

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed having everyone back this week and we are now back to the usual routines. I have spoken to the children in Years 3 to 6 at lunchtime and encouraged them to come and talk to us when they have a good idea we could implement in school. This followed us revisiting the arrangements when the children come up for lunch at the servery. Pupil Voice has an important part to play at Wellington Prep School and staff have discussed ways of increasing the opportunities for this. In Year 6 this was addressed in September when the Prefect roles were relaunched, introducing peer mentors, catering, reading, library, recycling, bus and playground equipment roles. School Council will reconvene and new positions as 'Learning Detectives' will be introduced when we return after Easter.

Mrs Bassindale has been inundated with teachers requesting to populate the calendar for next term with events, fixtures and exciting adventures, and we will be publishing potential dates as soon as we can to help with your future planning.

In the meantime, we will continue to enjoy the rest of term and I look forward to seeing as many of Years 3 to 6 as possible tomorrow morning for Saturday Sport and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes
Vics Richardson

WORLD BOOK DAY

A huge thank you to all the students who dressed up for World Book Day, and adults too (below is a super photo of Mrs Middleton as Gandalf). It was superb to see so many costumes and different book characters come to life. We are delighted to announce that we have not just one, but three winners for our costume competition. A huge congratulations to:

- Arthur Greany 2W
- Charlie Eustace 3C
- Otsile Magang 4N

All these children have won a specially-selected book each. Congratulations, and enjoy!

NURSERY

The Nursery children have had a busy week making cards for a special day on Sunday!



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



RECEPTION

Reception children had such a lot of fun during Friday's Field Day, the children made their own cardboard dogs, named them and made dog beds. The role play area was turned into a vets and the children learnt about caring for a dog. The children were treated to stories written by some of our Year 13 students, walked dogs and finished the day with an agility course, wearing dog ears!



Reception class have really enjoyed being back at school, seeing friends and returning to a degree of normality. The children have had a busy week making Mother's Day cards and painting a big red bus. Next week they will be offering dinosaur tours! The children have impressed Mrs Wheller with their reading, writing and number skills which have continued to progress throughout home learning. Thank you to our wonderful parents for their continued support.



YEAR 1

Due to the high winds, Year 1 were not able to attend their much-anticipated outing to Forest School this week. However, this did not stop the children from having lots of outdoor fun. The children kept themselves busy by building a make-believe campfire and cooking kebabs. Other children played Hide and Seek and What's the Time Mr Wolf? The children finished the session with tossing the Caber! This followed on from Paddington taking the class to Scotland this week. We then headed back to the classroom for hot chocolate and brioche. Delicious!



This is the third week of performance poetry in Year 1. The children wrote and performed some very thoughtful poems about coming back to school and have really enjoyed all being together in the classroom for their performance.

YEAR 2

It's been wonderful to have all of Year 2 back together this week. The children have carried on their topic of Explorers to look at the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong and his team. 2W have been brilliant at recalling facts and writing about why Neil Armstrong was so significant. In English, the children have been using the film 'Up' as inspiration to write their own explorer-inspired adventure stories. During our maths sessions, the children have been learning about the properties of different 2-D shapes and have become little experts at vertices and number of sides.



Continuing our theme of Spring, Year 2 have learnt all about nesting. The children had an opportunity to help make a nesting box before returning to school for some hot chocolate and a biscuit.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been talking about ways to manage their worries, to give space in their hearts for hope. The children talked about strategies for coping with worries; who they could share their worries with. When the children have shared their worries, they talked about ways to distract themselves, cuddling their teddies or pets, and exercising.



YEAR 4

It has been so lovely to see all of Year 4 back in school. There has been a lovely atmosphere and the children have had a lot of fun. In English, Year 4 have been looking at limericks. Their main focus has been Edward Lear's Book of Nonsense, the children have had great fun learning and performing limericks as well as making up their own, here is just a sample of what the children wrote:

There was a young woman of Bath
Who rode her horse on the path
One day she fell off
And she had a bad cough
But decided to not cry but to laugh
By Daisy

There was an old woman of France
Who looked very nice at first glance
But when you got close
She had a blue nose
And no-one would give her a chance
By Sophie

There was a cute dog from Lingo
Who loved to play number Bingo
He found a cave
And felt very brave
That cute little dog of Lingo
By Dakota

There was an old woman from Oake
Who loved nothing more than to smoke
One day she caught fire
And as the flames grew higher
All you could hear was her choke
By Florence

There was a young man from Bath
Who liked to walk on a path
He fell in a hole
And met a big mole
And then forgot how to do maths
By Haydn

There was a young man from Bath
Whose neck was like a giraffe
He could see so high
Right up to the sky
He could also fold it half
By Hasan



In Science this week, Year 4 have continued to find out about the digestive system. Earlier this week, the children carried out a very messy experiment in order to learn the different parts of the digestive system and what each part does before waste is produced! It was great fun!



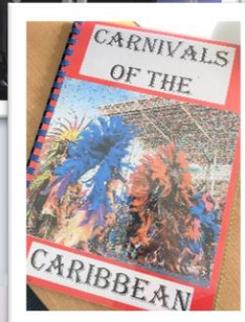
CROCHET CLUB WITH MISS REWBURY

A great start to crochet club for Years 3 and 4 this week! The children began to learn the basic chain stitch and looked for inspiration on what they would like to create over the following weeks.



YEAR 5

The return of Year 5 to the classroom has been hugely exciting and to celebrate the occasion the children have been sharing and presenting their individual Caribbean projects that were created throughout lockdown. The children began the presentations with written projects and digital projects, allowing them to demonstrate their research skills, independence and presentation skills.



YEAR 6

Year 6 word-problems solved, this is how we do it!!!

- 2 Emma, Hannah, Holly and Amira had a race. Emma ran twice as fast as Hannah. Hannah ran twice as fast as Holly. Amira's race time was 6 s more than Emma's. The total of all four race times was 3 min 18 s. Who was second in the race and what was her time?

Amira: s
 Emma: s
 Hannah: s
 Holly: s

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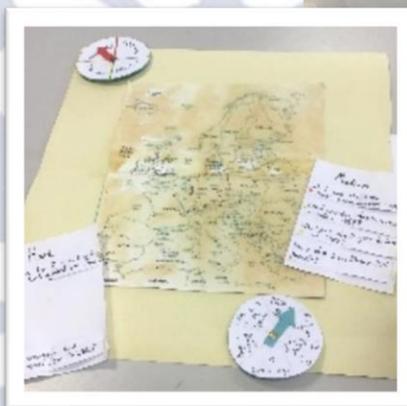
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Year 6 making their World War II board games, showing what they have learnt from the topic and here are the Games in progress.....



MUSIC NOTES



Nursery – Year 2

In music this week the Nursery children sang a song for the letter G. Reception started work on their song for the Easter Bonnet parade, and Years 1 and 2 worked really hard on their bits of Jonah-Man Jazz. It has been wonderful to hear and see the children singing together again.

Years 3 – 6

The children have worked hard on their singing this week now we are back in school again and can enjoy singing together. All Prep pupils from Year 1 upwards will be learning some of the Jonah-Man Jazz songs ready to be recorded at the end of term. Years 5 and 6 have also continued to read and write stave notation.

Music Teachers



This week we say hello to Mrs Jerrold. Mrs Jerrold's Father took her to a concert at the Festival Hall when she was eleven years old to hear Evelyn Barbirolli play the oboe; Evelyn was wearing a beautiful red velvet dress. A few months later, Mrs Jerrold's father came home with an oboe for her – he hadn't realised the dress had impressed her more! Mrs Jerrold spent four years at the Royal College of Music and then freelanced and taught in London. She moved to Taunton in her early married years where she played for the Dillington Wind Quintet and other local orchestras. This was followed by fifteen years in Warminster building up a school, having children, playing and teaching in the Bath and Salisbury area.

Back to Taunton in 1994 where she was one of Mr Trehella's first appointments and she had one reluctant pupil! Pupils are no longer reluctant and life is full of playing, teaching and learning to be a granny. If you would like to enquire about a taster lesson on the oboe, please email Mrs Shaw on

r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk

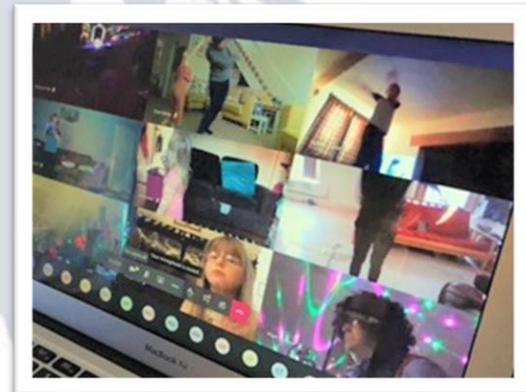
Wellington School Music Vimeo Channel <https://vimeo.com/channels/wellingtonschoolmusic>

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)



We hope you all had a fantastic time at our 'Back to School Disco' last Sunday. It was so lovely to see thirty-five families joining in and hearing all of the shout-outs to your friends and teachers. A big thank you to our DJ, Mr Renyard and his family, for keeping the tunes going and staying on for an extra thirty-five minutes to play all of your requests.

Don't forget, if you are new to the school, we have a Facebook Page, so please do go and like us to keep up to date with all our events and news - Wellington Prep School FoWPS.



SPORT AND WELLBEING

Saturday 13th March – Saturday Sport

Saturday morning sport continues for the next two Saturday mornings. It would be great to see as many of you as possible! Boys, you will need your hockey kit! Hockey/netball to start with, then followed by the Welly Run, drop off on the Quad and pick up by the astro:

Year 3 & 4 Girls and Boys – 8:30-9:30am

Year 5 & 6 Girls and Boys – 9:00-10:30am

Boys hockey

A reminder for all boys this term: you must bring your hockey kit to each Games session (you don't need it for Wellbeing lessons). You can leave your kit at school for the rest of term so you will never forget it! *Mr Greany*



READING CHALLENGE AWARDS

Mr Warren is delighted we are finally able to award the children who had completed last year's Wellington Book World Cup. A huge congratulations to all of you, we hope that you enjoy wearing your fantastic, new badges.

Dahl Award

Hasan Gul
 Elsa Mackey
 Haydn Slocombe
 Mia Greany
 Finley Coulston

Lewis Award

Clemmie Lyon-Taylor
 Jenny Eden
 Freya Govier
 Emilia Pearse
 Harry Frearson

Rowling Award

Dexter Middleton-Smith
 Ella MacAllister
 Robert Stepney
 Oliver Heaton-Jones



STARS OF THE WEEK

Charlie Park **Reception**
 Luke Coate and Isla Ingham-Cooke **1P**
 Alexander Robinson **2W**
 Emma Coate **3C** Riel Farinha **3W**
 Maggie Seaton **4M** Dakota Johns **4N**
 Maisie Frost **5L** Eva Hope **5S**
 Bethany Whitehead **6H** Edith Mortimer **6L**

Sport Star of the Week: Harriet Fletcher **5S**

Reading Star of the Week: Alasdair McLaren **1P**

Music Stars of the Week: Sienna Wright **2W** and Evangeline Stone **5S**

Music Merit: Samuel Turner **5S**

Drama Stars of the Week: Eva Hope **5S**, Romilly Page-Turner **6L**, Amy Colman **6L**, Joseph Sharpe **6H**, Mary van der Beugel **6H** and Sophie Gray **6L**



HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER 431 **APOLLO 435** **VIKING 479** **GALILEO 438**



DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday			WPS Parents' Meetings (Monday – Thursday)
	13:00	15:15	Nursery and Reception - Forest School
Tuesday	09:00	12:30	3W Outdoor Education
	13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 - Swimming
	17:05	18:55	After School Cricket - Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	13:00	15:30	Year 1 Forest School
	14:00	20:00	Full Governing Body
Thursday	13:00	15:30	Year 2 Forest School
Friday	13:00	15:15	Nursery - Forest School

'THE DIRECTORY'

Each week Mr Nyreard, 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/efwy/>