



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Yesterday all our Year 6 children took their LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exams. This is the second year we have included LAMDA tuition and examinations in our Year 6 curriculum and yesterday evening we were reminded of the many benefits.

All the children performed their examination pieces to a WPS hall packed with Year 6 families. The work and the joy of the children was wonderful – there were plenty of ‘lump in the throat moments’ when children had conquered their fears, gone the extra mile and simply shone as a character on stage who was entirely unrecognisable as their daily self.

Very well done to everyone involved and thank you to our Drama Department!

Please read on see what’s coming next on stage at WPS...

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YEAR 5 ARCHAEOLOGY DIG

Year 5 travelled back through the ages, during their current mini topic on archaeology, to unearth a variety of interesting artefacts from the Roman province of Aegyptus. The children employed archaeological methods and tools to excavate the items, analysed what they were and which rooms of a Roman villa they would be found in. And just as importantly, they had great fun!



YEAR 3 OUTDOOR LEARNING

Year 3 had a fantastic morning of Outdoor Learning with Mr Renyard on Tuesday. We left the fog beneath us and emerged into the icy sunshine of Culmstock Beacon. The views were amazing and the children enjoyed the freedom of the beautiful open space.

The children learnt about the visible landmarks and how land use has changed over time. A quick lunch rustled up by the fantastic Chef Renyard was enjoyed by all, before returning home.

What a super morning!





YEAR 1 FUN IN THE RAIN

Year 1 enjoyed a wet and windy walk to the Senior School. The children loved splashing in muddy puddles and spinning across the field. They completed a wild winter scavenger hunt and found lots of natural treasures. Back in the classroom, the children warmed up with delicious hot chocolate and bagels - what a treat!



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Year 1 were very excited to have a visit from two Senior School boarders, Mike and Charlie.

The boys told stories to teach our children the origins of the Chinese Zodiac and New Year celebrations. The children were fascinated to hear about life in Beijing, which included pictures and information on the buildings, the new airport, politics, and schooling. They learned so much to support their work on the continent.

Thank you to Mike and Charlie!



NURSERY NEWS

Nursery children were discovering the story 'Supertato!' Focusing on the sound 'Ssss', the children read the story 'Supertato!' with Mr Stepney, and they recorded their voices. Finally, the children designed their own Super Potatoes on tablet devices, what a Sssssuper day! On Thursday, in keeping with the 'Ssss' theme, the children made sausage sandwiches. The children tried to cut their own sausage, spread the butter and fold a sandwich. They could not resist sampling their own handmade creations and wrapped up the remainder to take home for a Ssssssuper Supper!





RECEPTION VISIT CAFÉ 37

Reception visited Cafe 37 for a class Happy Point treat. The children ate delicious homemade cookies and enjoyed chatting to the cafe staff.

THE JESTER RETURNS WITH...

...a brewery trip to the Otter Brewery (please note, adults only!).
When: 5.45pm start on Thursday 20 February
Where: Prep School Hall for reception drinks, followed by transport to (and from!) the Otter Brewery.
At the brewery, there will be a tour followed by beer tasting, pies and the opportunity to investigate personal ale preferences from the range of Otter Ales. Almost sold out - only five places remaining. The cost is £25 per head to include transport, pies and ale. Please contact 'The Wellington Jester' for more details: thewellingtonjester@gmail.com



MATCH REPORTS

U11 Netball v Blundell's

The girls enjoyed their first match of the season against a strong Blundell's group. Both of the WPS teams played hard until the final whistle and the coaches were impressed with their resilience and engagement.

U10 Netball v Blundell's

Miss Browne was so proud of the girls for playing their first netball match in the manner they did. The girls showed determination, resilience, and kindness. U10A team played against two Blundell's teams and there were elements of great netball in both matches; fantastic shooting, strong passing, and excellent teamwork. Plenty to work on but a great start to our netball season. Keep up the great effort girls!

UKELELE SALE

Have you ever fancied learning to play a ukulele? If so, Mrs Shaw has a large number of brightly coloured ukuleles that she is keen to pass on to new owners. They are in excellent condition and if you would like to purchase one, they are available at £5.00 each – an absolute bargain! Please email Mrs Shaw directly on r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk if you are interested, all monies raised will go straight back into buying extra resources for the Music Department.



SOMERSET COUNTY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tetelo Magang (6H) joined the Burnham Academy Swim Team at Somerset County Championships at Millfield School. The team won Bronze in Boys 10-12 200m Freestyle Relay in a time of 2:17.79. The team were very happy as they had been disqualified from an earlier event. Next month Tetelo has more events to participate and we wish him all the very best.



QUANTOCK ORIENTEERS

Last weekend, several pupils from Wellington School attended a county-level orienteering training camp run by Quantock Orienteers. WPS was represented by Ella and Gracie MacAlister, and Iona Shaw. Freyja Shaw and Lucy Bussell (both past-WPS pupils) represented the Senior School. The event included day and night training sessions and competitions. Despite the wonderful sun, the temperature rarely crept much above freezing, and a layer of ice coated the flooded areas. On the second day, Lucy stepped up to deliver some of the coaching for the younger runners. She will also be designing the courses for an event being held at half term. Last season's results were announced, with Freyja coming second overall in her class. Well done, everyone!





FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL



'Sharing the Love' is now only three weeks away. This informal event is a lovely way to spend some quality time with the family while enjoying a delicious two course meal, cut off for booking is Friday 7 February.

If you have a Year 6 child or a child in the Senior School and will also be attending the Sport and Wellbeing Talk at 5.30pm, there is a voting button on FoWPS Facebook page to indicate if you would interested in an earlier sitting at 4.45pm. Please vote ASAP so a decision can be made as to whether we can accommodate the earlier sitting.

- Event:** Informal café style family meal, food served by your child before they join you on 'Wagamama' style tables.
- Food:** Lasagne, garlic bread and salad, followed by a chocolate brownie (V & GF also available but must be booked on Trybooking). Cash bar and soft drinks available to purchase.
- Time:** Arrival at 5.00pm. Food to be served at 5.15pm.
- Where:** Prep School Hall
- Cost:** £6.00 per adult and £4.00 per child
- Tickets:** <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?eid=10221&>
- Extras:** FREE entry into a prize draw to win a Waitrose luxury hamper
We look forward to seeing you there!



LOST PROPERTY

Darcey Smith (5ML) has lost her coloured reading glasses. If you find some glasses, please drop them into the office.



CAFÉ 37

Our onsite café 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 will be open from 9.00am until 3.30pm.

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 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.



DIARY FROM 27 JANUARY

Monday	27	Year 2 Forest School	13:00	15:30
		Hockey Sevens Boys U8A, 4 Schools Hockey Festival at Queen's (A)*	14:00	
		Netball Girl U8A, 4 Schools Netball Festival at King's Hall (A)*	14:00	
		Cross Country at King's College (A)*	15:45	
Tuesday	28	4L Outdoor Education	08:30	13:00



		Governors' External Relations Committee	18:00	20:00
Wednesday	29	Hockey Sevens Boys U10A vs Blundell's (A)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U10B vs Blundell's (A)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U11A vs Exeter School (H)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U11B vs Exeter School (H)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U10A Tri with King's Hall and Queen's (A)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U10B Tri with King's Hall and Queen's (A)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U11A Tri with King's Hall and Queen's (H)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U11B Tri with King's Hall and Queen's (H)*	14:00	
Thursday	30	Little Wellies Toddler Group*	09:15	11:15
		Year 1 Forest School	13:00	15:30
Friday	31	Year 6 Charity Speeches	09:50	10:50
		Reception - Forest School	13:00	15:30
		Nursery Mini Disco	15:15	15:45
		WPS Pre Prep Disco (Rec - Year 2)	16:00	16:45
		WPS Disco (Years 3 - 6)	17:00	18:00
Saturday	1			
Sunday	2			

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

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

École de Ski, Silver Medal – Dexter Middleton-Smith 4L

200m Swimming Certificate – Haydn Slocombe 3H

Quantock Orienteers Hare Course Bronze Medal – Iona Shaw 3B

Rock School Drums, Grade 1 with Merit – Robert Stepney 5ML

Cubs Chief Scout's Silver Award- Oliver Heaton-Jones 5L

ACES AWARD

Ella MacAlister 5L



MUSIC MERITS

Maggie Seaton 3B and Rowan Huntley 2W





STARS OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth Dacre Rec

Sam Whitehead 1C Benton Fletcher 2W

Florence Eve and Sophie Pipe 3B Dakota Johns 3H

Hettie Fletcher 4L Jacob Greenlee 4M

Darcey Smith 5ML Rafaela Varney 5L

Jack Tucker 6A Oliver Owen 6H



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK: Isaac D'Souza

READING STAR OF THE WEEK: Finley Coulston

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK: Cara Cavaciuti and Louie Bellamy

HOUSE POINTS

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APOLLO 795

VIKING 864

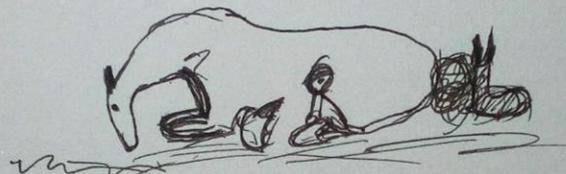
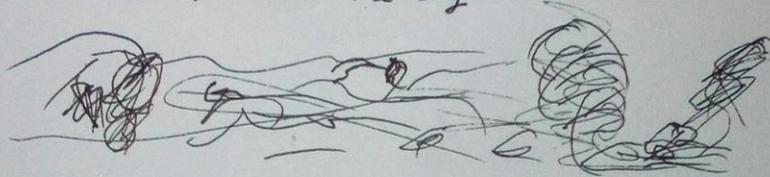
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thank you to Florence C

"What do we do when our hearts hurt?" asked the boy



*"We wrap them in love with friendship,
shared tears and time till they
wake hopeful and happy again"*



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- Whole family welcome
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6.30pm

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