

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

The quiet mood in which we started this term is in stark contrast to the excitement and celebrations we have enjoyed today. Endless 'Happy Birthday' greetings were heard in the corridors and classrooms, the children enjoyed a super fish and chip lunch with ice lollies, and there were birthday games and activities throughout the day. It has been so lovely to celebrate everyone's birthday today and to join in with the parties. We thank the Friends of Wellington Prep School for the yummy cakes, and the teachers and staff who blew up the balloons, especially Miss Luke!

There are a few housekeeping points regarding uniform before next term as the current situation will continue when we return after Easter, the changing rooms will be out of use and the children should come to school in sports kit if they have SPW or a sports club after school. Girls will have the option of wearing either the current pinafore uniform or a Schoolblazer summer dress. The link to full uniform information is [here](#).

The Second Hand Uniform Sale is to be held on Monday 12th April, from 10.00am until 12noon. The sale will be held outside the ARC (Alan Rogers Centre, to the right of the Sports Centre) or in the ARC Foyer if it is raining. This is a popular event so please do plan your timing accordingly.

We are planning to publish the calendar for next term in half-termly sections. In order to give you an accurate picture we are waiting until the last minute to print but do expect this in your children's book bags in the first few days of term. There are a few dates which we thought you would appreciate a heads up on.....

Sports Day - Friday 25th June

Aquathon - Saturday 2nd July in the morning

Commemoration Day - Thursday 8th June in the afternoon

For now, I wish you all a restful Easter and we will email over the holidays with any return to school information.

With best wishes
Vics Richardson



SPORT AND WELLBEING

It was brilliant to finally be able to get one of our fantastic Prep School events underway this week - the Lungley Dash! With the sun shining, our Year 3 and 4 pupils set off with great enthusiasm and flew around the course! It was amazing to see so many smiling faces as they passed through each obstacle. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the challenge of two laps of the course, but with all of the Welly Run practice they have had recently it proved to be no problem for any of them. I was extremely proud of all of our runners yesterday, well done everyone!

Mr Greany

Year 3 and 4 Race Results

Boys

- 1st - Otsile Magang
- 2nd - Thomas Luter
- 3rd - Benton Fletcher

Girls

- 1st - Elsa Mackay
- 2nd - Gracie MacAlister
- 3rd - Georgia Spooner

Special effort award: Ollie Burnell

Year 5 and 6 Race Results

Boys

- 1st - Tom Page-Turner
- 2nd - Mungo Fasham
- 3rd - Samuel Turner

Girls

- 1st - Nerys Jones
- 2nd - Harriet Fletcher
- 3rd - Romilly Page-Turner



EARLY YEARS

The last week in Early Years has been full of Easter fun. At Forest School, the Easter Bunny left eggs for the children to find hidden in the woods and the children had delicious hot cross buns toasted on the fire. On Tuesday we were able to have an Early Years bonnet parade and first visit, for many, to our beautiful school Chapel.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been very busy being Engineers in ADT this week, as they designed and made their own vehicles. They learnt lots of useful techniques such as making stable bases, cylinders and pivots, and also wheels and axles that turn. The children then evaluated their vehicles. To practise their evaluative skills even further, they then evaluated different flavours of chocolate by comparing appearance, smell and taste. Each chocolate was given a score. The favourite seemed to be the Smarties Chocolate Buttons because they were colourful.



Forest School this week had a distinct Easter theme, with the children completing an alphabetical order Easter Egg Hunt and challenge. The children were rewarded with yummy chocolate lollies for their hard work. At snack time the children enjoyed hot chocolate and delicious hot cross buns which had been toasted on the campfire. They had a lovely time in the Spring sunshine.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a superb week learning all about compass points in topic, as well as looking at some of the animals that Ranulph Fiennes may have come across on his polar expeditions. The children learnt all about the different compass points and focused on where we live in the world in relation to other countries using these directions. 2W had great fun drawing animals and placing them up and down our Arctic and Antarctic corridor, where there were killer whales, polar bears, arctic foxes and even penguins spotted! In English, the children have worked extremely hard on their adventure stories and have written some truly superb tales inspired by the film 'Up'.

Well done, 2W!

Year 2 had an 'Eggcellent' time at Forest School!! The children started off with an Easter Egg Hunt, searching in particular for a "Golden Egg". This was followed by an opportunity to make and eat some tasty s'mores around the campfire.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have celebrated Easter with new beginnings. Both classes planted their marigold seeds at Forest School and have been patiently waiting for them to germinate over the past week. In RS they children decorated their marigold pots and learnt about the importance of Easter and the Holy week.



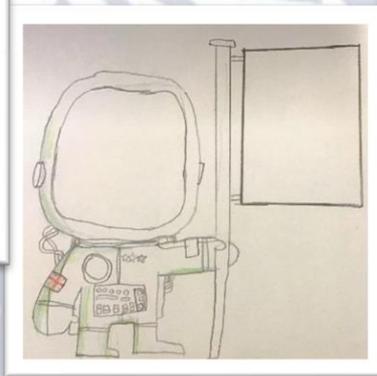
YEAR 4

It has been a fantastic and very busy last week of term for all the children. Year 4 have worked incredibly hard in maths, they have been writing nonsense poems in English and making Easter cards to send to Chelston Gardens Nursing Home. Our Easter cards have been made as part of our Archie project, and the children have taken great care to produce colourful cards and wish everyone a Happy Easter.

On Wednesday afternoon there was much excitement as the children took part in the Lungley Dash. We were so lucky with the weather and everyone had a lovely time. Thursday has been the Paper Aeroplane challenge, and the children have created a variety of different aeroplanes to see whose would travel the furthest. Today is party day! Have a lovely Easter everyone.



In Space to Create Club, the pupils have produced some amazing drawings and been preparing for Easter by getting very creative with some lovely Easter Crafts.



YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been comparing decimal numbers and explaining why a character in MNP was wrong. The children have also been learning how to convert fractions into decimals. In English the children practised writing dialogue, using the correct punctuation. They enjoyed visiting the chapel on Tuesday for a short Easter service with Reverend Clifton. The children also loved the paper aeroplane challenge, with William Eustace creating the aeroplane that travelled the furthest distance in 5L and Dexter Middleton-Smith going the furthest in 5S.

Gardening Club

Our WPS Gardening Club children have been so busy this term, both on-site and remotely, setting up the plot and getting our produce underway. There has been huge enthusiasm for every part of the project and great commitment to all the responsibilities involved. What a transformation! The potatoes have been chitted and planted, the wildflower seed laid, the beans placed in situ and the bug hotel started. The children voted on a name this week and Dilly's "Magnolia Corner" was the top favourite. We are looking forward to an official opening early in the Summer Term. What a transformation!



YEAR 6

This week 6L learnt about the life of Oskar Schindler. Although initially a spy for Nazi Germany and a member of the Nazi Party, he later saw the suffering of Jewish workers and worked tirelessly to save 1,200 of them under the very noses of the Nazi SS. The idea that people can change for the better has never been more clearly demonstrated.



Year 6 playing their WW2 board game.



PAPER AEROPLANE CHALLENGE

Well done to Jack Pipe in 6H, winner of the Paper Aeroplane Challenge with a flight of 17.8m!

MUSIC NOTES



Nursery and Reception It was wonderful to hear the Reception and Nursery children singing their Easter Song in the chapel on Tuesday.

Years 1 – 6 A big congratulations to all pupils from Years 1 to 6 who sang beautifully for our Jonah-Man Jazz recordings this week. A special mention for those pupils who were selected to sing in a solo group – your singing was purely magical.

Year 5 group violin lessons have relaunched with Emma Waller and pupils are making good progress. The final groups will have their three sessions after Easter, and then anyone who would like to explore the violin a little further will be offered a taster lesson. We are very much looking forward to the end of June when hopefully, we will be able to invite parents and friends in for some live music events. All the choirs are rehearsing new repertoire in readiness for this!

Enjoy your Easter holidays
 Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ridley

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



Music Half Colours Awarded to:

Sebastian Fasham **5L**
 Harry Eve **6L**
 Henry Barker **6H**
 Oliver Heaton-Jones **6H**

Mungo Fasham **6L**
 Oscar Barker **6L**
 Rafaela Varney **6H**

DRAMA

We have had an exciting term in Drama. School of Rock workshops, LAMDA tuition, rehearsals starting for our summer productions and a fantastic virtual poetry competition which saw entries from across Year 3-6.



Half colours in Drama have been awarded in the Prep school for the first time and we were extremely proud of our LAMDA students who all achieved the top grade in their recent examinations.

We look forward to opening our brand new Stage School in January, the first session is free of charge and although spaces are very limited it is not too late to sign up. Please email drama@wellington-school.org.uk In September we hope to open up Stage School to external students so please do spread the word!

I would like to say thank you to all students who entered a poem into our competition, the poems made me smile through lockdown as they appeared in my inbox. I would also like to congratulate our winners on their fantastic performances. Some of these can be seen here: <https://vimeo.com/529314076/3110cbc64e> Joseph Sharpe 6H was the winner of Best Overall Performance and you can see this fantastic piece of work by following this link <https://vimeo.com/529314448/dacb1b173d>

Mrs Davis

LAMDA Certificates Grade 1

Year 6

Beatrix de Bernhardt Horler
 Nerys Jones
 Robert Stepney
 Joseph Sharpe
 Mary van der Beugel
 Alex Seaton
 Matilda Read
 Amy Colman
 Finley Coulston
 Oliver Heaton-Jones
 Darcey Smith
 Romilly Page-Turner and Anna Magauran

Year 5

Emilia Pearce
 Amba Barthakur
 Eva Hope
 Jack Debenham
 Freddie Thompson
 Mia Greany

Grade 1 Acting Solo (Distinction) Joseph Sharpe

Drama Half Colours: Nerys Jones Amy Colman Sophie Gray Joseph Sharpe
Mary van der Beugel Finley Coulston Romilly Page-Turner

GOLDEN LEAF AWARDS

Charlotte Bailey **Reception**

Elizabeth Dacre **1P**

Zac Steil **2W**

Amanda Webber **3C** Duke Solvo **3W**

Queenie Spurdle **4M** Charlotte Reader Buttars **4N**

Lily Robinson **5L** Bobby Stewart **5S**

Beatrix de Bernhardt Horler **6H** Finley Coulston **6L**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Sport Star of the Week: Anna Magauran **6H**

Drama Star of the Week: Jack Debenham **5L**

Music Merits: Evelyn McLaren **4M**, Ethan Jacob **4M**, Elsa Mackey **4N**,
Holly Adams **5S**, Oliver Heaton-Jones **6H**, Shayan Barthakur **6L**, Robert Stepney **6L**

HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER 391 APOLLO 424 VIKING 417 GALILEO 413

DIARY FOR FIRST WEEK AFTER EASTER

19-Apr-21	Mon			Staff INSET Day
20-Apr-21	Tue	08:30		Start of Summer Term
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
21-Apr-21	Wed	13:00	15:30	Year 1 Forest School
22-Apr-21	Thu	13:00	15:30	Year 2 Forest School
23-Apr-21	Fri	13:00	15:00	Reception class visit to The Farm
		13:00	15:15	Nursery - Forest School
24-Apr-21	Sat	09:00	10:00	Years 3 and 4 Saturday Sport
		10:00	11:00	Years 5 and 5 Saturday Sport
25-Apr-21	Sun			

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)

Great news - we are restarting our Walk n Talk events after the Easter break! We do hope many of you can join us for a walk, talk, take-away coffee or maybe even an ice-cream, as we explore Wellington and the surrounding area. Everyone is very welcome, including younger siblings and pets. All social distancing guidelines will be followed. We will meet in the Prep School car park after drop off, at 08.30am, see you there!

Wednesday 21st April
Thursday 29th April
Friday 7th May
Monday 10th May
Tuesday 18th May
Wednesday 26th May



**FOWPS
PRESENT**

WALK n TALK

Walking for health and to
meet other WPS families

What: 1-2 hr walks

Where: Starting at WPS car park.
In and around Wellington.

Info: Meet outside the old Chapel Nursery.
Be prepared for the British weather. Dogs welcome too!

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