

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

It is no wonder the children are shattered when we think about everything we have packed into the last five and a half weeks. I showed a video clip this morning in Assembly of photos from the half term from across the whole school; the children were excited to see themselves, their siblings, and all of the exciting opportunities available to them now and as they progress through the school. We are a busy but purposeful place!

I handed out the first Golden Leaves of the year, one per class, and I spoke about how the values they reward are so important. We instil in our children the need to do the right thing and encourage them to make the right choices. Sometimes it is tough to make the right decision, even as an adult, and I have been proud of the way our children are developing their own characters. The Golden Rules were agreed by the School Council and staff and are that:

- we respect our own and other people's property
- we listen carefully, work hard and play well
- we treat others as we would like to be treated
- we are honest but not hurtful
- we are aware of others and use our manners
- we make the most of our gifts - our brains, our bodies and our time

I wish all of you a lovely next few weeks, wherever the half term takes you.
Vics Richardson

SPORT UPDATE

An exciting event took place on Wednesday afternoon for our Year 3 and Year 4 children. In a change from the regular sports, football took centre stage as the Wellington teams took to the field with Millfield Prep School. The children enjoyed participating in multiple short matches, whilst supporting each other, on and off the pitch. Goals were shared amongst the Year 3 and Year 4 teams, along with a hearty 'three cheers' at the end! Well done to everyone.

We had a surprise visit this week from Ben Moon, Exeter Chiefs, when he joined the Year 5 and 6 rugby training session.



A special thank you to Emily Parker, International rhythmic gymnastics coach, for coming along to coach our Year 3 and 4 students on Tuesday.



EARLY YEARS

The Nursery children this week have been looking at the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been printing, counting, sorting, sequencing and re-telling the story using story props. During our cooking session, children dressed up as the Hungry Caterpillar and munched on a healthy delicious fruit salad! Whilst the children chopped their fruit, they happily chatted about the story and remembered how many pieces of fruit the caterpillar ate! Yummy, yum!

Mrs Lucas



Wow! Reception children have completed their first half term and now deserve a well-earned rest, they should all be proud of the progress that has been made in such a short time. This week started with a worm hunt at Forest School and chocolate worms for snack. The children collected real worms and brought them back to school to put in the class wormery. They look forward to monitoring what will happen to the different layers of soil over the next few days. The session ended with a game of birds and catch-the-worm in the meadow.

Mrs Wheller



YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have been very busy investigating their senses of sight and hearing. In Science, the children carried out an experiment to find the loudest and quietest objects. They had to ensure a fair test and create a 'sound scale' to measure the different noises that they made. The children have also played listening games, their favourites being 'keeper of the keys' and 'goal ball'. The children found out about how our eyes work and learnt about Louis Braille, this led to them writing their names in Braille. At Forest School, we used all of our senses when making delicious damper bread. This followed on from us thinking about harvest and acting out the story of 'The Little Red Hen' during an English lesson.

Mrs Perry



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a fabulous afternoon at Forest School. With Halloween approaching, 2W had to find 30 pumpkins that were hidden in the forest! After finding them all and arranging them in order, we had a delicious snack of Witches Fingers!

Mrs Webber



Science Club

This week the Prep-Prep Science Club have been investigating floating and sinking. The children learnt about how the density of an object affects its ability to float, and made paper boats. After that, the children completed the challenge to turn a solid lump of plasticine into something that would float.

YEAR 3

Year 3 worked incredibly hard in English to create some double-page spreads, which were non chronological reports about the Stone Age. The children had to come up with questions about an aspect of Stone Age life that they would like to investigate. They researched the answers on iPads and made notes. Finally, the children wrote up all their notes in an engaging way and illustrated their pages beautifully.

The children presented their Science homework topic projects to the class this week. The results were an incredible mix of quizzes, Minecraft pictures, PowerPoint presentations and clay models. Thank you so much to all the Year 3 families for working so hard, click on the links below to see some of the amazing work from Year 3.

<https://vimeo.com/63187776/1886c52a2a>

<https://vimeo.com/631879290/fbc53346b4>

Mrs Coate



YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a very busy week. The children have had rugby and hockey matches at Queens', and a football match at Millfield. In between this, we have continued our work on 'Living Things' in Science. We have been studying biological drawings and how scientists have been drawing pictures of animals for years to help with classification. We have been recreating some pictures by the artist Levon Biss, who takes very detailed photographs of insects. We have had some very pleasing results.

Mrs Needs and Mr Stepney



YEAR 5

Year 5 enjoyed a range of Roman-themed activities on Thursday. The children had great fun making Roman mosaics, learning Roman numerals, building their own aqueducts in teams, and working together to complete a tricky Roman quiz. They even had to solve a murder mystery along the way! Year 5 had a great day.

Mrs Lawrenson and Mr Warren



YEAR 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been busy rehearsing for our Year 6 Showcase. No spoilers, but here are a few 'sneak peek' photos of our practice sessions. The children have also been working hard on multiplication and division, continuing our work on 'Holes' in English, and the abdication of King Edward VIII during History lessons. Preparations are also underway for our French residential in the Summer term and our Sports tour in December.

Mr Hitchin, Mrs Middleton and Mr Lawrenson



PERFORMING ARTS

It's been a busy few weeks in Avenue Music School but we are beginning to feel settled in, and the beautiful building is alive with music all day long. Prep pupils are walking across to do their class music lessons and one-to-one instrumental lessons too, and we also host the Prep and Chamber Choir weekly rehearsals. Year 1 and 2 pupils have started small group violin lessons and our new group, Bridging Strings, meet Mrs Goodall for their rehearsal on Tuesday lunchtimes. Here they are hard at work!

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ridley



We had a pirate themed Stage School on Saturday and students enjoyed creating their own pieces of work! We combined our Year 1 and 2, and 5 and 6, and yet again it was delightful to see leaders emerging! Please remember there is no Stage School this week, the first Prep session back after half term is 6th November. After half term, our attention in the Early Years turns to the Nativity and I am looking forward to embracing the Christmas spirit a little earlier this year as we start rehearsals.

Our first set of LAMDA exams were held this week and congratulations to Rowan and Bella (Year 4), Eva and Lily (Year 6), who now eagerly await their results. There has been quite a bit of Prep School interest in LAMDA and if you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact

drama@wellington-school.org.uk

Mrs Davies



HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMP

There is a half term hockey camp being held at Wellington School on the 18th and 19th October which is run by Inspire Hockey Ltd. The camp promises to offer a fun couple of days delivering technical and game-play coaching.

The camp is proudly sponsored by Welly Fox's Hockey Club, if you are interested in more information please use the following link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BGFQ>



FUN COMPETITIONS

THE LITERACY TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Literacy Trust's annual Christmas Card competition is now live. They are asking children to design a card based on their favourite thing about Christmas. The competition is free to enter for all primary school pupils aged between 5 and 11 in the UK. Entries must be submitted by 5pm on 1 November. 12 winning designs will be chosen by a very special guest judge and will be available to purchase as printed or digital cards from 15 November. All proceeds will support the Trust's vital work to improve the literacy and learning of the most disadvantaged children.

More information can be found here: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/competitions/christmas-card-competition/>
Closing Date: 01/11/2021

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The Poetry Bus Competition

It's time to hop aboard for a poetry adventure, where will your young writer choose to go? From transport and travel or people who help us to pirates, Arctic animals or superheroes, The Poetry Bus is your vehicle for engaging your little learner. This competition is open to children aged 5-7.

More information can be found here: <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS1/poetrybus?view=ind>
Closing Date: 22/10/2021

This is Me Poetry Competition

Young Writers invites your child to write a poem for 'This Is Me' and celebrate themselves in verse. From writing about someone who inspires them to their dreams for the future or even an acrostic using their name or a word that describes them, there is so much to get your child enjoying poetry writing. This competition is for children aged 7-11.

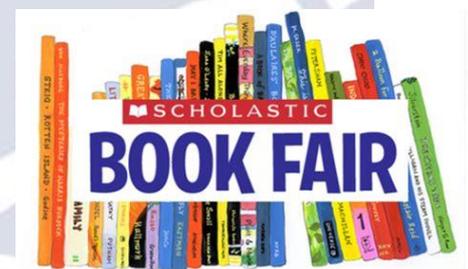
More information can be found here: <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS2/thisisme?view=ind>
Closing Date: 22/10/2021

WPS BOOK FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Book Fair last week. It was lovely to see so many of you, and thanks to your generosity we raised just over £800! This will be used to fund new books for the Library and to assist our exciting Book World Cup challenges for this year.

Many thanks to you all!

Aaron Warren and Lindsey Stanton



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL (Prep)

A big thank you to the 121 of you that attended our Movie Night last Friday! It was fantastic to see the new AV system in action (The Friends purchased this last October for the Prep School), as well as lots of excited children, from Nursery right through to Year 6 enjoying the evening. Lots of sweets, popcorn, hot dogs and fun was had by all - so many of you had such fantastic onesies and pjs!

The 21 volunteers on the Friends' team have had a busy start to the Autumn term – Cake'n'Take, five Walk'n'Talk events, Drop'n'Stop in Cafe 37, The Quiz Night, talking to prospective families at Open Morning, Movie Night and organising the IQ Christmas cards! Thank you for supporting our events and helping us to raise funds for our lovely school.

Don't forget, we have a coach trip to Bath booked for Sunday 5th December. There are only 57 seats, so get planning now if you fancy a shopping trip without the children, lunch with friends, or just a wander around this lovely city at Christmas time. Tickets are £12.00 per person. To book, please go to: www.trybooking.co.uk/BHNM



FoWS (Prep) invite you to join our
COACH TRIP TO BATH

£12
per person



Sunday 5th December 2021

Lunch with friends, Christmas shopping, Bath Spa or see the sights - stress free and no parking charges!

DEPARTS WPS CAR PARK AT 9am
ARRIVES BACK IN W'TON AT 6.30pm

Book now at www.trybooking.co.uk/BHNM

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YEAR 6 - 8 MOVIE NIGHT

Date: Saturday 6th November
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Movie: Back to the Future
Venue: Shown in the Prep School Hall
Tickets: Tickets cost £5.00 per head and include a hotdog supper

Book via Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BHKN>



GOLDEN LEAVES

Georgina Blunden Reception

Sophie Garrett 1P

Ethan Attachey 2W

Alexander Robinson 3C

Esme Parkinson and Emma Coate 4N Travis Wong 4S

Erika Lacy-Hulbert 5L Oliver Burnell 5W

Esther Lacy-Hulbert 6H William Eustace 6L Sonny Marsh 6M

Sports Star of the Week: Hugo Poole 3C

Music Star of the Week: Tore Teig 4N

Drama Star of the Week: Rowan Huntley 4S



HOUSE POINTS



GALILEO 789

PIONEER 701

APOLLO 811

VIKING 698

DIARY AFTER HALF TERM

01-Nov-21	Monday	13:00	15:30	Reception - Forest School
		14:45		Rugby Boys-U8 and U9 vs Taunton School (H)*
02-Nov-21	Tuesday	08:30	15:45	Year 5 trip to Bath
03-Nov-21	Wednesday	13:00	15:30	Year 1 - Forest School
		14:00		Rugby Boys-U10A and B vs Taunton School (H)*
		13:45		Rugby Boys-U11A and B vs Taunton School (A)*
		17:15	20:00	Governors: Academic Committee
04-Nov-21	Thursday	09:30	11:00	Little Wellies Toddler Group (booking required)
		13:00	15:30	Year 2 - Forest School
				Gesualdo Six Choral mini-residency (postponed)

05-Nov-21	Friday	09:00	12:00	Year 2 - Gunpowder Plot (Somerset Museum workshop)
		13:00	15:30	Nursery - Forest School (Sausage Sizzle)
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 - Swimming
06-Nov-21	Saturday	09:00	10:00	Stage School, Years 5&6 (1hr session for students also participating in SAQ)
		09:00	10:00	Years 3 and 4 SAQ in PRSC (optional)
		09:00	11:00	Stage School, Reception - Year 2
		10:00	11:00	Years 5 and 6 SAQ in PRSC (optional)
		10:00	12:00	Stage School, Years 3 - 6
		tbc		Football - U10 and U11 vs Millfield Preparatory School (A)*
		17:00	19:00	FoWS Movie Night (Years 6 -8) (boking required)
07-Nov-21	Sunday			FoWS - Virtual Balloon Race* (start date)