



### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our Swimathon has become established as one of the highlights of the WPS year. It is one of our biggest fundraising events for our School charities and the FoWPS, and it involves the vast majority of the School family in swimming a momentous distance. This year we achieved and then exceeded our target distance of 182 miles. Running an event like this involves a huge amount of effort, energy and commitment. On behalf of the School I should like to thank everyone involved: our lifeguards, the many parent helpers, the WPS staff team, the FoWPS, Mr Renyard and all the swimmers – especially the children!



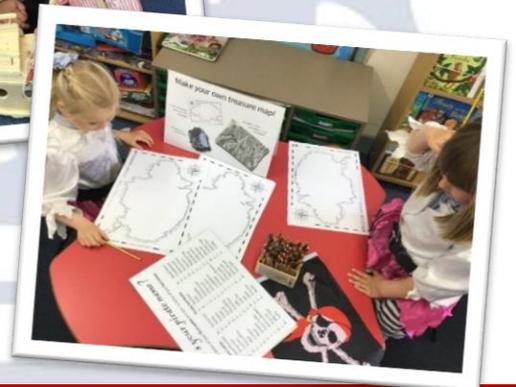
### NATIONAL SCHOOLS YEAR 4 BIATHLE CHAMPION

An exciting day of racing at Leweston at the National Schools Biathlon Championships with star performance of the day going to Nerys Jones who won a perfectly paced heat of the 300m run, 40m swim, 300m run, to qualify for the final where she not only repeated her superb performance winning the National Title, but also knocked four seconds off the time she ran her heat beating the rest of the field by 9 seconds! In racing terms the perfect negative split and something many professional athletes would struggle to do! This is the second year that Nerys has won the National title in her age group. This was followed by Joseph Sharpe putting in a determined performance right to the line in the Year 3 boys race. Great team work and camaraderie was shown between Wellington Prep School and Senior School students throughout the day and they were all very proud of Nerys's success!



### YEAR 1 PIRATE ADVENTURES

Year 1 had a fun filled morning as they learnt all about pirates. After hearing all about Captain Blackbeard, Calico Jack and Anne Bonny, the children dressed up to really get in character then held a real pirate's sword. Treasure maps were drawn and flags were designed while making up their own pirate names for the day! Thank you to South West Heritage for coming to visit WPS.





### MAZ EVANS VISITS WPS

The wonderful Maz Evans, author of the 'Who Let the Gods Out?' series, gave a thrilling assembly this week. Maz made the children laugh with stories of how she overcame the trials and tribulations of becoming a bestselling author and left them with the message that however many times you hear 'No', keep going to achieve your dream. After her assembly Maz worked with different year groups helping them refine their creative writing skills.



### THE NATIONAL GALLERY'S 'TAKE ONE PICTURE' PROJECT

We are very excited to announce that photographs of some of the children's work based on 'An Experiment on a Bird in an Air Pump' by Joseph Wright of Derby are currently on display at The National Gallery in London.

The work was completed by last year's Year 4 group and will be shown until the exhibition closes on 11 August. Hundreds of schools across the country submitted work, with only a small minority being chosen for inclusion so we are delighted that some of our school's projects were selected.

This year's projects based on 'Men of the Docks' by George Bellows will be displayed in the Prep School Hall in a pop-up exhibition later this term. Staff and children have been working hard to really 'look' at the painting, find out about the artist and also the Ashcan movement, the name given to a group of American artists who wanted to show social realism through their work.

The children led the projects and have come up with an amazing range of creative and cross-curricular interpretations for you to enjoy. Invitations to the 'Take One Picture' exhibition will follow soon, but please do save the dates: Wednesday 19 June and Thursday 20 June in the Prep School Hall, from 15:30 - 17:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

## THE NATIONAL GALLERY



### YEAR 1 PUPPY FUN

Year 1 had a very special morning this week when the children visited Mr Renyard's lovely French Bulldog, Olive and her seven beautiful puppies. Mr Renyard told the children how to care for puppies and what they need, before showing them how to hold them and treat them carefully. Lots of coo-ing and ah-ing followed as they all enjoyed hugs and belly rubs! What a lovely morning, thank you Mr Renyard and, of course, proud Mum, Olive!



### HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

**Welly Boot Holiday Club** will run from Tuesday 28 - Friday 31 May, from 08.15 - 17.30. The Welly Boot Holiday Club is a fun and friendly provision, exclusively for our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) for holiday time care. The club is run from our Nursery setting, by our Nursery team, providing consistency and familiarity for our children in a relaxed environment. No uniform is necessary and packed lunch and



packed tea needs to be provided. To book places, please use the following link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/JRH>



**Welly Camps Holiday Club** will run from Tuesday 28 May - Friday 31 May from 08.00 - 17.30 Welly Camps is holiday club is a fun and friendly provision, open to all children between Years 1 to 8. Welly Camp holiday club is held the Princess Royal Sports Complex, by our experienced team, in a relaxed environment. For further information and booking please use the following URL: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/JRK>



### LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Sienna Wright in Reception donated her beautiful long hair to the Little Princess Trust earlier this week. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Well done, Sienna. We are all very proud of you.



### FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL

A few weeks ago we mentioned that some of the UK's larger corporate companies offer matched funding (or £ for £ giving) to their employees. We are delighted to say that Mr and Mrs Bailey who have a little one in Nursery have been able to contribute a further £1000 to our May Fair through HSBC's employee charity giving scheme. We cannot thank them enough for this generous sum which takes our funds raised for the event to £2,935. We would urge you all to check your employer's charity giving schemes and if you would like to support an event then please speak to one of our team.

As parents you are welcome to submit bids for items to purchase for the school that are deemed 'extras' that are above and beyond the school budgets and that benefit a wide reach within the school community. For example, we recently funded a compostable toilet for Forest School and a set of 30 compasses, to support the fantastic outdoor learning initiatives on offer. Please email [fowps@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:fowps@wellington-school.org.uk) if you'd like to submit a bid and we can provide the relevant paperwork to you.



Thank you to everyone who took part in Swimathon, it's always one of the fun events of the year and we were once again spoilt by the generosity of the school family with delicious and tempting cakes!

Our final 'Cake & Take' of the year will be on Wednesday 3 July from 3.30pm to 5.00pm in the Prep School playground and, due to previous events being so successful, we have trebled the mini cup cake order!

### STAR CLUB

Our 'family-feel' STAR (Staying for Tea and Relaxing) Club is open for children from Reception through to Year 6 who require after-school care from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Children booked into STAR Club will be based in the Year 1 classroom upstairs, beside the IT suite. Bookings can be made through our STAR Club email [starclub@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:starclub@wellington-school.org.uk) For occasional use, the charge is £4.50 per session for the first child and £3.00 for each additional sibling (occasional use is just one or two times per week). For regular use (three days or more in a school week), the charge is £3.00 per session for the first child and £2.00 for each additional sibling.





While we keep the costs as low as possible, late collection (ie after 6.00pm) will typically incur a charge and the School reserves the right to charge for late collection at the rate of £10 per 10 minutes, or part thereof. Bookings via: [starclub@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:starclub@wellington-school.org.uk)

### DIARY DATES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday	27	<b>Half term week - Bank Holiday</b>		
Tues- Fri	28 - 31	Welly Camps Holiday Club (Years 1 - 8)	08:00	17:30
		Welly Boot Holiday Club (Nursery and Reception)	08:15	17:30
<b>June</b>				
Saturday	1			
Sunday	2			
Monday	3	Year 6 visit to Lower School Chapel	08:25	
		Reception Swimming	08:45	09:30
		Year 2 Forest School	13:00	15:30
		U8 & U9A&B Boys Cricket v Taunton Prep (A)*	14:45	
Tuesday	4	Wow! Science afternoon	13:30	15:45
		Year 2 Athletics Festival at St Peter's (A)*	14:00	
Wednesday	5	U10A & U11A Boys Cricket v St Peter's (A)*	14:00	
		U11A&B Cricket Girls v Exeter School (A)*	14:00	
Thursday	6	Little Wellies*	09:15	11:15
		Year 1 Forest School	13:00	15:30
		NHS Vision Screening - Reception	13:30	
		Year 7 Welcome Evening	18:00	21:00
Friday	7	Reception and Pre-School Children - Forest School	13:00	15:30
		WSS Friends 'First Friday' parent drop in, Café 37	15:00	
Saturday	8	Year 6 Production - morning rehearsal (Great Hall)	10:00	13:00
Sunday	9			

\* Parents are warmly invited to all events marked with an asterisk



### CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

National Schools Year 4 Biathle Champion – Nerys Jones 4B

British Judo 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon certificate – Adelaide MacKenzie 4B

University of West London, Music Theatre Grade 1 certificate – Eliane Knight 6L

Angelfish 1, Goldfish 3 and Kingfisher 1 Swimming awards – Haydn Slocombe 2S

British Judo 8<sup>th</sup> Mon certificate – Courtney Leigh 6L

Rainbow Swimming Award 100m certificate – Isabella Whitelaw 1C

5K Glitter Run medal – Olivia Villis 5L

National Indoor Climbing Award Level 1 – Iona Shaw 2C

University of West London, Music Theatre Grade 3 – Genevieve Altoft 6A





## MUSIC MERITS

Oliver Dugate 5M

Lijiang Yu 1C



## ACES AWARDS



Ewan Richards 6H

Sofia Cooper 6H

Oliver Dugate 5M

Olivia Gray 6H

## STARS OF THE WEEK

All Reception Class

George Fraser 1C    Riel Farinha 1L

Benjamin Hynd 2C    Elsa Mackey 2S

Kobe Turk 3H    Freya Govier 3N

Daniel Johannsen 5M    Freya Ashford 5L    Oscar Milton 5W

Alice Mackey 6A    Edgar Galpin 6H    Jacob Huntley 6L

**READING STAR OF THE WEEK:** Robin Hill 5W

## HOUSE POINTS

**PIONEER 970    APOLLO 978    VIKING 958    GALILEO 1024**



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



**Tom Starkey** @tstarkey1212 · May 21

Kid just tried getting on bus with a used pass.  
Driver quietly explaining without shaming that he can't let him on.  
Bigger lad behind him from same school just paid his fare.

A whispered thank you.  
"It don't matter" in return.

But it does.