

### MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

In the inaugural 'Sticky Bun Club' this week, I asked the Year 6 invitees what they would change about School. I was interested to hear their replies and look forward to the responses from both the Parent and Staff Surveys that were sent out earlier this week; it is important that we reflect and structure our way forward appropriately. Please contact [prep@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:prep@wellington-school.org.uk) if you have any queries.

One of the three pillars of Wellington School is that we build 'outstanding relationships' and I have encouraged the pupils in today's Celebration Assembly to talk to their parents about the conversations at Parents' Evening so that they can challenge themselves both in and out of the classroom. The partnerships between home, School and the children are so important in building the foundations of these strong relationships.

In the letter that came out earlier this week from Mr du Toit and myself, reference was made to the two 'Christmas Jumper' days that we have in the coming weeks. Please rest assured that they are not essential and that home decorated jumpers are recognised as being more environmentally friendly, as are hand-me-downs. I know of certain children here at WPS who will be wearing fourth-hand jumpers in the weeks ahead.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to remind you of DJ Nige and I broadcasting to the masses from 5pm until 6.15pm today.

With best wishes  
Vics Richardson

### MUSIC NOTES



We are delighted to share with you 'The Misplaced Blazers' first video release, <https://vimeo.com/channels/wellingtonschoolmusic>.

'The Misplaced Blazers' features Amy on vocals, Shayan and Will on guitar, Amba on keys and Robert on drums, performing the iconic Adele song 'Rolling in the Deep'. The band have been working hard throughout

this year, both with parents and Mr Reason, and are now rehearsing a Michael Jackson number for their next release.

We also have a newly formed rock band club, who are working hard with Mr Reason, on Friday at lunchtime. This group is invite only for children from Years 5 and 6, so if your child is interested please can they let Mrs Shaw know.

This week children from Nursery to Year 5 have listened to and talked about Mussorgsky's 'The Gnome' from his Pictures at an Exhibition. No picture actually remains of this particular gnome, so the children have had fun imagining what it might look like and what it was up to!

We have also started having live pupil performances in some of our bubble assemblies; this week we were entertained by Shayan on the piano and Clemmie on the oboe.

If you would like to speak with Mrs Shaw about music (academic or individual music lessons/taster lessons) please do email her on [r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk).



**Music Merits:** Katherine Bambridge 2W  
Bella Whitelaw 3W  
Sophie Pipe 4M  
Amba Barthakur 5L

## EARLY YEARS NEWS

The Early Years children had a busy, helpful Forest School visit this week. The children hunted for lost woodland animal toys, collected kindling for the fire, sawed logs and fed the birds. Warm pancakes and hot chocolate were enjoyed by the fire, before returning to school. The children were very excited to discover new fairy doors, designed by one of our Reception children and made at home using a 3D printer. What a lovely surprise for everyone to enjoy



### Diwali

Reception children learnt all about Diwali this week. The children enjoyed a special lunch, made a lamp and watched a film about the celebration.

## YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed celebrating Diwali this week. The children made and decorated some beautiful Diya lamps. The children then wrote step by step instructions in English on how to make the lamps. They also enjoyed joining in with the fantastic dance workshop, during which they acted out the story of Rama and Sita through dance. A tasty Diwali lunch was also much appreciated by the children.



## YEAR 1 and 2

Across the school, we have been celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Not only have each year enjoyed a Diwali dance workshop and delicious Indian lunch, the children have been learning about the different aspects of Diwali celebrations in Religious Studies. Year 1 cleaned their class and lit candles to welcome Lakshmi and Year 2 have created beautiful Rangoli Patterns.



## YEAR 3



Year 3 had a super Science lesson this week, learning about the rock cycle using grated milk, dark and white chocolate. The children mixed the chocolate together to make sedimentary rock. They rolled the chocolate together to make rocks, and the heat from their hands mimicked the heat from magma, changing the chocolate into Metamorphic rock. Finally, the children put the chocolate rocks into hot water and the chocolate melted, just as real rock melts and becomes magma. As it cools and solidifies, it becomes Igneous rock.

In Religious Studies, Year 3 learned about Diwali and enjoyed acting out the story of Rama and Sita.



**YEAR 4**

In Science, Year 4 have continued their work on electricity. This week the children were investigating which materials made good conductors of electricity and which were insulators.



Year 4 have been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. The children made lanterns and decorated Rangoli patterns. On Wednesday afternoon they joined in a Diwali Dance workshop and had great fun learning new dances.



**YEAR 5**

Year 5 children were very excited to take part in the Diwali Dance Workshop this week. Having learnt all about the story of Rama and Sita in Religious Studies with Mrs Webber, the children enjoyed putting the elements of the story to music.



## YEAR 6

This week, both Year 6 classes became World War II code breakers, solving a series of codes to help Allied soldiers locate the enemy submarine and save the D-Day invasion. Working in teams, the children were able to solve problems, collaborate, understand how to decompose a problem into smaller parts and use logical reasoning to work through a problem. Our very own Bletchley Park crew!! Well done, all of you.



## SPORT UPDATE OFFICIAL CHALLENGE!



Year 3 and 4 Boys - We are spending a HUGE amount of time at the start and end of rugby sessions getting laces tied up when putting on our rugby boots/trainers. Your challenge? Tie your own laces without help! If you manage to do this without help by the end of term, you will each win a prize from Mr Greany!!

**Swimming Pool** – The pool is up and running again, swimming lessons are going ahead as planned, according to the Wellbeing Rotation.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Alex Parsons Reception

Luke Coate 1P

Ariana Nicholson and Robert Bambridge 2W

Amanda Webber 3C Travis Wong 3W

Iona Shaw 4M Dakota Johns 4N

William Eustace 5L Bobby Stewart 5S

Millie Morrell 6H Robert Stepney 6L

**Writing Star of the Week:** Abigael Bill 5S

**Sport Star of the Week:** Isabella Whitelaw 3W

**Drama Star of the Week:** Jack Holloway 5S

**Music Stars of the Week:** Georgina Blunden (Nursery), Clemmie Lyon Taylor 4N, Holly Adams 5S

### FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS) Virtual Balloon Race 2020

Have you bought your balloon yet? So far, 68 balloons are flying high above the school campus, ready for the start of the race in nine days' time!

Please support this socially distanced fundraising initiative. Balloons are just £3, or 4 balloons for £10 and then you can get the whole family involved! Head to [www.balloonrace.com/fowps](http://www.balloonrace.com/fowps) to pay, design and name your balloons. Look at the great designs and names we have had so far.....Can you spot yours?



	Reindeer Gray
	Barny
	Gracie
	Strictly come dancing!!
	Bubble
	Cycle mad
	Quack
	Merkel
	Kira



**HOUSE POINTS**  
**PIONEER 511    APOLLO 472    VIKING 534    GALILEO 507**

### DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 23 NOVEMBER

Monday	23	13:00	15:30	Nursery and Reception - Forest School
Tuesday	24	13:00	15:00	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
Wednesday	25		19:30	Nursery to Reception Transition Evening - (Teams)
Thursday	26	13:00	15:30	Years 1 and 2 - Forest School
Friday	27	09:30	12:00	Wellington School Maths Challenge (virtual)
		13:00	15:30	Nursery - Forest School
Saturday	28	10:00		Friends Christmas Fair Week* (virtual)
Sunday	29			