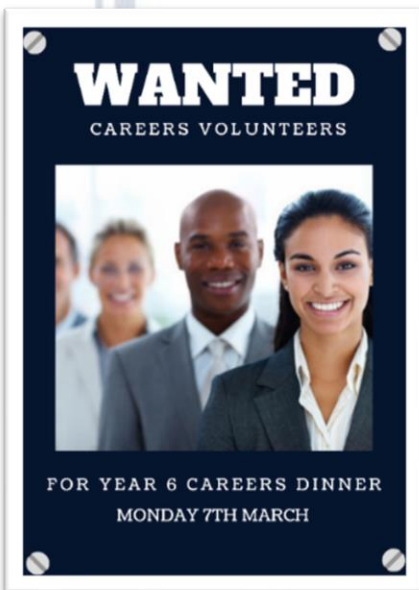
Captain James Pyne visited Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday to give a fascinating insight into his career as a Pilot. How he became a Pilot, how to navigate bad weather, how technology is used and how much training is involved, were just some of the areas discussed. Flying 'One Direction', Cristiano Ronaldo and Coldplay at various times, also grabbed our pupils' attention.

Mr Hitchin, Mrs Middleton and Mr Lawrenson



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

DRAMA

We have had an exciting week in Drama. Lots of work towards next term's productions, Dance School returned and Stage School students enjoyed finishing their choreography for their first dance. Our showcase is pulling together for the 19th March and LAMDA exams are booked in for the 21st March.



Stage School LAMDA exams run from 4.15pm with Years 3 and 4 performing last to allow for the boys to return from their sports fixture! We have a new LAMDA teacher and therefore further slots are now available if you would like your child to start LAMDA tuition, for more information please contact drama@wellington-school.org.uk





MR and MRS JEE'S POP UP COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

Due to popular demand, Mr and Mrs Jee's pop-up cookery demonstration is back! Below is the list of ingredients to be prepared ahead of the video link which will be sent out next week. This recipe is for one serving and can be multiplied for as many servings as required.

Meatballs (serves six)

500g pork mince
½ tsp fennel seeds
Pinch of smoked paprika
Salt & black pepper
Olive oil for drizzling

Meatball Mac' and Cheese

4 readymade meat balls (shop bought)
75g macaroni pasta (or other pasta shapes)
50g mozzarella cheese grated or cheddar
½ onion chopped
1 clove of garlic chopped
227 g chopped tomato
1/2 to 1 tbsp tomato puree
Salt & black pepper
1 tbs olive oil
Mixed herbs / oregano / basil (whichever you prefer)

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL

Even though we cannot hold any in-person events at the moment, we are still busy behind the scenes hosting our weekly Walk 'n' Talk events, attending meetings and planning for the Summer term. The dates for our next few events are below, so please do come along if you are free!



Wednesday 16th February

Walk 'n' Talk. Meet at 8.30am in the Prep School car park, Dave will be your host!

Friday 4th March

Friendly Friday. From 8am, join us for a complimentary cuppa and pastries in Cafe 37, on the Senior School site.

Friday 11th March

Easter Egg Trail. Buy your maps from the Prep School office, to find the letters, unscramble the word and receive an Easter treat!

Saturday 12th March

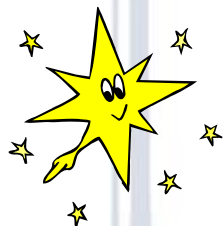
Quiz Night 7.30pm. £12 per adult (see poster below for more info)

Friday 25th March

Springo 5.15pm. Light supper, followed by family bingo, with prizes! Booking details will be released after half term.

Don't forget to keep up to date with all our news and events on our Facebook page, Friends of Wellington School (PREP). Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you soon at one of our events.





STARS OF THE WEEK

Eilidh Stewart Reception

Maggie Wilson 1P

Elizabeth Dacre 2W

Ben Varley 3B Zac Steil 3C

Freddie Batson 4N Mollie Garrett 4S

Ellia Frost 5L Georgia Spooner 5W

Dexter Middleton-Smith 6H Tom Page-Turner 6L Freddie Thompson 6M

Sport Star of the Week: Freya Govier 6L

Drama Star of the Week: Freya Govier 6L

Music Stars of the Week: All the Prep Singers who took part in Taunton Festival this week; Lily Robinson, Come and Sing Choir, and Chamber Choir.



HOUSE POINTS



PIONEER 621

APOLLO 477

VIKING 516

GALILEO 547

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

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| 14-Feb-22 | Monday | 13:00 | 15:30 | Reception Forest School |
| | | 14:30 | 16:15** | Hockey Sevens Boys U8 and U9 vs Queen's College, Taunton (A)* |
| | | 14:45 | 15:45** | Netball U8 and U9 vs Queen's College, Taunton (H)* |
| | | | | FoWS 'Share the Love' (postponed) |
| 15-Feb-22 | Tuesday | 08:30 | 15:30 | Year 5 Caribbean Day |
| | | 17:00 | | Brass Faculty Evening* |
| | | 17:00 | 20:00 | Learning Success Parents' Evening (via Teams)* |
| 16-Feb-22 | Wednesday | 09:00 | 10:00 | Visitor to Year 1 - Working as a Vet and Animal Care |
| | | | | Year 1 (no Forest School today) |

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| 17-Feb-22 | Thursday | 09:00 | 11:30 | Years 1 and 2 Forest School (Willow Weaving workshop) |
| | | | | Little Wellies (cancelled) |
| | | | | WPS Spring Concert (postponed until after half term) |
| 18-Feb-22 | Friday | 08:30 | 13:00 | WPS Writing Retreat 'Time Capsule' |
| | | 13:00 | 15:30 | Nursery Forest School |
| | | 13:30 | 15:00 | Years 1 and 2 Swimming |
| 19-Feb-21 | Saturday | | | HALF TERM |
| 20-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>



FOWS Presents





QUIZ NIGHT!

Saturday 12th March 2022
7pm for 7.30 start

Book now @ www.trybooking.co.uk/BLCW

@ ALAN ROGERS CENTRE (ARC)
£12 adult/ £6 pupil (6th formers only), dinner included,
bar available
Adults/ 6th formers only, teams of 6, individual tickets
also available

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