



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Thank you, everyone, who joined us at our 'Come and Share' afternoon today. We are very grateful to families for adjusting their week to come along and see what the children have been up to. It was a joy to hear Nursery singing 'The Grand Old Duke of York' as part of the pop-up concert, when we also heard a preview of a couple of songs from Year 4's production later this term. Tomorrow, we are hosting 80 or so children for our Writers' Retreat as we look forward to welcoming children from schools across Somerset and Devon. Very best wishes for a great weekend!



NURSERY NEWS

Our Nursery children have been focusing on the letter 'T' this week and enjoyed the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. To the children's delight and surprise, the Tiger arrived at Nursery and had tea and toast at the table with them. What a super tttttreat!



SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

Please can we politely remind parents that when children are signed out/collected by parents and carers, that the responsibility for supervision is also passed across. The supervision priority for staff is for those children who are in the School's care, such as clubs, activities and STAR CLUB. Children should not be left unsupervised on the playground, please.



YEAR 2 – PLYMOUTH AQUARIUM

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Plymouth Aquarium on Monday to learn more about their topic of 'Oceans and Seas.' The children had a tremendous time visiting all of the tanks and studying the different marine habitats. On a tour around the Aquarium, the children's questions were all answered and they loved hearing new facts about different animals. The children also had a chance to participate in a workshop that involved looking at ocean creatures through a VR reality and studying food chains. 2W had a wonderful time and would like to thank everyone who helped to make a truly wonderful trip special.'





YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 'visited' Africa with Samia, Farah, and Al-Kamil, our Year 9 Nigerian triplets who are boarders in the Senior School. The children loved hearing about the many languages, traditional dress, food, schools, leisure, cities, and villages. The children were fascinated by everything that they learnt and hope to have another visit from our boarders soon!



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2020

Safer Internet Day 2020 is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 11 February. The global theme is 'Together for a better internet' and this year in the UK we are putting the focus on how young people explore and express their identity online. Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place, including you! Your children will be spending time next week understanding how to remain safe online and be confident when using online devices. Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/safer-internet-day-2020-top-tips/safer-internet-day-2>

YEAR 6 – TAKE ONE PICTURE

Year 6 enjoyed the launch of their 'Take One Picture' project in conjunction with the National Gallery. Having studied the story behind the painting, The Battle of San Romano, the pupils started to analyse the features of the artwork, before working on 'Post-it-Note' poetry. Over the forthcoming weeks, the children will lead on the ideas behind their English lessons, taking initiative and driving their learning into areas of interest. So far suggestions have included, tweets, diary writing, and creating a news report with green screen technology. Watch this space for more exciting child lead learning initiatives.



MR HITCHIN'S LATEST BLOG

Mr Hitchin's latest blog has been published on the Maths – No Problem! website. Roger's most recent article reflects on the many benefits of children using journaling to explore and refine their mathematical thinking. A fascinating read, all his blogs can be found via the following link:
<https://mathsnoproblem.com/how-to-evaluate-maths-journals/>



RECEPTION CLASS REQUEST

Mrs Wheller has a special request for old telephones. The children have lots of fun playing with the telephones in the classroom and they would love to have some more to play with. If you do have any old desktop telephones, Mrs Wheller would be delighted to have them.





4M OUTDOOR EDUCATION

On Tuesday morning, 4M set out for their latest Outdoor Education session with Mr Renyard. The children walked along the river Culm from Culmstock, spotting and discussing the geographical features of the river; meanders, flow, and current. They looked at the village itself and how the river has influenced and shaped the town in the past, and warmed themselves up with delicious hot chocolate.

The children spotted a water wheel, which once powered the millstones to make flour at the old Mill, and the granary opposite, where grain and flour were once stored, before being baked into delicious local bread. From Culmstock we drove to our wonderful forest school site where Mr Renyard cooked everyone hot sausage sandwiches, before heading back to school for afternoon lessons.



WPS DISCO

Last Friday, almost 160 Prep School children danced their socks off at the school discos, helping to raise funds for our school charities. Nursery children enjoyed their first very own disco, whirling and twirling in their beautiful outfits. The foam machine and 'photo booth' provided much entertainment for the older years, whilst dancing to their songs of choice. The whole school had great fun performing The Macarena, previously taught to them by Mr Renyard, Mrs Perry and the School Guardians. What a great way to finish off a busy week at school, whilst supporting Cancer Research UK and Mercy Ships! Thank you for your support and do take a look at the photobooth photos by the school office.



SPORTS REPORT

Year 5 Hockey:

Wellington A 4 - 1 Queen's A

Wellington Buccaneers 3 - 2 Queen's B

Wellington A 1 - 0 Wells Cathedral School A

Wellington Buccaneers 4 - 0 Wells Cathedral School B



HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

Welly Boot Holiday Club will run from Monday 17 February until Friday 21 February, from 08.15 - 17.30. 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. "Noah's Ark" is our theme for the week. Activities will include plenty of water play, multiples of "two by two by two", animals and boats! No uniform is necessary, a packed lunch and packed tea needs to be provided. To book places, please use the following link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/PDM>



Welly Camps Holiday Club will run from Monday 17 February until Friday 21 February, from 08.00 - 17.30. Welly Camps is a fun and friendly provision, open to all children between Years 1 to 8. Welly Camps Holiday Club is held at the Princess Royal Sports Complex, by our experienced team, in a relaxed environment. For further information and booking please use the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?eid=10321&>

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. A few tickets still available, cost is £25 per head to include transport, pies and ale. Please contact 'The Wellington Jester' for more details:

thewellingtonjester@gmail.com

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 3.00pm.



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL



We are looking forward to seeing many of you at 'Sharing the Love' next Friday. Last year this was a lovely family evening with our wonderful children serving parents, grandparents, and guardians a delicious two-course meal. Ticket sales have now closed to enable our team of volunteers and the catering team to make this another fabulous event.

During the evening the Friends of

Wellington Prep School jute shopping bags will be available to purchase. You may have seen these being beautifully displayed at the recent School Council meeting and pictured in last week's Janus. Bags are available to purchase at £5 at our events or by emailing fowps@wellington-school.org.uk





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 10 FEBRUARY

Monday	10	Year 2 Forest School	13:00	15:30
		Parent Forum with Mr du Toit (Prep Hall)*	17:15	18:00
Tuesday	11	Year 5 Caribbean Day		
		Safer Internet Day		
		Strings Faculty Evening and Concert* (WSS Small Hall)	16:15	20:00
Wednesday	12	Netball Girls U10A vs St Peter's, Exmouth (H)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U10B vs St Peter's, Exmouth (H)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U11A vs St Peter's, Exmouth (A)*	14:00	
		Netball Girls U11B vs St Peter's, Exmouth (A)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U10A vs Taunton Prep (A)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U10B vs Taunton Prep (A)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U11A vs Taunton Prep (H)*	14:00	
		Hockey Sevens Boys U11B vs Taunton Prep (H)*	14:00	
Thursday	13	Governors' Pastoral & Co-Curricular Committee	18:00	20:00
		Little Wellies Toddler Group*	09:15	11:15
		Chamber Choir at Taunton Festival*	10:30	12:00
		Year 1 Forest School	13:00	15:30
Friday	14	FoWPS 'Share the Love' Pop-up restaurant*	17:00	18:30
		Closing date for Wellington Young Musician	13:00	
		Reception – Forest School	13:00	15:30
Saturday	15	The Lungley Dash - House Cross Country (Years 3 - 6) (H)*	14:50	
		Half Term		
Sunday	16	Orienteering Event (WPS / WSS)	14:00	15:30
Mon - Fri	17-21	Half Term		
		Welly Boot Holiday Club (Nursery/Reception)	08:15	17:30
		Welly Camp Holiday Club (Years 1 – 8)	08:00	17:30

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



MUSIC MERITS

Ginny Bere 6A



STARS OF THE WEEK

Isla Ingham-Cooke Rec

James Williams 1C Louisa Stepney 2W

Maggie Seaton 3B Georgia Spooner 3H

Isabelle Hansard 4L Devon Thomas 4M

Sophie Gray and Beatrice Varley 5ML Noah Hodson 5L

Summer Pidgeon 6A Thomas Gendall 6H

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK: Amba Barthakur 4M

READING STAR OF THE WEEK: Lucy Adams 5ML

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK: Luke Coate Rec, Ginny Bere 6A



HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER 831 APOLLO 747 VIKING 718 GALILEO 982



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

10 minutes and 15 seconds*

1 minute 40 seconds**



* the time spent by England in the French 22.
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