



### MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

So, to top off a jam-packed term of learning, adventures and fun we had a visit during our Celebration Assembly from Father Christmas. It was lovely to see him on our screens and hear all about his plans in the run up to his busiest day of the year! Thank you all for your support over the past months, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term in the Prep School. I do hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas, enjoy our very special Celebration Assembly and do watch out for many festive treats that will be released on social media or via your email account, over the next few weeks.

With best wishes  
Vics Richardson

Click on the link below for today's Celebration Assembly  
<https://vimeo.com/489814393>





**YEAR 1**

Year 1 worked together to create some fantastic maths journaling posters. Each team worked together to show their extensive knowledge of a given 'teen' number and then presented their poster to the class. Mrs Perry was very proud of their achievements, especially as some of the children were very keen to make more posters to add to the collection during 'Choosing Time'.

Year 1 have had a wonderfully festive week. There has been lots of arts and crafts taking place, although these are being kept as a surprise for their families! The children have also been very busy in Santa's Grotto, wrapping and delivering presents. They had fun learning how to play traditional games such as hopscotch, squares, marbles and noughts and crosses as part of their history topic. The children ended the week with a special Christmas party for earning all of their marbles in a jar and enjoyed dancing, Pass the Parcel and other party games.



**YEAR 3**

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard at home on creating projects about the Geography of Greece. The children presented a variety of ideas, ranging from tasty baklava, fascinating powerpoints, detailed Lego models, super interactive posters and even diving goggles and a cuddly turtle. The Year 3 team were very impressed with the children's creativity and presentation skills.



**YEAR 4**

Year 4 have had a fabulous Christmassy week. The children have enjoyed a Christmas film, Christmas quiz and they finished making their torches which are amazing. The children also joined with Chelston Gardens residential home (via Teams) to sing some carols this week. Year 4 team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



**DRAMA UPDATE**

Our 3-18 Drama Programme came into action this term and we have loved spending more time in the Prep School getting to know the students. It is already very clear that we have an abundance of talent spread across the year groups, and some very keen dancers and actors among us.

Year 5 and 6 LAMDA Club were able to share their devised work with an examiner on Tuesday this week and I have enjoyed putting the final touches to the virtual Nativity. The Year 3 and 4 Drama Club has given students the opportunity to develop characterisation skills and they have all been working wonderfully together to produce some exciting practical work. Our Year 1 and 2 Dance Club have recently performed in the whole school dance show, due to be released over the Christmas holidays. I particularly enjoyed their Spring dance with intricate movement around the stage, Joseph Sharpe (Year 6) performed a solo piece within the dance show which was a breath-taking performance, I cannot wait for everyone to see it! Nursery and Reception children have been taking part in movement lessons with Miss Luke and I think you will agree after watching the Nativity, that we have some shining stars in the making! In January, our new Stage School starts on a Saturday morning and the trial session is now at full capacity, these sessions will see students learn choreography to some of our favourite musicals, as well as developing their acting technique. With so much happening this term it has been difficult to find time to sit back and reflect on all the wonderful things that have been going on for the children, but it is fantastic to see so many students happily engaged with drama and dance at the Prep School.

*Mrs Claire Davies*



## SPORT UPDATE

### RUGBY COLOURS

Full Colours:

Half Colours:

Coaches Award:

Most Improved:

Jack Pipe

Matthew Hitchin, Finley Coulston, William Ainsby, Leonardo Farinha

Harry Eve

Fred Sidney



### HOCKEY COLOURS

Full Colours:

Half Colours:

Coaches Award:

Most Improved:

Nerys Jones

Amy Colman, Mary van der Beugel, Ella MacAlister

Sophie Gray

Beatrix de Bernhardt Horler

### FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)

#### Christmas Jumper Drop

On Wednesday 6th January, you will be able to donate and recycle your old Christmas jumper with the Friends'. If you would like to bring the jumper into school on the first day back, washed and ready to go to a new home, that would be super. The Friends' will be selling the Christmas jumpers to raise funds for the school. Recycle, reuse and support a great cause!



#### FOWPS RACE RESULTS

Sunday 6 December 2020

#### THE RACE HAS NOW FINISHED!

Thank you for taking part in the balloon race. You can see who travelled furthest by viewing the leaderboard, or alternatively you can sign in to view your balloon.



Share/embed race

FoWPS

Race end date: 06/12/2020

Search:

No	Name	Distance
1	Tom Tom	1989 km
2	Hugo B	1930 km
3	Quack	1907 km

#### Balloon Race

Congratulations to our winners Tom Tom (Year 4 pupil), Hugo B (Reception pupil) and Quack (Year 6 parent), who all finished in the top three. We hope you have fun bouncing at Flip Out Somerset! Thank you to everyone that took part and we hope you enjoyed this new fundraising initiative.

#### Thank you

This term, between the IQ Christmas cards, jute bag sale and balloon race, we have raised over £800 for the school. A huge thank you to all of our supporters - we cannot do this without you. Also, thank you to the sixteen parents on the Friends' team who cover all year groups from Nursery through to Year 6, and work behind the scenes to ensure our events run smoothly. Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th January at 10am (online) - if you would like to join the meeting, do let us know, our email address is [FOWPS@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:FOWPS@wellington-school.org.uk) Finally, we would like to wish all WPS families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to bringing you more events in 2021!



**MUSIC NOTES**



We have been busy in the Prep School again this week recording a very special Christmas song featuring all our pupils and the teachers too. We will be releasing it to you all before Christmas, so watch this space.

Please find here the link to our dedicated music vimeo channel, <https://vimeo.com/channels/wellingtonschoolmusic> where you can find the Wellington Music 3-18 Advent Calendar. Featuring musical items performed by our youngest musicians through to our oldest, there's a new performance released each day in December up to the big day itself. Watch out for the Chamber Choir singing a beautiful carol by Michael Head, the Prep Choir 'Little Donkey' and the Pre-Prep Choir 'The Nativity Song'. Have your tissues close by!

Have a wonderful tuneful Christmas.

*Ros Shaw and Nikki Ridley*



**Music Half Colours Awarded to:**

Shayan Barthakur  
Ella MacAlister

**Rock Band 'Misplaced Blazers':**

Amba Barthakur  
Shayan Barthakur  
William Box  
Amy Colman  
Robert Stepney  
Mary van der Beugel  
Beatrice Varley

**Ensembles:**

**Music Merits:**

Lily Park  
Eva Hope

**PREP SCHOOL CAR PARKING UPDATE**

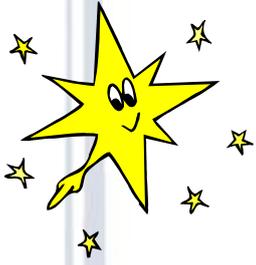
We would like to update you on parking arrangements from the 6th January 2021.

**Nursery, Reception and Years 1 - 4** - all drop-off and collection will remain in the main Prep School Car Park.

**Years 5 and 6** - Following a review of the current parking arrangements, parking will return to the Prep School Car Park. From the 6th January there will be an allocated drop-off and collection area for Years 5 and 6, this will be located in the central island and will be marked on arrival, children will then use the crossings to walk to their classrooms in the Prep Block. For collection, we ask parents to park and then walk across to the Prep Block, as per the current arrangements to collect students. There will be NO drop-off or collection from the Greenacres car park for anybody, this will continue to be used as a play and recreation area for Years 5 and 6, with limited authorised parking. The Avenue car park will be for staff only. Please may we ask that you keep the marked Disabled bays clear for users at all times. The car park team will be on hand to provide help in the usual way. Thank you for your help and support on this and if you have any queries please contact the Prep Office team.



*Mrs Jo Talling*  
Director of Operations



### GOLDEN LEAF AWARDS

Benjamin Woodford Reception

James Etherton 1P

Robert Bambridge 2W

Rowan Huntley 3C Mya Broom 3W

Hasan Gul 4M Daisy Trebble 4N

Chloe Etherton 5L Harriet Fletcher 5S

Anna Magauran 6H Oscar Barker 6L

**Drama Star of the Week:** Charlotte Adams 1P

**Playground Awards:** Katherine Bambridge 2W, Barney Govier 3C

Dilly MacKenzie 6H, Rafaela Varney 6H, Ella MacAlister 6H



### HOUSE POINTS

**PIONEER 6978**

**APOLLO 6572**

**VIKING 6485**

**GALILEO 7634**

**HOUSE CUP WINNERS: GALILEO**

