

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

It has been, as I always seem to say, 'quite a week'. With only two weeks to go, the tension is mounting and we are all geared up for Christmas Make Day on Monday.

Jaylen, as the youngest member of WPS, switched on the lights on Avenue 175 on Wednesday, to the delight of the onlooking Nursery children. Tonight is the last Welly Radio session of the Lockdown so please do listen in on

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

Please do note that there has been a slight change to our plans and Mufti day will now be held on Monday 7th December instead of next Friday, we will remind you in next week's Eagle.

As a family, we sat down last weekend and entered our balloons for the virtual race and look forward to seeing them racing over Wellington. Please do support the FoWPS in this venture and keep an eye out for 'aHEAD of the rest!' Details of how you can enter appear later in The Eagle.

Finally, today four of our Year 6 children entered the Wellington School Maths Challenge. Bethany, Ella, Mungo and Mary competed against 63 other schools, completing 25 thought-provoking questions. They worked well as a team and we look forward to hearing how they got on.

I wish you a lovely weekend.
Vics Richardson



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Shop local this Christmas from the comfort of your own home at our Friends of Wellington School and Friends of Wellington Prep School virtual Christmas Fair. The Fair is open from Saturday 28 November to Friday 4 December. Get ready for that special day with our expert videos and then browse the stalls for some wonderful gifts.

Visit our website www.wellington-school.org.uk from Saturday to start shopping and support local business.

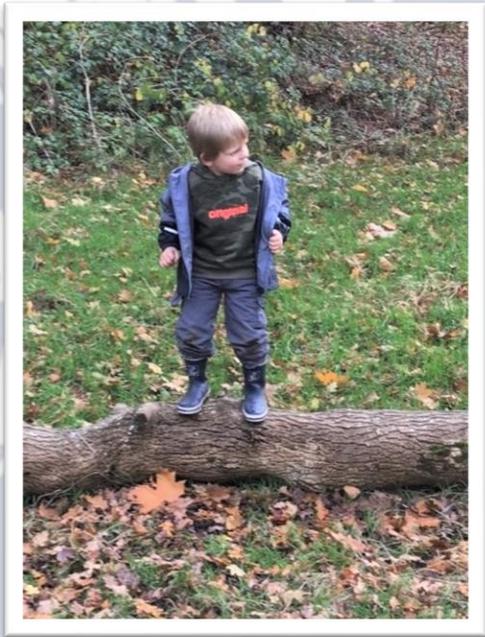


EARLY YEARS NEWS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as Early Years rehearse and film the virtual nativity. Away from the buzz of the festive preparations Reception children are maintaining a strong daily focus on phonics and reading. Mrs Lucas would like to thank parents for their enthusiasm and support with this process.



Every week the Early Years children look forward to their visit to the school woodland. This week the children tried out their acrobatic balancing skills. The hard work was rewarded with yummy hot chocolate and popcorn baked on the fire.



YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed building dens at Forest School this week. The children even found that Mary and Joseph, better known as Isla and Sam, had moved into their 'stable' with Charlotte who was their baby Jesus! The children had a lesson in tying knots with Mr Griffiths. Strong knots meant that they could take their log dogs for a walk. The children finished the session with warming tomato soup and some of Mr Wardell's delicious bannock bread.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed reading their class book 'Mr Gum' this week. The children loved the fact the Mr Gum's favourite TV programme was 'a bag of sticks'! and that he was hit by a fairy with a frying pan! The children concentrated on using commas and exclamation marks to produce some wonderful pieces of the work. This also inspired the class to create their own characters in the style of Mr Gum. The children had great fun and there is certainly a love of reading spreading throughout the class.



Here are some happy Year 2's making shelters and dens at Forest School on a lovely sunny autumn afternoon. In small teams, the children used their initiative, skills and imagination to create restful and fun places to relax in - complete with doorbells. These were made from small cuts of wood which the children themselves cut under supervision using a saw horse and a bow saw, the sawing action kept everyone warm!



YEAR 3

Year 3 consolidated their knowledge of column subtraction, by solving real conundrums involving Santa, reindeer and chimneys. The children worked successfully in teams, they had to read word problems, solve the problems using column addition and record their answers in number sentences.



YEAR 4

In Design and Technology over the past few weeks, Year 4 have been investigating how torches work. The children have gone on to design their own, working out which materials they would need to make their torch. This week they have combined all their knowledge from their Science and DT to begin making the final product. The children are all very excited and can't wait to see their finished torches!



Years 3 and 4 - Photography Club

This week in photography club the children have been learning about alternative processes and creating their own cyanotypes. Once scanned in, the children edited their prints on Photoshop, and are creating their own Christmas card designs.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been practising their nine times table with songs, games and TT Rockstars.



YEAR 6

In Science lesson this week with Mr Smith, Year 6 pupils looked at energy generation and have been investigating the number of blades that makes the most effective wind turbine



Here's is a sneak preview of the Year 6 Showcase, children were busy rehearsing this week and we are all very excited for the film release in a few weeks.



SPORT UPDATE



We have had another outstanding week of sport in WPS and despite the absence of fixtures the pupils are still training with amazing enthusiasm and energy. Next week the pupils can look forward to competing in house matches in touch rugby and hockey.

On Saturday 5 December, we had planned to invite all of our pupils from Years 3 to 6 into school for a festive Welly Christmas Run. We are still waiting to see if this is going to be possible and if we are fortunate to be able to go ahead, we will get details out to parents as soon as possible.



MUSIC NOTES



Nursery to Year 2 have been working hard on their songs for the Nativity, which will be recorded on Tuesday. In addition, they have listened to Tuilerie Gardens and enjoyed the 'dancey' and 'fun' music.

Years 3 - 6 pupils have focused on the 'Ox and Cart' and 'Tuilerie Gardens' from Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. Year 5 have continued with their group violin sessions.

Chamber Choir recorded their Christmas carol this week in the Chapel. All the choristers sang beautifully and coped well with the pressure of recording both sound and visual in a limited time; they looked and sang like angels. On Monday it will be the turn of the Prep Choir recording their carol.

The inaugural Wellington Young Musician 2020 has reached the finals stage; an exciting Finals and Awards Show, featuring our special guest adjudicator and speaker, the amazing saxophonist Jess Gillam, is going live this Sunday at 7.00pm on the School's Facebook and Music Vimeo Channel (<https://vimeo.com/channels/wellingtonschoolmusic>).



During the show the winners will be announced, along with a host of other surprise awards to young musicians from across our 3-18 Music operation. Don't miss it!

Visiting Music Teachers

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing our Visiting Music Teachers who teach at the Prep School. This week we say hello to Mr Garry Kroll.

Mr Kroll began drumming at the age of 11 and was gigging locally in bands at 14. After studying music at Bridgwater College, he moved to London to continue his studies at the London College of Music. After graduating in 2010, with a First-Class Honours degree and winning the 'Best Drummer on the Course' award, Garry has since been touring and recording with many bands and artists all over the UK and Europe including Mark Ronson, Andrea Bocelli, Ed Sheeran, Joss Stone, Dua Lipa, Peter Andre and Otis Redding III (Otis Redding's son).



Mr Kroll teaches from Year 2 upwards; if you would like your son/daughter to have a taster on the drums please let Mrs Shaw know r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk



Music Merits: Clemmie Lyon Taylor 4N
Thomas Luter 4N
Amba Barthakur 5L
Henry Barker 6H

STAGE SCHOOL

In January we are making small steps towards setting up our very own Saturday morning Stage School. We will be offering classes within three age brackets that coincide with our school bubbles. Students in Years 1 and 2 will have a one-hour musical theatre session each week, students in Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6 will have a two-hour session, with an hour of drama and an hour of dance.

The focus will primarily be on Musical Theatre numbers with a showcase at the end of the term. Classes will be charged at £10 an hour and spaces will be limited within each age group. To sign up for this exciting new opportunity please contact

C.Davies@wellington-school.org.uk



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)

Virtual Balloon Race 2020



You have less than 48 hours before our Balloon Race starts - have you bought yours? There is still time to buy one and support our fundraising. They are just £3 each or 4 balloons for £10. Go to www.balloonrace.com/fowps to buy, design and name yours.

Don't forget to log onto the website throughout the week, to see how your balloon is getting on. We will post daily updates on our Facebook Page, Wellington Prep School FoWPS of the

leader board. Will your balloon finish in the top 3? Good luck everyone!

Deadline to buy your balloon:

Sunday 29th November at 11.30am

Race starts: Sunday 29th November at 12pm
midday

[Balloonrace.com](http://www.balloonrace.com) - Virtual Balloon Race

Balloonrace.com An online balloon race across the internet

www.balloonrace.com

IQ Christmas Cards

For those of you that ordered Christmas cards or gifts with us, they should be ready by Friday 4th December. Pupils will come home with their orders once they have been delivered to the school office. We will let you know how much this fundraising initiative raised for the school in the New Year.





HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER 559 **APOLLO 562** **VIKING 557** **GALILEO 588**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Isabella Eggar Reception

Isaac D'Souza 1P

Ben Ford-Fennah 2W

Harry Morrell 3C Oliver Wielkopolski 3W

Ethan Jacob 4M Georgia Spooner 4N

Amba Barthakur 5L Jack Holloway 5S

Mary van der Beugel 6H Darcey Smith 6L

Writing Star of the Week: Oliver Eggar 2W

Sport Star of the Week: Florence Eve 4M

Drama Star of the Week: Finley Coulston 6L

Music Stars of the Week: Luke Coate 1P and Isabelle Hansard 5S



DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 30 NOVEMBER

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| Monday | 30 | | | Christmas Jumper Day |
| | | am | pm | Christmas 'Make Day' |
| | | 13:00 | 15:00 | Nursery and Reception - Forest School |
| December | | | | |
| Tuesday | 01 | 09:30 | 12:00 | Year 3 Forest School |
| | | 13:00 | 15:00 | Years 1 and 2 Swimming |
| | | 13:00 | 15:30 | Year 4 Forest School |
| Wednesday | 02 | | | |
| Thursday | 03 | | | Years 1 and 2 - Forest School |
| Friday | 04 | 13:00 | 15:30 | Nursery - Forest School |
| Saturday | 05 | am | | Welly Run – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (optional and tbc) |
| Sunday | 06 | | | |