

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

There are times when I would love to bottle my day and today, when someone handed me their first tooth that had just fallen out, was one of them. Watching the children grow up and walking alongside them as they do so is a real privilege.

The Year 6 children have been preparing their Charity Speeches and presenting to their classes. I look forward to hearing those who are voted to the final pitch on Friday. The charities chosen last year, Sea Shepherd and Children's Hospice South West have each received £3,000, and the runners up £250 each: Save the Elephants, Diabetes UK, Guide Dogs and SOS Africa. We also donated £1,000 to Reminiscence Learning.

Thank you to the whole Wellington School family for supporting our charitable endeavours this past year.

Best wishes
Vics Richardson

REMINISCENCE LEARNING

Fiona from Reminiscence Learning visited Year 4 this week to continue work on the Archie Project, where we are learning about dementia and how to support people living with dementia. Fiona also launched the Chrysalis Butterfly Project with the children. The children will be making butterflies and these will be part of a huge display in the ARC at Wellington School.



Each butterfly will represent the number of people who have dementia in Somerset, which is currently 9,413. This week, we shared memories with each other and learnt new things about our friends.



GARDENING CLUB

Our Year 5 and 6 Gardening Club have been thinking about the local bird population during this recent cold snap, and had great fun making pine cone feeders, with lard, seed, flour and oatmeal, to hang in Magnolia Corner. Good work, everyone.

Mrs Stanton and Mrs Lyon Taylor



EARLY YEARS

This week the children have been learning about hibernation! The children made clay bears and talked about long sleeps. The children have also been mark-making on the frosty playground. Last week, we created icy cupcakes, using icing sugar, marshmallows and sprinkles.



We will huff and puff and blow the house down! The Three Little Pigs has been the focus 'once upon a time' story in Reception class this week. The children have loved retelling stories with puppets, listening to different versions of the story, painting pictures and building houses at Forest School. Watch out, Mrs Price is coming to test them with a big puff!

Mrs Lucas and Mrs Wheller



YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week. In Science, the children have been learning about the classification of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. On Monday, they dissected 'poo' (not the real thing), to find out which consumer group each one came from. On Thursday, they thoroughly enjoyed a 'Bones and Teeth' workshop with Sharon from South West Heritage. In Geography, the children 'visited' Africa with Paddington, and created some beautiful African paintings, and in Maths, they have been busy measuring our woodland, playground, Mrs Mackey, and anything else that they could find!

Mrs Perry



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a great afternoon at Forest School exploring the woodland habitat, relating to their current topic in Science. The children worked in groups to create their own dens and enjoyed a delicious snack of Scotch pancakes!

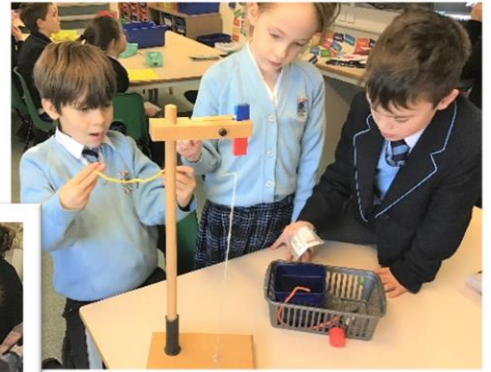
Mrs Webber



YEAR 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this week, learning column multiplication and the children have shown real perseverance to keep on working. In Science, the children were fascinated, watching how a magnet can help a paperclip hover, and used this to explore the concept of magnetic shielding.

Mrs Coate and Mrs Beacock



Katherine and Harry have made an impressive start to their Bronze Duke Awards by baking chocolate cupcakes and rock cakes. Well done!

YEAR 4

Science has been very practical this week, with Year 4 creating the classic paper cup telephone. The lesson focused on understanding how sound travels through air or water, and our paper cups supported the idea of how soundwaves move. The children thoroughly enjoyed trying to communicate around objects, as well as through multiple pieces of string.

Mrs Needs and Mr Stepney



YEAR 5

5W have been busy starting their new Geography unit this week on 'coasts'. The children had to identify and explain the difference between 'weathering' and 'erosion', as well as complete diagrams to explain how headlands and bays form. 5L used role-play to help understand coastal erosion, taking on the characters of either a newspaper reporter, or a dairy farmer who was losing their land to the sea. Next week, the children will be looking at caves, stacks and stumps.

Well done, Year 5!

Mrs Lawrenson and Mr Warren



YEAR 6

Charity Speeches are being presented to the school next week, here our six finalists and their charities:

6L – Amba Barthakur supporting 'Open Door', and Sam Turner supporting 'Operation Smile'.



6H - Devon Thomas supporting 'The Wedding Wishing Well Foundation', and Maisie Frost supporting 'Cots for Tots'.

6M - Sammy Risso-Gill supporting 'National Animal Welfare Trust', and Fred Corp supporting 'Medecins sans Frontieres'.

Well done, to all our finalists, and we are all looking forward to the presentations next Friday.

Mrs Middleton, Mr Hitchin and Mrs Lawrenson



PERFORMING ARTS

Our Year 6 students are busy preparing for their upcoming LAMDA experience. In Stage School, we developed our choreography for our new songs and had a quiet week in Dance as Miss Emma has been away from school. We hope she feels better soon!

Mrs Claire Davies



MUSIC

Well done, to all the children who took part in the first round of the Wellington Young Musician competition, there were some wonderful performances. Certificates will be given out in next week's assembly.

Wellington Young Musician 2022

Several Prep School children have been put forward to the next round of the competition and they will be hearing from Mr Trehwella very soon.

Mrs Goodall, one of our violin teachers, has started her Beginner Violin scheme for a number of Year 1 and 2 children. This week they had their first individual violin lesson with her and their weekly Group session. They all did brilliantly and we couldn't resist taking a photograph.

If you would like a taster music lesson for your son/daughter or have any questions, please let us know via music@wellington-school.org.uk

Ros Shaw and Nikki Ridley



STARS OF THE WEEK

Raphina Crew Reception

Sophie Garrett 1P

Charlotte Adams and Evie Lamb 2W

Rufus Hallam-Deakin 3B Oliver Eggar 3C

Bodey Pitman 4N Duke Solvo 4S

Evelyn McLaren 5L Andrew Georgiou 5W

Devon Thomas 6H Freya Govier 6L Harry Gillam 6M

Drama Star of the Week: Ted Herdman 4N

Music Star of the Week: Emilia Pearse 6H

Sports Star of the Week: Freddie Batson 4N

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Wellbeing
Hub



The School has invested in Teen Tips, a 'Wellbeing Hub' developed by child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing experts.

You are entitled to free access to the site as a family of Wellington School. If you haven't already, then we highly recommend you take the opportunity to register to start using these resources.

As a member, you benefit from:

- Complete Parenting Audio & Video Courses
- Weekly Updated Resources - podcasts, articles and tips
- Weekly Live Q&A with a Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist
- Ask The Expert Q&A Service
- Q&A Library
- Careers Advice Articles and Webinars, as well as Inspiring Futures Mini-Podcasts - insiders' perspectives on different industries, roles and career paths
- Spark - an area to find positivity, inspiration, good news and more
- Member Offers
- Access to Specialists (paid service)
- 25% Discount on Teen Tips Webinars

For full instructions on how to register for your free account, please log in to My School Portal, click on the General Information button and then click the Teen Tips – Create Account page.

If you have any specific queries about access, please contact the team via email: hub@teentips.co.uk



HOUSE POINTS



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VIKING 585

GALILEO 593

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

24-Jan-22	Monday	am		LAMDA exams
				Year 6 LAMDA Showcase (performance to Year 5)
		13:00	15:30	Reception Forest School
25-Jan-21	Tuesday	09:00		Year 6 LAMDA exams
26-Jan-22	Wednesday	13:00	15:30	Year 1 Forest School
		14:00		Hockey Sevens Boys U10A and B Tri vs Blundell's and Taunton School (H)*
		14:30	16:00	Hockey Sevens Boys U11A and B Tri vs Blundell's and Taunton School (away at Taunton, approx return time 4pm)*
		14:00		Netball Girls U10A and B Tri vs Queen's College and King's Hall (H)*
		14:00	16:00	Netball Girls U11A and B Tri vs Queen's College and King's Hall (away at Queen's, approx return time 4pm)*
		17:15	20:00	Governors: Academic Committee
27-Jan-22	Thursday	09:30	11:00	Little Wellies* (cancelled)
		13:00	15:30	Year 2 Forest School
				Nursery - Year 2 Curriculum Evening (postponed until further notice)
28-Jan-22	Friday	09:50	10:50	Year 6 Charity Speeches
		13:00	15:30	Nursery Forest School
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 - Swimming
				Prep School Disco (postponed until further notice)
29-Jan-22	Saturday			No Stage School today
		09:00	10:00	Years 3 and 4 SAQ in PRSC (optional)
		10:00	11:00	Years 5 and 6 SAQ in PRSC (optional)
30-Jan-21	Sunday			

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>



The poster features a background of stylized mountains and a large, faint illustration of a crowd at the bottom. The main text 'HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMP' is in large, bold, white letters. To the right is a circular logo with a rainbow and the text 'INSPIRE HOCKEY'. Below the main text, the dates '21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY '22' are in pink, and the location 'Wellington School' is in white with a location pin icon. Pricing is shown in yellow and black boxes: '£40 PER DAY' and '£70 FOR 2 DAYS'. At the bottom right, two crossed hockey sticks are shown with 'EST. 2015' between them.

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