

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

In keeping with our current theme of 'kindness', I would like to thank all of you who have made contact regarding the remote learning provision at WPS. We love hearing the stories and seeing pictures of the children, both at home and school. It was fantastic that so many took part in the first of our pop-up club offerings. The Harry Potter Quiz was won by Elsa Mackey, Kari Wong and Harry Frearson who scored 34 out of 35, and Mrs Jee's Pizza Cookery Class was watched by so many of you. We have been amazed at the pictures that have been sent in, they looked absolutely scrumptious!

Next week Miss Rewbury is hosting a quiz for Years 3 and 4 on Monday at 4.00pm, Mr Hitchin will be asking Years 5 and 6 to take part in a Music Challenge on Wednesday at 4.00pm and Mrs Wheller is offering Storytime at 4.00pm on Thursday. A link for Monday's club has been sent already to Years 3 and 4, and Mrs Bassindale will send the links for the Music Challenge and Storytime the day before those clubs are held. On Friday we are asking everyone to dress up for Fancy Dress Friday, just because we feel like it!

Each week Mr Renyard, as Head of Co-Curricular 3-18, produces 'The Directory'. This is a comprehensive list of the activities on offer across the whole school. Please do feel free to join in as parents, following the instructions as given for each of the events, by clicking on the following link: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/ltbxz/eelp/>

I write this listening to Mr Greany's tunes as he teaches Years 5 and 6, some of which are taking me back to when I was at school..... We can see all of those joining in at home on the big screen in the Prep Hall, it just brilliant! This week his challenge is how far you can throw a welly, which had hilarious consequences in the playground.

In amongst all of this there is much learning taking place from Nursery to Year 6. Please do complete the surveys using the links sent by Mrs Bassindale earlier today, so that we can reflect on the last few weeks.

With best wishes
Vics Richardson

Link for today's Celebration Assembly: <https://vimeo.com/500861292>

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 29th – 31st January

With all of us spending so much more time at home at the moment, why not try and spend an hour with your family taking part in the annual Big Garden Birdwatch survey with the RSPB? It is free to enter and there are some wonderful resources on their website. You still have time to send off for their information pack to come through the post, or you can download it and print it off.

Join in with hundreds of others to count the birds that visit your garden or it could be your local park. Full instructions are given in your pack.

Why not try your hand at some photography too and send in your best "watch the birdie" photos?

Have fun, everyone!
Mrs Beacock



SPORT AND WELLBEING

Wow! Well done to everyone for the amazing effort during your online wellbeing and games lessons, it has been brilliant to see so many of you working hard at home and enjoying yourselves, fantastic! Why not try and get out this weekend to get another session in? Here is a short video of a sprint session that anyone can do at home (staring Mia and Arthur!). All you need is an open space to run in, get out and give it a go:



<https://vimeo.com/500484000>

CHALLENGE TIME

Brilliant work with the keepee-uppies this week, Lily Park is this week's winner! This week's fun challenge is below, what distance will you get? Please do send in any pictures or videos of you and your family having a go: <https://vimeo.com/500822388>



Well done to Amy (6L), Amy was awarded the Graham Jones cup for Girls for enthusiasm and effort by Wellington Tennis Club where she is a regular player. What a super achievement!

EARLY YEARS

The children have been learning about the letter 'a'. They made Alan the Alligator pictures and had to cut out his sharp teeth very carefully! The children also threaded around an outline of an apple using string saying



Letter of the Week for next week.

The Reception class were given the task to create a wolf trap to keep the three little pigs safe. Kira looks like she had a great time thinking about her design. A fantastic effort by everyone, well done!



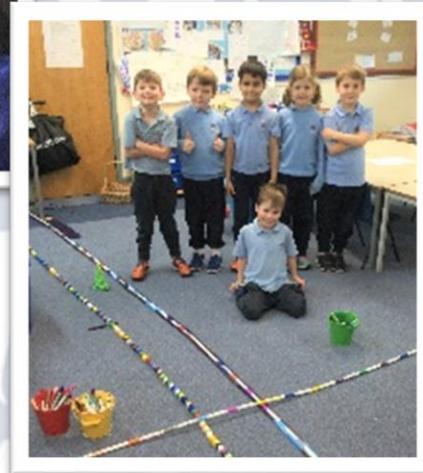
YEAR 1

The week started with Paddington unpacking his suitcase for Year 1 to guess which continent he had visited. Paddington had been to Africa, so the children created some African art whilst listening to African music and then added the important landmarks to their 3d map.



The highlight of our week was the fascinating talk that James E gave about living in South Africa. Well done, James! In Science, the children have been learning about birds and migration. They have made their own birds and taken them for a walk to show them how to fly South to Africa for the Winter. The children also enjoyed learning the dance that Miss Luke created for them about Sammi the Swallow flying to Africa.

In Maths, the children have moved on to thinking about length and height, they have had lots of fun finding different units of measurement to use!



YEAR 2

At the beginning of term, Year 2 have been learning all about the oceans of the world. The children have been looking at maps and also looking up on the computers, to see what creatures live in the oceans. This week the key worker children at school have had fun 'junk modelling' mythical, imaginary ocean creatures, quite impressive! Next, they are going to be building a coral seascape habitat.



YEAR 3 AND 4 QUIZ

Years 3 and 4 are invited to join Miss Rewbury for a Quiz on Monday 18th January at 4:00pm! There will be some exciting music rounds, general knowledge and fun for all!

Put your thinking caps on!!

Years 3 & 4 Quiz

18th Jan

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MRS JEE'S POP-UP COOKERY CLUB

Thursday's pop-up cookery club was a great success and Mrs Jee's demonstration went down a storm. Mrs Jee was delighted to see some of the brilliant creations that were sent in, it looks like we have some budding cooks in Wellington Prep. For those that may have missed the club, here is the link for you to watch the recording: <https://vimeo.com/499689915>



LOCKDOWN MONTAGE



MUSIC NOTES

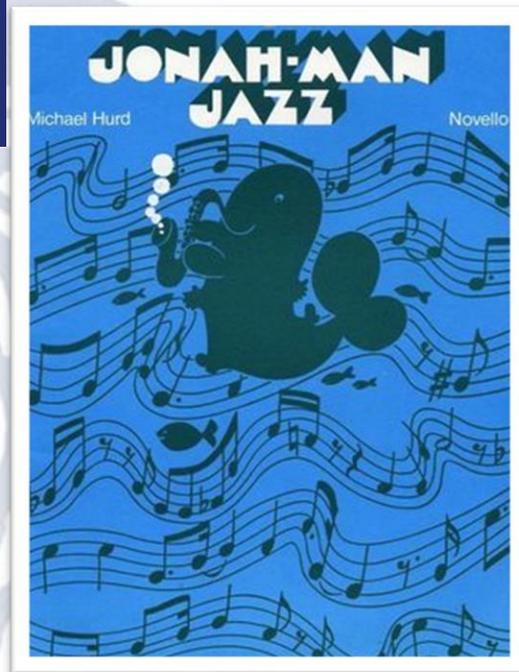
LOCKDOWN SINGING PROJECT

We have launched a Lockdown Singing Project in the Prep School this week.



Mrs Ridley and Mrs Shaw will be producing a series of Jonah tutorials which will be shared with all the Prep pupils, in class and also on the school's Vimeo channel. These six funky, lively songs tell the story of Jonah who was swallowed by a whale and are certain to have all your toes tapping! Depending on when we are all back in school again, Jonah-Man Jazz will then be recorded live in bubbles and produced as a virtual performance.

Nursery to Year 2 have also been focusing on maintaining a steady pulse and moving our bodies in time to the music.



VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS

This week we say hello to Mr Jules Reason.

Mr Reason has been teaching music since 1998 and is passionate about the guitar. He has a wealth of experience both as a teacher and as a player. Mr Reason has worked in bands and played for shows throughout Europe, Scandinavia and the Middle East and is also a keen songwriter/composer and producer and often has his work featured in T.V. programmes.

Mr Reason teaches from Year 1 upwards; if you would like your son/daughter to have a taster on the guitar please let Mrs Shaw know r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk

Wellington School Music Vimeo Channel:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/wellingtonschoolmusic>



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)



Lockdown with the Friends



Are you a member of our Facebook page - Wellington Prep School FoWPS?

Each week, we are hosting an event or suggesting activities to keep the WPS community connected. So far, we have done some art and drawing activities and tomorrow, we are hosting a quiz for Nursery and Reception families. Our plan for the rest of this half term is below - we hope you can join in the fun!

Sunday 24th January

Saturday 30th January at 10am

Saturday 6th Feb

We will be suggesting some fitness/dance activities for you to try at home.

We will be hosting a scavenger hunt for Years 1 and 2, a Zoom link will be sent out via class reps if you would like to join in.

We will be suggesting some MFL (modern foreign language) activities for you to try at home.

Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with event information and timings. We look forward to seeing you all virtually soon!



LOCKDOWN STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception – Martha Pipe and Charlotte Bailey

1P Sam Garrett and James Etherton

2W Arthur Greany, Hugo Poole and Jamie Williams

3C Barnaby Govier and Charles Eustace

3W George Fraser and Elle Harvey-Knight

4N Archie Weir, Elsa Mackey and Haydn Slocombe

4M Iona Shaw, Ellia Frost and Kaan Dogan

5L Maisie Frost, Lily Robinson, Jacob Greenlee and Chloe Etherton

5S Isabelle Hansard, Kobe Turk and Sam Turner

6H Esme Weir, Harry Cheshire, Dilly MacKenzie and Jack Pipe

6L Edith Mortimer, Matthew Hitchin and Mungo Fasham

Sport Star of the Week: Freya Govier 5L

Music Stars of the Week: Ben Varley 2W and Eva Hope 5S

