

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

There is certainly a feeling of Spring in the air, with the sun shining, daffodils blooming and Lockdown Stars being given to children who have been delivering baby lambs!

The staff at WPS have not stopped this week as we eagerly anticipate the return on the 8th March of all pupils. Return to School documents as well as a reminder of the clubs' lists, will be sent next week. As you will have read and heard in the news, there is no requirement for Prep School children to be tested prior to their return to school. Staff will continue to use the Lateral Flow tests twice a week. For those of you dropping off and picking up key worker children next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday please be aware that Senior School children will be coming to the ARC (near the Sports Centre) for their back to school Lateral Flow test appointments throughout these three days.

We are working with the guidance as we populate the calendar for the end of this term as well as next, but we are hoping to be able to publish dates as normal at the start of term. There are so many fantastic new ideas to fit alongside the important events, it looks to be quite a term.....

After World Book Day and Field Day's dog antics (more info in The Directory) next week we look forward to our FoWPS Return to School Disco next Sunday evening; Wellington Prep School, what will they think of next?

With best wishes
Vics Richardson

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Click on the following link for today's Celebration Assembly: <https://vimeo.com/517153340>

SPORT AND WELLBEING

Well done, to all of you who managed to get out and do some exercise over half term, just another week and we will all be back in and able to do some sport together!

A reminder for when we do finally return to school - boys in Years 3-6 will need their hockey kit for each games lesson (stick, shin pads and gum shield). Remember, no gum shield, no hockey! Girls will be playing netball. More details will be sent out next week to parents with regards to wellbeing, swimming, games and Saturday morning sport.



Challenge time - Great work from everyone who gave the half term challenges a go. Lots of you managed to get out and complete 15km and also try the GPS challenge. Click on the link below to see this week's challenge: <https://vimeo.com/516755612>

PET CLUB



On Wednesday this week it was Year 3 and 4's turn to discuss and share their love of pets. Some fantastic conversations were had around adopting and rescuing animals and how to take the best care of our family pets.

Dogs, cats, chickens, ponies, hamsters, fish, tadpoles and the amazing 'Fuzzy' fox were all involved, with tricks from 'Chops' the Labrador and 'Ellie' the Bichon Frise.



NURSERY

The Nursery children have been making the letter 'n' in the shape of 'Nobby and his Net'. The children have enjoyed being outside in the sunshine playing with the water tray. Also, the children have been making necklaces and writing shopping lists.



Letter of the Week for next week, is the letter:



RECEPTION

Who's been eating my spud? Reception children have put out left-over baked potatoes in the garden to make potato traps. In a couple of days, the children will look and find out if any insects have been nibbling them.

Reception children have all been excited to learn more about dinosaurs. The children have sorted them into Jurassic parks, created masks, written stories and made moving puppets. Charlie loves dinosaurs and was inspired to make a time-machine clock from Andy's Dinosaur Adventures.

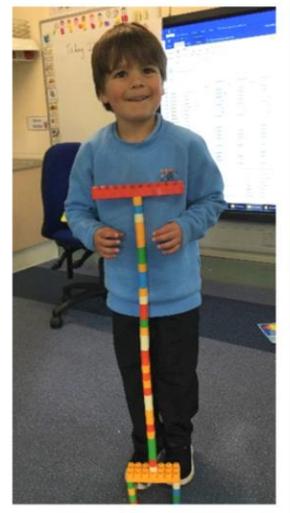


The Reception children are getting used to using and recognising money. Kira set up a dinosaur shop at home and sold books and snacks to her family. In the classroom, the children were given coins to pay for breaktime snacks and the role-play has become a shop.

YEAR 1

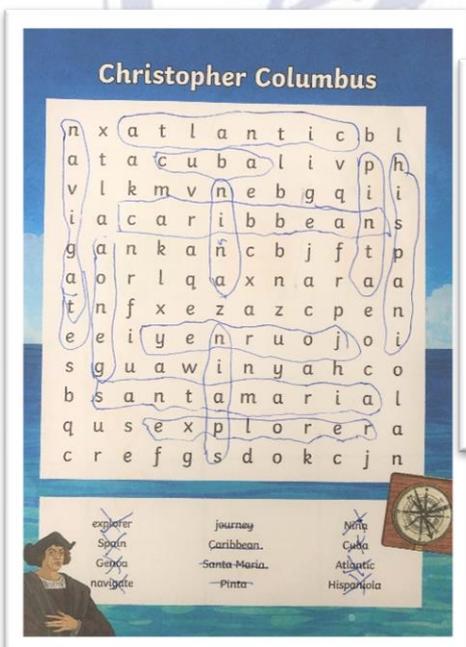
This week, Paddington took Year 1 on a tour of Europe. The children worked hard thinking about human and physical features, and then made models of the landmarks that Paddington may have visited on his travels. We hope that you can recognise the Eiffel Tower, the London Eye and the Colosseum! On Thursday, the children learnt about Piet Mondrian and then created pieces of Art in his style, they also enjoyed listening and dancing to jazz, just like Mondrian.

Another highlight of the week was the performance of their Acrostic poems. Each of the children wrote an acrostic poem about something that is special to them and then performed it to the class via teams. The performances were amazing and earned the children the tenth marble in the jar! The children are looking forward to choosing an exciting class treat when we are all back in school.



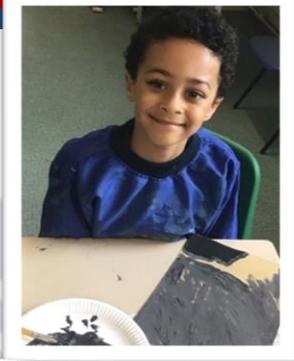
YEAR 2

Year 2 started their new topic this week on Explorers by looking at the life and achievements of Christopher Columbus. Through a range of fun videos and activities, the children were asked to complete a fact file and then had a choice of a range of activities to complete based on the famous explorer. The activities included tasting pineapple, avocado, chocolate and even bell peppers – all of which Columbus discovered on his voyage to the Americas. In English, the children have been looking at the book 'Wolves' and even heard a rumour of a pack being spotted around the edge of Wellington - the children then sorted the fact from the fiction to realise that this wasn't the case! Phew!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been working together, both at school and at home, to make a piece of lockdown collage art about Captain Sir Tom Moore. The children and adults in Year 3 loved his piece of advice that "Tomorrow will be a good day." We are looking forward to seeing the finished collage up in school before the children return.



YEAR 4

It has been lovely to see everyone back after a good break. Year 4 have been very busy in English discussing the good and bad things about zoos. The children had a lot of fun looking at different catchphrases too. It made everyone think (mainly the adults) about what we say all the time.



In Science this week Year 4 have started to look at the digestive system of animals including humans. The children set up an exciting experiment to see how different liquids can stain our teeth using eggs. Maybe Mrs Needs should say an eggsiting eggsperiment! We shall wait to see what happens...

Year 4 have continued their project on 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. Russian composer Mussorgsky took ten of the artist Hartmann's works and set them to music; however, of the original ten paintings, five are missing. This week, the children were asked to create some work of their own to replace the missing painting 'The Old Castle'. Hartmann travelled Europe painting watercolours of places, buildings and people; sometimes he would include imaginary figures to add character and atmosphere. During his travels in Italy, Hartmann painted a castle and added a medieval minstrel, singing and playing the lute in front of the castle walls. You can listen to Mussorgsky's music to go with 'The Old Castle' here: <https://youtu.be/Qx7souPING4>. The children had great fun and produced some fantastic work, using collage, modelling and drawing and painting techniques.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had another busy week of home learning. As well as tackling multiplication of fractions, the children have started to understand decimal numbers and practised times tables. The amazing Caribbean projects are progressing well and the class have also continued to practise their spellings and comprehension. In grammar this week, the children looked at non-finite clauses. In French, Year 5 played 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' with weather vocabulary. Today, they have been challenged to design a new chocolate bar, creating its wrapper, name, slogan and jingle, and are pitching their ideas this afternoon!



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)



In preparation for welcoming everyone back to school on 8th March, we have decided to throw a D-I-S-C-O! So, get your party outfits ready and enjoy a boogie with your family at our 'Welcome back to school disco'. This is a free event for all WPS pupils and their families on Sunday 7th March from 4-5pm online. The links you need to join will be sent out via email from the school office.

If you would like to suggest a dance-floor filler or a shout-out to your class mates, teachers or family, please email us at FOWPS@wellington-school.org.uk We are very grateful that DJ Mr Renyard will be on the decks to play your favourite tunes and to read out all of your messages. See you there!

MUSIC NOTES



Nursery – Year 2

In music this week the Nursery children sang a song for the letter N and galloped to Schumann's 'The Wild Horseman'. Reception class were joined by dinosaurs Rexina and Dippy, and learnt a rhyme about their antics. Years 1 and 2 had a go at one of the Jonah-Man Jazz songs ahead of the pop-up session on Monday, and worked some more on their Dance Monkey body percussion routine.

Years 3 – 6 have continued to explore Indian music rhythms and sounds. They are also getting very good at rapping!

Jonah-Man Jazz Pop Up Singing Session #2

This will take place on Monday 1 March at 4pm on Teams. All pupils in Years 1-6 are warmly invited to join Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ridley where we will be focusing on Songs 4-6. Pupils have already been sent the link to the event, but you can also access it here [Click here to join the meeting](#). In preparation for Monday's session, please click on this link to Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8009576> where you will find recordings of Songs 4-6.

Jonah-Man Jazz Awards DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Record yourself singing **any of the 6 Jonah-Man Jazz Songs** and send them to Mrs Shaw or Mrs Ridley and you will receive a Jonah-Man Jazz Award.

One Song	Bronze
Two Songs	Silver
Three Songs	Gold
Four or More	Platinum!

Open to all Prep pupils from Years 1 to 6. **Closing date is Monday 8th March.**



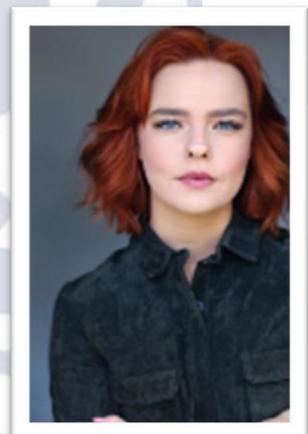
Prep Musicians Virtual Lockdown Concert

We are very proud of all the Prep pupils who are working hard practising their musical instruments in lockdown. Please click on this link <https://vimeo.com/516705986/1bb3aad85c> to watch our latest virtual concert. We hope it won't be too long before we can have a live audience for our usual teatime concerts and other music events.

Music Teachers

This week we say hello to **Mr David Shead**. David began the trumpet aged 8 and at aged 11 was awarded a junior music exhibition to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Following this, he studied full time at the Royal College of Music with John Wallace and Michael Laird. Since leaving College, David has combined a freelance playing career with teaching in schools including Sherborne School and Wells Cathedral School. David has played with many of the leading orchestras in the UK and was principal trumpet with the London Festival Orchestra for many years. As well as orchestral work David has also played in West End shows and many chamber ensembles. He has toured extensively with orchestras and has given recitals and masterclasses in Brunei and the Far East. David has recorded orchestral and solo CDs too. David worked in Oman as the tutor for the trumpet section of the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra. Since returning from the Middle East he has continued to teach and work as a freelance player. David is also involved in the Brass Band movement and has conducted many bands in contests and concerts. If you would like to enquire about a taster lesson on the trumpet, please email Mrs Shaw on r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk.

Wellington School Music Vimeo Channel <https://vimeo.com/channels/wellingtonschoolmusic>



Wednesday 3rd March – 4pm School of Rock Workshop with Suzie McAdam (Years 6,7,8)

The first of two workshops. Suzie has recently played lead roles in West End productions of School of Rock, Kinky Boots and Legally Blonde. She will guide our students through the choreography of Stick it to the Man, make sure you are dressed ready to dance and with space around you. This session is open to all our current Year 6 students and we also invite all our new Year 7 starters from Sept 2021.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Friday 5th March – Science Photography Competition (Yrs 4-13)

Mr Moy invites you to take photos of:

The sky at night

Small things

Chemical reactions

and Under pressure.... Prizes available to the top 3 entries!



UNIFORM SALE

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Our uniform suppliers, Schoolblazer, are running a sale with up to one third off selected uniform to help parents get ready for the return to school. The sale will run from 1st – 15th March.

LOCKDOWN STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception Kira Burbrick

1P Harry Talling and Sam Garrett

2W Charlie Burgess and Benedict Varley

3C Isobel Howe and Rowan Huntley

3W George Fraser

4M Iona Shaw, Queenie Spurdle and Ethan Jacob

4N Haydn Slocombe, Oliver Burnell and Thomas Luter

5L Freya Govier, Amba Barthakur and Jenny Eden

5S Isabelle Hansard

6H Oliver Heaton-Jones, Harry Cheshire and Anna Magauran

6L Evie Heywood and Mungo Fasham

Sport Star of the Week: Leo Farinha 6L

Drama Star of the Week: Lily Park 3C

Music Stars of the Week: Jamie Williams 2W and all the wonderful pupils who performed in the Lockdown Concert

Music Merits – Jack Holloway 5S, Sebastian Fasham 5L, Duke Solvo 3W

Oscar Barker 6L, Mungo Fasham 6L and Joseph Sharpe 6H

LOCKDOWN HOUSEPOINTS WINNERS

Year 2 and Year 3



WPS CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday	4.00pm	All Years	Jonah-Man Jazz Singing Session	Mrs Shaw – Teams link will be sent on Monday
Tuesday	4.00pm	Years 5 and 6	Gardening Club	Mrs Lyon Taylor
Wednesday	4.00pm	Years 3 – 6	Yoga Club	Miss Rewbury – Teams link will be sent on Wednesday
Wednesday	4.00pm	Years 6,7 and 8	School of Rock Workshop	Details and Teams link above
Thursday	4.00pm	Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2	Storytime	Mrs Wheller - Teams link will be sent on Thursday
Friday	4.00pm	Years 4 – 13	Photography competition	Mr Moy – details above
Friday	4.30pm	Welly Radio		Mrs Richardson and Mr Renyard

‘THE DIRECTORY’

Each week Mr Renyard, as Head of Co-Curricular 3-18, produces 'The Directory'. This booklet 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/gydg/>