



FROM THE HEADMASTER

It was great to see so many Prep School parents at Mr du Toit's Parents' Forums. It was also fantastic to hear your enthusiasm and excitement following these sessions. This is an important period for our school and the sector as a whole in many, many ways. Our growing sense of purpose and momentum, along with our preparedness to consider, question and act, will be vital in helping us define our school's future – and shape our children's futures. As many of you are aware, last summer the Board of Governors commissioned a significant research project on the School. Mr du Toit referred to some of this feedback in the forums, as well as outlining how it is prompting us to look closely at what we can do better. Across the School, Senior and Prep, work has already begun to address the outcomes. Yes, we are delighted by the many positive opinions and observations, but we are also focused on the areas where we need to do things slightly differently and we are keen to get these right.

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PREFECTS

This term's Prefects are:

Abe van der Beugel

Rufus Harding

Milo Clapham

Ellie Chant

Oli Owen

Sophia Chaudhary Dean

Robin Hill

Ginny Bere

Oliver Hutchings

Grace Gendall

Harry Purkiss

Zaina Dalvi

Olivia Tabb

Alice Crowe

Olivia Willis

Monty Caygill



REMINISCENCE LEARNING

The dementia awareness Archie Project, 'Reminiscence Learning', visited the Prep School earlier this week, taking a whole-school assembly and running a workshop for Year 4. The project is working to create more dementia-friendly communities, and the children enjoyed being introduced to this by seeing some of their teachers dress up as scarecrows, the project mascot. The children will be looking out for Archie the Scarecrow as they walk around the town.



JOSHUA SIEGAL VISITS WPS

On Monday, Joshua Siegal visited WPS to inspire our budding poets. As well as leading workshops with children from Reception to Year 4, Joshua led an assembly where he delighted the children by performing some of his best-known poems. Following his visit, Mr Warren has launched a poetry competition for the Prep School – full details can be found below...

20 YEARS OF WJS/WPS

A reminder that the competition to create a 20th anniversary logo for this event is closing on Monday 23 September. The winning entry will be added to the Prep School's letterhead for this year and also be used in the various celebrations that are being planned to commemorate the School's birthday. Thank you to everyone who has submitted an entry so far!

MATHS – NO PROBLEM!

As you are aware, we are the UK's only "Maths – No Problem!" accredited independent school. However, in addition to speaking at an international schools' conference earlier this year, Roger Hitchin has also written a series of articles on the Singaporean approach to teaching maths. His most recent article can be found [here](#) and his previously published articles can be found [here](#).



POKEMON CARDS

Trading cards are always a hot topic among children, teachers and parents. There are lots of “fors and againsts” and we try to take a balanced approach. This week they have become a distraction for many of our younger children, as well as being the cause of children falling out with each other. Therefore, we ask that children in Year 2 and below do not bring these cards in to school, please. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may bring them in, but they should be traded and played with in the Pokemon lunchtime challenge club, which is being held on Mondays. Cards should not be in school on other days of the week, please. Thank you for your support in this matter.

THE HIVE

After much discussion, our new practical space has a name! The space has been named The Hive. If you haven't seen it yet, please drop in and have a look when you are next in the Prep School. Of course, as it's Open Morning next Saturday, that might be a perfect opportunity to see it in action! Please come and join us, if possible.



THE HIVE

SPORTS REPORT

All our Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed their first fixtures of the season this week. It was a great afternoon's hockey and rugby, and the sun shone in all our fixtures against West Buckland Prep.



West Buckland Prep Head @WBPrepHead · Sep 18

Replying to @WellingtonPHead and @WestBuckland

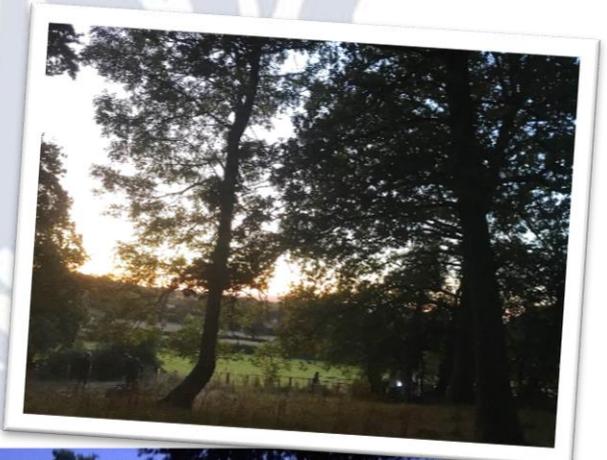
Thank you for hosting. Always an enjoyable afternoon at Wellington. Prep sport as it should be.

LOST PROPERTY

Lara Luxman has lost her school coat. It is named.

A FOREST SCHOOL 'THANK YOU!'

Last Friday the School hosted the families of the FoWPS at the woodland as a 'Thank you!' for their hard work in all areas of WPS life and, especially, their support of Forest School.





FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL

You should have all received the IQ Cards pack in your child's bookbag. Some will already have beautiful artwork on them and others will be left blank to create artwork at home. These wonderful works of art can be sent off to be turned into high-quality Christmas cards, sticky labels, magnets and more - perfect for friends and family. Even better, part of the proceeds go to the FoWPS, helping us support the school. Please hand in completed artwork and forms to the Prep School Office with cash or a cheque made payable to 'Wellington School' by Friday 11 October.



Bollywood Evening

Change to the diary - our hugely successful Bollywood Evening will be held on Saturday 23 November and not Friday 22 November. This was a fantastic event last year and we hope to have just as much colour, amazing food and dancing this year. Watch this space!

CAFÉ 37

Our onsite café at the Senior School has regular opening hours for parents from 8.00am until 10.30am, and 3.00pm until 4.45pm Monday to Friday. On Saturday, the café is open from 8.30am until 4.45pm.

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. For occasional use, the charge is £4.75 per session for the first child and £3.25 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 £3.25 per session for the first child and £2.25 for each additional sibling.



While we keep the costs as low as possible, late collection (ie after 6pm) 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.

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday	23	Year 2 - Forest School	13:00	15:30
Tuesday	24	3B Outdoor Learning Programme	08:40	13:00
		Governors' Meeting	18:00	20:00
Wednesday	25	U10A Rugby v St Peter's Prep (A)*	14:00	
		U11A&B Hockey tri with King's Hall and Queen's (Queen's)*	14:00	
		U10A&B Hockey v Queen's (H)*	14:00	
Thursday	26	U11A Rugby v St Peter's Prep (H)*	14:00	
		Year 2 trip to Escot	09:00	15:30
		Little Wellies*	09:15	11:15
		Year 1 - Forest School	13:00	15:30
Friday	27	Year 6 French Residential Parents' meeting	17:15	
		Years 1 and 2 Swimming	13:00	15:00
		Reception (no Forest School today)	13:00	15:30
Saturday	28	Whole School Open Morning*	09:00	12:00
Sunday	29			

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



MUSIC MERIT

Maggie Seaton



CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Iron Kids Austria medal – Oliver Heaton-Jones 5L

Torbay Triathlon Tri Star 1 medal – Samuel Turner 4BW

Parkrun Ultra Marathon 100km wristband (50 Junior Parkruns) – Iona Shaw 3B

Taunton CC U11 Best Bowler trophy – Samuel Harvey-Knight 5L

Torbay Triathlon Tri Star 1 medal – Sebastian Fasham 4M

Go-Kart Best Driver trophy – Isabella Whitelaw 2W

Half Marathon wristband – Monty Howe 3B



As there was no Monday assembly last week, due to Joshua Seigal's visit, any certificates and awards will be presented in assembly on Monday 23 September.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Darcey Smith

James Steil

Oliver Eggar

Mya Broom

Haydn Slocombe

Florence Eve

Amba Barthakur

Evangeline Stone

Henry Barker

Matilda Read

Daisy Simmonds

Meighan Caton



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK: Nerys Jones

READER OF THE WEEK: Jack Tucker

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK: Isla Ingham-Cooke and Thomas Gendall

HOUSE POINTS



PIONEER 1025 APOLLO 818 VIKING 926 GALILEO 837



*"What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind
of difference you want to make."*

- Jane Goodall -



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Poetry Competition 2019

Inspired by Joshua Seigal's visit?

Then enter the **WPS**



Competition!

All children from Reception to Year 6 can enter 1 poem each. This is how it works...

- ☑ Write an amazing poem, inspired by Josh's work (Parents can scribe if appropriate, but no adult help in creating the poem!) All entries must be named and placed into special entry box in the Library by Friday 4 October
- ☑ All entries will be read by Mr. Warren and a long-list of 20 poems will be made. The long-list names will be announced in assembly on Friday 11 October
- ☑ The panel of judges, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Brooke-Webb, Mrs. Aish and Dr. Hodson, will then decide on a shortlist of five poems that will be announced on Wednesday 16 October. The shortlisted poems will be sent to Joshua Seigal to judge and he will decide our winner!
- ☑ The winner will be announced on Friday 18 October and will receive the first-ever WPS Poetry Competition trophy - a signed copy of one of Josh's books and a Golden Ticket to pick a book of their choice to keep! The other shortlisted authors will be awarded a certificate and a golden ticket for a book of their choice as well!