

**MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON**

Dear Parents

Yes, it is true, we are holding a day-long birthday party at school next Friday and we will celebrate all of the birthday parties that have not happened this past year. Some of the teachers have had big birthdays too, that they have managed to keep secret.... The children can wear home clothes for the day, party dresses are allowed, and we ask that children have a pair of trainers in school so they can take part in their timetabled Games lessons. The day will end at the normal time and there will be clubs as usual.



It is important that I keep you informed of developments that are taking shape behind the scenes, and which will not be fully visible but are so important. The Academic Curriculum is being mapped and will be compared again horizontally in Sections to identify cross-curricular opportunities, as well as vertically, to ensure a seamless transition to the Senior School. The new PSHEE policy is available to view on the school website and information is being gathered that will form our Self Evaluation Form for when we are inspected.

It is certainly a busy time at WPS, tours are being booked for prospective parents again, and I thanked your children in Celebration Assembly today for being our best Ambassadors!

With best wishes  
*Vics Richardson*



Click on the following link to view a recording of the recent Mental Health Webinar: [Link](#)

**EARLY YEARS**

This week Early Years children have focused on continuing with an activity when challenges occur. Mrs Wheller has been delighted to see the Reception children persisting with reading when some of the words are tricky, and problem-solving the best way to build a block tunnel. All are excited by the challenges during balance bike sessions and many can now cycle a pedal bike around the sports hall. This week in Nursery, the children have been using the geoboards and elastic bands to build finger strength. The children found this difficult but didn't give up! We are very proud of their work.



The Purbrick family brought their Welsh mountain black breed lambs to Forest School. The children fed them with bottles of milk and played with them in the meadow and had such a lovely morning.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 children were so happy to be back at Forest School this week. The children would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Purbrick for bringing their lambs to our woodland, the children loved feeding and playing with them. We also celebrated St Patrick's day with our very own leprechaun and some lucky toast which was decorated with shamrock-shaped cucumber pieces. To help complete our RSPB Silver Award, the children searched for animal homes, they also had plenty of time to play together in the sunshine.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been working hard this week on 2-D shapes and have continued to look at their properties such as sides, vertices and lines of symmetry. The children had great fun organising their shapes into groups and have mastered words such as 'polygon' and 'quadrilateral'. In preparation for Easter, the children have also been busy making their own fun Easter cards that are now ready to finish next week! The children also looked at the life of their next explorer, Ranulph Fiennes, and were very interested in the difficulties that he (and other similar explorers) faced when crossing the Antarctic.



Year 2 had a lovely time at forest school yesterday. The children enjoyed searching for different animal homes and then ticking them off the list to complete their wild challenge silver certificate.

## YEAR 3

The children in 3W had a super, sunny morning of Outdoor Education with Mr Renyard. The children had fun building 3D maps of Forest School, planting seeds, learning compass points and enjoying delicious hot cross buns around the firepit. Thank you to Mr Renyard for giving 3W such a special morning.



Year 3 completed their Greek mythology art project based on Pandora's box. The children designed and created butterflies out of clay to pop into their Pandora's box. The butterflies represent 'Hope' that remains after Pandora had inadvertently released evil spirits into the world.



## YEAR 4

Topic work in Year 4 this term has been clothing. In History, the children have learnt about clothing through time, and in Geography they have been looking at where their clothes come from. This week the children have been learning about recycling household objects but in particular recycling clothes. In art they have been recycling old T-shirts, which had been grown out of or no longer needed. The children have been very creative and made fantastic useful bags from the old t-shirts.



## YEAR 5

Class 5S have been spending recent Art lessons looking at the historical Slavic folklore tale involving the Baba Yaga. In Slavic culture, the Baba Yaga is portrayed as a hut standing on chicken legs. The class have been very creative with their own paintings and interpretations of this famous image. Dexter even crafted his own Baba Yaga!! Who's inside the hut?! Well done, 5S.



Year 5 have worked incredibly hard on their Caribbean projects over the last few weeks. The children have now shared their presentations with the class and the standard was really high.



Years 5 and 6 have built some beautiful bird boxes for our new gardening space. With very brief written instructions, the children showed real problem-solving and teamwork skills to construct the boxes accurately. By the end of term, we hope to have treated them with exterior varnish, added the finishing touches and hung them outside.

## YEAR 6

6H have written some wonderful postcards to Old Wellingtonians. The children have shared their own personal enjoyments about school, news of recent class events and asked some very empathetic questions to consider how our whole school community has managed in lockdown.



## MUSIC NOTES



Nursery and Reception children have been working hard on their song for the Easter Bonnet parade next week.

All pupils in Years 1-6 have been working hard this week to perfect their Jonah-Man Jazz songs in readiness for a big day of recording on Tuesday. Featuring a few soloists from across the school – be sure not to miss the link to our performance when it is sent out over the Easter holidays.

Congratulations to our brilliant Jonah-Man Jazz Award winners who submitted recordings of one, two, three or more songs.

Well done! **Bronze** Tom Page-Turner 5L, Jacob Greenlee 5L and Haydn Slocombe 4N  
**Gold** Beatrice Varley 6L  
**Platinum** Oliver Altoft 3C and Lily Robinson 5L

On Sunday, we have a glorious eclectic Senior Virtual Lunchtime Concert being released on social media, for you to settle down and enjoy some fabulous performances from our talented students.

### Music Teachers This Week - Simon Kodurand



Mr Kodurand graduated from both the Royal College and Royal Academy of Music, where he was awarded the Rowsby Woof Scholarship.

An experienced performer on both the modern and baroque violin, Mr Kodurand has performed and recorded with many of the country's leading ensembles. Mr Kodurand has also performed live radio/television broadcasts for the BBC and HTV, and internationally on American, Mexican and Spanish radio. As a lecturer Mr Kodurand has given numerous presentations on the relationship between music and art at the National Gallery in London, the Holburne Museum, and at a number of galleries around the U.K. Alongside his work at Wellington School, Mr Kodurand also runs a busy private teaching studio, and has given masterclasses at Goldsmith's University, Bristol University, and at the Royal Academy of Music Junior Department. If you would like to enquire about a taster lesson on the violin, please email Mrs Shaw on [r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk](mailto:r.shaw@wellington-school.org.uk)

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

## SPORT AND WELLBEING

Well done to everyone in Years 3-6 who attended Sport last Saturday, same again this Saturday: hockey/netball followed by the Welly Run. This is excellent practice for the Lungley Dash which will be taking place on Wednesday afternoon!

### Details for Saturday:

Year 3 & 4 Girls and Boys – 8:30-9:30am (please meet at the school quad, pick up by astro)  
 Year 5 & 6 Girls and Boys – 9:00-10:30am (please meet at the school quad, pick up by astro)

Next week: Years 3-6, girls and boys please ensure they have hockey kit with them for all of their Wellbeing or Games sessions! We will be playing some fun mixed hockey and netball matches!



## '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/ygvv/>

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Alexander Parsons **Reception**

Hayley Chong **1P**

Ariana Nicholson **2W**

Benton Fletcher **3C** Leo Lam **3W**

Monty Howe **4M** Grace du Toit **4N**

Devon Thomas **5L** Evangeline Stone **5S**

Dilly Mackenzie **6H** Shayan Barthakur **6L**

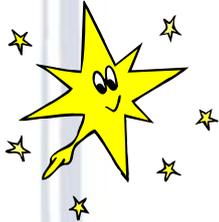
**Sport Star of the Week:** Jenny Eden **5L**

**Reading Star of the Week:** Robert Bambridge **2W**

**Music Stars of the Week:** Xavier Flight (**Rec**) and Fred Barnes **5L**

**Music Merits:** Bella Whitelaw **3W**, Thomas Luter **4N** and Amba Barthakur **5L**

**Drama Star of the Week:** Georgia Spooner **4N**



**PIONEER 406**

**APOLLO 328**

**VIKING 396**

**GALILEO 379**



## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday	09:00	12:30	3C Outdoor Education
	13:00	15:15	Nursery and Reception - Forest School
Tuesday	09:00	09:30	Easter Chapel and Easter Bonnet Parade
	13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 - Swimming
Wednesday	13:00	15:30	Year 1 Forest School
	14:00	15:30	Years 3 - 8 Lungley Dash
Thursday	13:00	13:30	Paper Aeroplane Challenge (Reception - Year 8)
	13:00	15:30	Year 2 Forest School
Friday	10:55	11:10	Final Assembly and Golden Leaves
			Birthday Day Celebrations




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# HOCKEY CAMPS

9.30am-4pm  
29th-30th March & 1st-2nd April  
**Open to years 5-10**

Booking will be available on [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)  
(See direct link in our bio)

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Wellington School, TA21 8NT



## HOCKEY CAMP

If you would like to catch up on some extra hockey, please join Mr Sampson and Mr Durston on their Hockey Camp at Wellington School at the beginning of the Easter holidays. The camp is specifically tailored for fun, development and all-round hockey improvements, click the following link to book onto the camp:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/inspirehockey?embed=1>