

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

This has been one of my hardest weeks since September. The resilience of some of our children has been tested this week and I admit to feeling frustrated, cross and sad in quick succession. Mr du Toit wrote to Rebecca Pow, the Wellington MP, and you were all sent a copy of his words. I stand by the sentiment of his letter and look for change but sadly this will probably come too late for us as we near the end of term.

Our arrangements are updated daily and as we enter the final week of term we continue to plan for every eventuality. I hope that you enjoy the events that you can participate in and look at photos when you can't. It will be fair to say that we are going to be busy, busy.

With best wishes
Vics Richardson

EARLY YEARS

As we complete the last full week in Reception class, it is a time to reflect on the strange but also quite productive year we have had. We have been encouraged by the progress the children have made and feel confident they are prepared for the exciting adventures ahead of them as they move upstairs to Year 1. As a class reward, the children visited Kira's farm and met the friendly animals. Mrs Purbrick was an amazing host and organised fun activities for the children. Thank you so much, Mrs Purbrick.

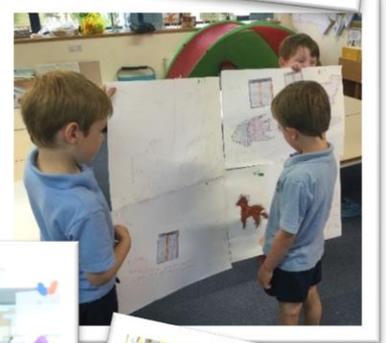


YEAR 1

On Tuesday, Year 1 were busy investigating counting in 5s as part of a collaborative maths journaling lesson. The children loved creating their super-sized posters showing all that they know. There were the number lines, rules for counting in 5s, links between addition and multiplication, and some very creative ways of showing all of this! Well done, Year 1.



On Thursday, we had great fun dressing up as pirates and carrying out lots of pirate-themed activities. The children made treasure chests and were lucky enough to have these filled with treasure by the end of the day! They also made pirate hats, colour-changing telescopes, flags and bracelets. During the afternoon the children accepted the challenge to make a floating ship from a very solid lump of plasticine. Well done, to all the children who persevered and worked out what they needed to do to enable their ship to float.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed starting their animal projects after our brilliant visit to the zoo. The children each picked an animal to focus on and are making giant project posters that will be full of facts and pictures about their animal on one side, whilst showcasing some fun facts about South Africa on the other. The children have also loved using Sumdog this week to reinforce their maths skills and have worked hard on their spellings by spotting Mr Warren's awful mistakes!



YEARS 3 and 4

This week Years 3 and 4 visited our forest School site for an exciting willow weaving workshop! The children developed the concept of weaving from this year's Take One Picture – The Finding of Moses by Orazio Gentileschi. In school, the children practiced various weaving techniques, which led to the idea of weaving with willow. Year 3 developed a range of skills at forest school, from not only the willow weaving workshop but also from having the opportunity to 'strike a pose' and experiment with photography. During the workshop, the pupils created circular photo frames, that will be part of their final piece.



Tuesday afternoon, Year 4 went to our beautiful forest school site for a picnic lunch followed by a willow-weaving workshop with a local artist. Inspired by the basket in our Take One Picture painting, Orazio Gentileschi's 'The Finding of Moses', we learnt how to weave fabulous local willow from the Somerset levels. The children had a great time and made some beautiful creations to frame the work we have done at school. They experimented with the willow and created a range of products, such as photo frames, fish and even a Moses basket!



Year 4 had great fun earlier this week when they took part in a Body Percussion workshop. There were no musical instruments, but the children made music using their feet and hands, it sounded amazing and everyone was thoroughly engaged and smiling.



YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been converting units of length in Maths. In English, the children's spy stories are being edited and are almost ready to print! In History, they have completed their Viking shields. In Science, they designed a garden for bees for a competition linked to the NHS. They have practised their violins in music lessons. It has been such a busy week!



YEAR 6

As part of their History topic, Year 6 examined Live Aid (1985), its importance within the decade and its ongoing impact in society today. They listened to performances by Status Quo and Queen and then created alternative posters to advertise the 'Day the Music Changed the World.'

MUSIC UPDATE



After long months of rehearsing at first online and then in bubbles, the Prep School singers finally had their chance to perform together, live to an audience. In beautiful, if slightly windy conditions, and accompanied by a band of Senior School pupils, the Prep Choir and the Prep members of the Chamber Choir performed Michael Herd's Jonah-Man Jazz to a packed (albeit socially distanced) playground of their fellow pupils and staff. The six songs telling the familiar tale of 'Jonah and the Whale' were linked by narrations delivered with aplomb by the Year 6 children. It was a wonderful scene to behold – thanks to all those who made it possible.



On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 students recorded their Showcase. During the year, pupils in Year 5 have participated in violin taster sessions where they have been introduced to the violin and had a chance to play in a group. Each group performance was recorded, as well as a song and a poem performed by the whole year group. The video of this event will be released in due course. Our thanks to Mrs Waller for all her hard work with the children.



DRAMA UPDATE

Another exciting week in Drama, winding up to our productions on Monday at the McMillan. Stage School students enjoyed building choreography to new songs and we ran our first dance trial sessions with 51 students involved in ballet and modern tuition.



SPORT UPDATE/MATCH REPORTS

Nursery and Reception Sports Day.

This will take place on Monday 5th July, 1.00pm - 2.00pm, please see the parent portal sent on Wednesday for details.

2021 Aquathon!

This is taking place this Saturday 3rd July. The event will be between 9.00am and 12.00pm with staggered race times for the different age groups as below:

- 9.00am – 10.00am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 10.00am – 11.00am: Years 3 and 4
- 11.00am – 12.00pm: Years 5 and 6

Contestants should arrive 'swim ready'. Other kit needed: swimming hat for long hair, goggles, trainers, T-shirt (and shorts if needed) to run in, towel. Please drop off at the Quad and pick up from the Astro at the relevant time for your child's year group. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to stay and watch this year, but staff will be on hand to assist with the transition section and enthusiastically cheer on the children during the race!

Distances:

- Year 6 - Swim 8 lengths and run 3 laps of School Field
- Year 5 - Swim 6 lengths and run 2 laps of School Field
- Year 4 - Swim 4 lengths and run 2 laps of School Field
- Year 3 - Swim 3 lengths and run 1 lap of School Field
- Year 2 - Swim 6 widths and run 1 Junior lap (approx. 500 metres)
- Year 1 - Swim 4 widths and run 1 Junior loop (approx. 200 metres)
- Reception - Swim 2 widths run half a Junior loop

WPS Swimming Gala, Years 3-6

Please note that the swimming gala will take place on Tuesday 6th July. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this year, all children in Years 3-6 will need their swimming kit.

FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PREP SCHOOL (FoWPS)



As we finish the last full week of school, it is a good time to reflect on the past year for the Friends of Wellington Prep School (FOWPS). Even though we have not been able to host many in-person fundraising events, we have managed to offer ideas of activities throughout lockdown on our Facebook page, organised an online

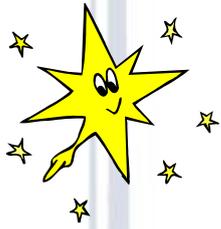
balloon race, hosted a virtual back to school disco with DJ Renyard, arranged Zoom scavenger hunts and quizzes for classes, and of course, planned a variety of Walk n Talk groups in and around Wellington for parents. This is all thanks to a group of 17 volunteer parents who are busy giving up their free time to help build these strong relationships across the school community.

A huge THANK YOU to all our supporters and helpers - without you, we would not be able to raise money, which we can then put back into the school for all of our children to enjoy. We have had some great bids this year from a variety of areas across the school and were very happy to support them.

FOWPS spending 2020 - 2021

- 2 x laser guns for the laser run and shoot after school club = £522.00
- Reading challenge badges for each award (Dahl, Lewis and Rowling) = £420.00
- Prep School allotment - including tools, shed, wood, soil and equipment = £999.00
- Whole Prep school birthday party cupcakes for each pupil = £250.00
- New Audio-Visual system, including fixed screen and sound for the Prep School hall = £8134.00
- Books for the school library = £1000

Thank you for all your support this year!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Kira Purbrick Reception

Henry Gardner and Isla Ingham-Cooke 1P

Cara Cavaciuti 2W

Barnaby Govier and Gracie MacAlister 3C Louisa Stepney and Duke Solvo 3W

Ethan Jacob 4M Thomas Luter and Haydn Slocombe 4N

Mia Greany 5L Harriet Fletcher 5S

William Box 6H Anouk van Dijk 6L

Sport Star of the Week: Charlie Park Reception

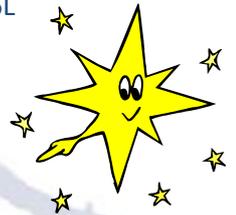
Writing Star of the Week: Bodey Pitman 3C

Drama Star of the Week: Iona Shaw 4M

Music Stars of the Week: All those who took part in Jonah Man Jazz

Music Merits: Ethan Jacob 4M, Clementine Lyon Taylor 4N, Sebastian Fasham 5L, Charlie Pattison 5L

Jack Holloway 5S, Henry Barker 6H, Amy Colman 6L, Matthew Hitchin 6L and Darcey Smith 6L



HOUSE POINTS

GALILEO 406

PIONEER 413

APOLLO 409

VIKING 395

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

05-Jul-21	Mon	08:30	12:00	WPS Moving Up Morning
		13:00	14:00	Early Years Sports Day
		16:00		Year 3 and 4 production at McMillan Theatre
		19:15		Year 6 production at McMillan Theatre

06-Jul-21	Tue	09:30		WPS Leavers' Chapel Service
		am		Inter House Swimming Gala
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
07-Jul-21	Wed	14:00	15:30	Mad Hatter's Tea Party (Nursery - Year 2)
			15:30	End of term for Reception (STAR club available until 6pm)
			15:30	End of Term for Nursery (STAR club available until 6pm)
08-Jul-21	Thurs	08:15	17:30	Welly Boot Holiday Club (Nursery and Reception, pre-booking required)
		09:30		Years 1 – 6 Class Photographs
		14:00		WPS Prizegiving (Years 1 and 2)
		14:20		WPS Prizegiving (Years 3, 4 and 5)
		15:00		WPS Prizegiving (Year 6 and their parents invited for refreshments)
			17:00	WPS End of Term
		17:00	18:00	STAR club available
09-Jul-21	Fri	08:15	17:30	Welly Boot Holiday Club (Nursery and Reception, pre-booking required)

INSPIRE HOCKEY CAMP

If you are looking for a fun and inspiring hockey camp, please come to Wellington School and spend some time on either, or both, of Inspire Hockey Summer Camps. There will be insightful coaching tips, fun games, slip and slide activity, and lots of time making new friendships. There will also be some cool prizes up for grabs, generously donated by Welly Foxes HC, please click on the link below for more details <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/inspirehockey?embed=1>



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