

### MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

In the same way that you always feel you should leave a small space for pudding, here at WPS we need to save our energy for Fridays! This week we have accessorised our uniforms with spots for Children in Need and turned detective in the second of our Writing Retreats. This morning the children were super at finding clues, asking insightful questions to our key witnesses and putting together accounts of what they thought had happened at WPS overnight. I was touched that so many wanted to make sure that this time I was safe!



Throughout the week the sound of music has lured me into the WPS Hall to see the children making good use of the new and much improved AV system. The Friends of Wellington Prep School are to be thanked for replacing the old system. Their 'for all' and 'above and beyond' provision has been so gratefully received by everyone here.

Wellington School has committed to work with Tim Potter Butchers, the Community Council for Somerset, and the Parents and Families Support Workers in supporting local families who face tremendous difficulty over the coming festive season. Father Clifton has written more fully about this collaboration below and I have no doubt that the Wellington Prep School community will show how committed we are to offering a hand of kindness and compassion to those who need it most.

And so, to finish, can I shamelessly plug Mr Renyard and myself on Welly Radio tonight. Clicking on the link below between 5pm and 6.30pm will transport you straight to the sound of some cracking Friday tunes.

<http://streamingv2.shoutcast.com/WellyRadio?lang=en-GB%2cen-US%3bq%3d0.9%2cen%3bq%3d0.8>

I wish you all a lovely weekend.  
Vics Richardson

*Next week, we are inviting the entire school community to donate to a Chapel Food Bank Appeal. We have recently learnt of the desperate plight of many local people who are struggling to cope with the effects of loss of income and other hardships caused by the pandemic. People are unable to feed their families and with Christmas approaching, need our help.*

*We are appealing for cash donations, non-perishables, toiletries (nappies especially) and good condition second-hand or new toys to be brought to the Prep School Office. Donations will then be transferred to the Chapel at Senior School for sorting. Cash donations can be made to the Prep School Office, or directly to the bank account: Community Council for Somerset – 09-01-27: 81168152 (Santander)*

*By Christmas, the people who are in need will know that Wellington Prep and Senior School along with Potters Butchers, Community Council for Somerset, and Parents and Families Support Workers have joined forces to ensure our neighbours in need are able to celebrate Christmas without worrying. Please, please do all you can, as there is a real and urgent crisis on our doorstep.*

*Thank you all.  
Fr Clifton*

## EARLY YEARS NEWS

The children in Nursery made large poppies in small groups for Remembrance. It was a time to reflect and the children were happy to talk about things they remembered that were important to them.

It has been a busy and exciting Friday in Reception. Armed with magnifying glasses, the children became detectives and collected clues around the school to work out the mystery of the school break-in. Using Mighty Writer, the children came to the conclusion that the culprits were Captain Hook and his pirate crew. They also thought about Children in Need, dressed in spotty accessories and made Pudsey Bear ears. As an extra special Pudsey Bear treat, the kitchen baked delicious cookies for us to eat. What a super day!



## Special mention

Reception Class photographs will be featured in the Somerset County Gazette this week.

## YEAR 1

Year 1 had a very active maths lesson on Monday, the children took part in lots of different races to help them investigate position. They were able to complete the challenge to organise themselves in the order of their cards and also did some exceptional maths journaling. All of this hard work earned them a much-treasured marble in the jar.



## Nature Detectives

The Year 1 and 2 Nature Detectives learnt all about the role that animals have played during wartime. The children were fascinated to find out that a bear called Winnipeg, who was a mascot for the Canadian Army, inspired AA Milne to write the Winnie the Pooh stories. The children made a beautiful wreath featuring purple poppies in memory of those animals.



## Remembrance



The children in Year 1 had a very thoughtful Remembrance Day. They read the book about Captain Tom, listened to the song that he sang with Michael Ball and then thought of lots of questions that they would like to ask him. They were very impressed that he had been made a Knight by the Queen! Later, the children listened to the poem 'In Flanders Fields', which inspired them to paint some beautiful pictures of the fields in the style of Monet.



## YEAR 2

This week we had a Teddy Bear themed afternoon at Forest School. Year 2 produced their own versions of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', acting it out in small groups to promote confidence and teamwork. Year 1 pupils then came along and provided an avid audience. Prior to this Year 1 had been busy following instructions for a fun game of hide and seek, with each team giving instructions to turn left or right along the paths and trails in the woods to find 'the hiding teddy bears'. Everyone enjoyed a snack of a piece of toast shaped and turned into a little bear faces with bananas and blueberries. There was also plenty of time for free play and some children chose to have a cooking competition filmed by Ollie the 'YouTube cameraman'!



2W had a fantastic time investigating the Neverland mystery today. The children questioned a number of witnesses to gather evidence for their writing in their special gold books. There was much excitement and engagement and the children are looking forward to telling their families all their news around the dinner table this evening.



### YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a very exciting week and instead of going to Kilve Beach as we had planned, we had fossil experts coming in to teach us. Mr Shaw and Dr Jolliffe brought in their astounding fossil collection to share with the class. The children were fascinated to find out the different ways that fossils were created.

They learnt about what ammonites looked like when they were living creatures and about the Blue Lias rock formation at Kilve.

In class the children made some beautiful fossils using plaster of paris.



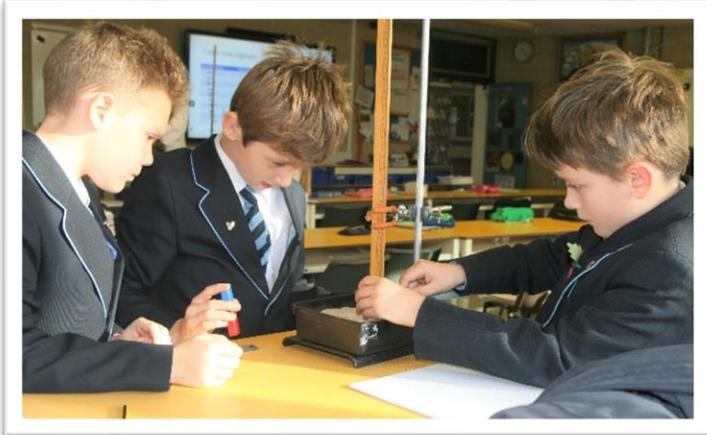
### YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic time during their outdoor learning with Mr Renyard at the Culm River in Culmstock. The children had a lovely walk, spotting features of the river such as floodplains, meanders and erosion. They were able to consolidate all that they have learned in Geography over the last few weeks and enjoyed a biscuit and some warming hot chocolate as a special treat. Their work on rivers will continue as they learn about rivers around the world as well as carrying out their own geographical enquiry.



**YEAR 5**

As part of their studies of the Solar System, Year 5 pupils have been investigating the formation of craters on planets and the moon, and finding out how the speed of the meteorite affects the size of the crater. The children have seen Mercury, Venus and Mars in the evening sky.



This week has seen the Prep School children from Year 4 to Year 6 compete in their first national computational thinking challenge. The Bebras Challenge 2020 (supported by Oxford University) allows the children to use their computational thinking skills to solve over a dozen questions. Every participant will receive a certificate and the scores will be shared with the children in the coming weeks. If you wish to have a go at some of these questions yourself, click here: [https://challenge.bebras.uk/index.php?action=user\\_competitions](https://challenge.bebras.uk/index.php?action=user_competitions)



**YEAR 6**

Year 6 children have been busy this rehearsing a dance/drama sequence to Carmina Burana for the upcoming Year 6 showcase. This is from their English work based on the animated short film 'Eye of the Storm'.



**MUSIC NOTES**



Over the course of this and next half term Year 5 are having a series of group violin lessons. These are being taken by Mrs Waller, a violinist from the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera. Year 5 had the added treat of listening to Mr and Mrs Waller perform Saint-Saens famous but 'devilish' Dance Macabre, which showcases a huge variety of violin techniques in an exciting concert piece.

Mrs Waller is delighted with the progress the Year 5s are making in these lessons. Holly Adams is one of our stars of the week and Jack Debenham needs to be applauded for his amazing music listening during the concert. Well done everyone.



All Prep children in their class music lessons, from Nursery through to Year 6, are working hard on this half term's music project Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. They will be exploring the original paintings and listening to the music, in readiness for a live performance by Mr Trehella and Mr Waller to their bubbles in mid-January. Our three Prep choirs are enjoying learning their Christmas carols, which will feature in a special Christmas celebration video later in the term.



As Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ridley are not involved in the virtual Parents' evenings next week, if you would like to speak with Mrs Shaw about music (academic or individual music lessons) please do email her on [r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk)

- Music Merits awarded to:**
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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Luke Coate 1P      | Oliver Eggar 2W | Robert Bambridge 2W |
| Charlie Eustace 3C | Elsa Mackey 4N  | Tom Page-Turner 5L  |
| Hettie Fletcher 5S | William Box 6H  | Alex Seaton 6L      |
|                    |                 | Amy Colman 6L       |

## FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)



For the latest FoWPS fundraiser, we are holding a Virtual Balloon Race.

A virtual race works in the same way as a helium balloon race, but they fly around their own webpage rather than in the atmosphere. Each balloon costs £3 and we would love you to buy as many as possible. You can choose your own colour, design and even add your own message to put on the tag.

On Sunday 29 November at 12pm midday, all the balloons will be 'released' and left to fly around the school campus from above, virtually! Every hour each balloon moves a random distance, based on a computer algorithm. At the end of the race on Sunday 6 December at 12pm midday, the balloon which has travelled the farthest wins a prize, with runner up prizes for 2nd and 3rd place, all kindly donated by Flipout Somerset Trampoline Arena.

To buy your balloons now and learn more about the event, please head to our own race page – [www.balloonrace.com/fowps](http://www.balloonrace.com/fowps)

We hope you can support this fun, new, socially distanced event and help us raise some funds for our fantastic school!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Charlotte Bailey Reception

James Steil 1P

Arthur Greany 2W

Barnaby Govier 3C    Leo Lam 3W

Queenie Spurdle 4M    Charlotte Reader Buttars 4N

Freddie Thompson 5L    Hettie Fletcher 5S

Beatrix de Bernhardt Horler and Rafaela Varney 6H    Matilda Read 6L

**Writing Star of the Week:** James Etherton 1P

**Sport Star of the Week:** Clemmie Lyon Taylor 4N

**Music Star of the Week:** Ben Varley 2W

**Drama Star of the Week:** Romilly Page-Turner 6L



## HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER 601

APOLLO 659

VIKING 598

GALILEO 684

**DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16 NOVEMBER**

Monday	16	13:00	15:30	Nursery and Reception - Forest School
			pm	Nursery Parents' meetings
Tuesday	17	09:30	11:00	Year 1 - Toys and Games History Workshop
		13:00	15:00	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
			pm	Nursery Parents' meetings
		15:45	20:00	WPS Parents' Evening
Wednesday	18	am	pm	Diwali workshop
			pm	Nursery Parents' meetings
Thursday	19	13:00	15:30	Years 1 and 2 - Forest School
Friday	20	13:00	15:30	Nursery - Forest School
		13:00	15:30	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
Saturday	21			WPS Writing Retreat for External Schools (part 1)
Sunday	22			

Free postal entry available

Race starts Sunday 29th November!

FoWPS present our first ever

**ONLINE VIRTUAL**

**Balloon race!**

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