

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

Sometimes there really aren't enough days in the week and it has certainly felt like this from Monday. As I write, the Year 6s are experiencing their Senior School Taster Day: Q&A with Mr Renyard about life in the Lower School, a language carousel graduating as secret agents, Classics, Philosothon, Outdoor Ed orienteering, being put through their paces with the CCF and finally a 'funky music' Sports Session! It was so lovely to welcome so many of you to the Assembly to launch the Mini and Junior Duke Awards, and I hope that you have enjoyed reading through the booklets. We raised £288.27 for Children in Need yesterday and enjoyed Wudsey coming for Sticky Bun Club.

The Year 6s put on a fantastic 'Eye of the Storm' performance yesterday of music, drama, dance and poetry; a wonderful celebration of the arts. Finally, we have awarded our first Golden Ticket to Lily Park for the Book World Cup. A super week on top of the usual sport, activities, trips and lessons.

Next weekend sees the creation of the Wellington School Winter Wonderland, consequently, there will be no parking on the spine road from 6pm Wednesday evening (24th November), and the road will be closed to all traffic from 9:30am on Thursday evening (25th November). The road will reopen on Sunday afternoon.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.
Vics Richardson



SPORTS UPDATE

Saturday 13th November U10 Rugby Tournament - Queen's

The U10 boys travelled to Queen's for a morning of rugby against several other schools from around the South West. The boys started tentatively in their first game against West Buckland but still managed to draw. As each game was played, the boys all gained confidence and the improvement throughout the morning was fantastic. Otsile M scored several tries, exploiting his footwork and speed. Benjamin H was a handful with the ball in hand and defended well. Monty H was an absolute beast with the ball in hand, he carried brilliantly and proved exceptionally hard to tackle. Freddie S put on a huge defensive display and made several try-saving tackles. I would like to congratulate everyone who played, it was a brilliant morning of rugby and all of our players did themselves proud.

Monday 15th November Cross Country

Monday saw our Year 5 pupils travel to King's College for the interschools cross country meet. After an exuberant bus journey, our athletes were raring to go. Elsa M ran a brilliant race, with Otsile M following closely behind. Well done, to all of our runners.



EARLY YEARS

The Nursery children have been thinking about Remembrance and made poppies on Monday. The children have also been building various things using the large building blocks. We had great fun building a boat, it broke down and had to be fixed! The children used high-vis jackets and pretended they were life jackets! This was child-initiated play and with encouragement, the learning was extended by the staff in the Nursery. Fantastic creativity!



Another busy week in the Early Years! Reception class enjoyed learning about nocturnal animals and searching for tracks and homes in the woods. They were surprised to find a few animals hiding in interesting places. Mrs Price showed them a night vision film of nocturnal animals out and about at Forest School. After a busy hunt, the children enjoyed pancakes cooked on the fire. On Wednesday, the children used lots of energy bouncing and balancing in the Sports Hall and on Thursday, they entered into the spirit of Children in Need by dressing in mufti and enjoying Pudsey biscuits baked by our wonderful catering team.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have enjoyed a very busy week of hands-on learning. In Maths, ordinal numbers were reinforced when the children made delicious sandwiches and ordered the instructions in their sandwich recipe. In Science, the children made playdough, cornflour slime, and played with ice and water as they learnt about the properties of solids and liquids and the different ways in which some materials can be changed or manipulated. At Forest School, everyone helped to make bird feeders to feed all the birds in our woodland that are not migrating for the winter. On Thursday, Sharon from Somerset Heritage held a wonderful History Workshop for our Toys topic. The children loved finding out about and playing with the Victorian toys and were very pleased to make a thaumatrope to take home.



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a super afternoon at Forest School yesterday. We made damper dough with cranberries and white chocolate, and baked buns over the fire! Linking with their previous topic 'The Great Fire of London', the children spoke about the Thomas Farriner bakery where the fire began! This was followed by an activity called 'Stop the Bus!' where the children lead classmates around the forest talking about their favourite spots.

YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time learning about rocks and fossils this week. The children made sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks using chocolate. At Kolve Beach on Thursday, we looked at the rock formations and found many fossils. The children feasted on delicious 'fossil biscuits' made by our fantastic kitchen team. Finally, we made fossils using plaster of Paris.



YEAR 4

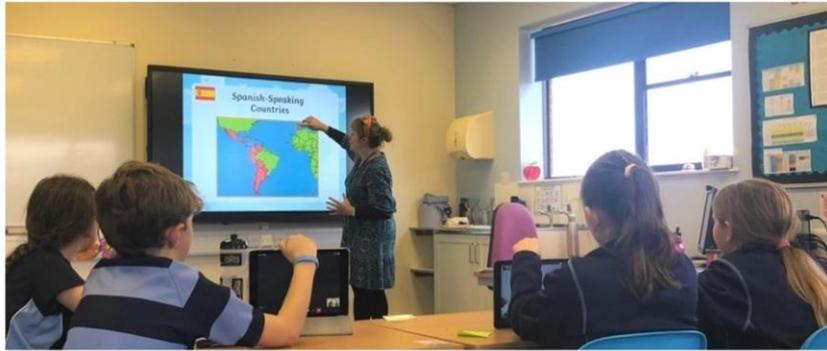
In Science this week, we continued to find out about the digestive system. We had a very messy session where we discovered how the oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine work to digest our food. We did this by using bananas, crackers, orange juice, old tights and paper cups, we will let the children tell you what happened!

In Geography, we have been working on looking after our environment. We looked at where different foods came from around the world and located these countries on a map developing our ability to use an atlas. We found lots of local produce as well as items from a long way away such as Spain, Italy and even Mauritius.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had great fun in Modern Foreign Languages this week. 5L have been perfecting their French skills by applying their knowledge of colours into a poem! Meanwhile, 5W have enjoyed their first ever Spanish lesson with Mrs Middleton. The children had to learn some formal and informal greetings, as well as where Spanish is spoken in the world. Go, Year 5!



A wild animal

A storm is a wild animal,
Its violent and uncontrollable,
You can feel the storm's gusty wind,
The battering breath hits you full in the face,
It has a breezy stench of a wolf's foul air,
It quickly surrounds you,
The animal attacks as the storm becomes more vicious and turbulent,
The pilot is exhausted but the storm has the legs of a lion and the stealth
of a jaguar,
The ship flies into the jaws of the storm.

By Bobby Stewart

YEAR 6

As part of a cross-curricular approach to learning, Year 6 performed their annual showcase to parents last night. Based upon a short video entitled 'Eye of the Storm,' it mixed different forms of poetry – metaphors, personification and movement – with songs and also a dramatic dance and drama piece at the end. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as did a very appreciative audience. Well done, Year 6.



Bobby wrote a splendid metaphor poem where he took the idea of the qualities of a storm and mirrored them to being like a wild animal. Well done, Bobby.



PERFORMING ARTS



Senior Autumn Concert

After many months of rehearsals in bubbles, with ensembles divided and performances created digitally, it was a great joy to see Prep School musicians on stage performing in a concert alongside 70+ Senior School musicians. This is what Wellington Music 3-18 is all about.

Members of Sinfonia performed Black Panther, Skyfall and the Bossa Nova in amongst the older players and Nobody Does it Better on their own. This number also featured Wellington Chamber Choir, a bridging ensemble involving singers from Years 5-8. The Chamber Choir sang beautifully, and we look forward to hearing more from them in the forthcoming Carol Services. A highlight was seeing the Prep School musicians enjoying the performances of the older, more advanced players and singers: it was certainly an inspiring experience!

Special mention to Amba B and Fred B for The Misplaced Blazers performance. This young band performed with real charisma and confidence – all the more impressive as they had only rehearsed together with Fred on the drums a couple of times.

Bassoon Taster Lessons

This week in the Year 6's class music lesson, the children had a visit from the Wellington School's bassoon teacher, Miss Macfarlane. She explained how the bassoon works and performed an assortment of music, the children were then given the opportunity to ask her any questions. If you would like to enquire about bassoon taster lessons please email music@wellington-school.org.uk



Stage School students continued to work on their showcase performance this week and the choreography is coming together well. Stage School bookings are now open for next term with the Years 3&4 class almost sold out, to register an interest email drama@wellington-school.org.uk



Free postal entry available

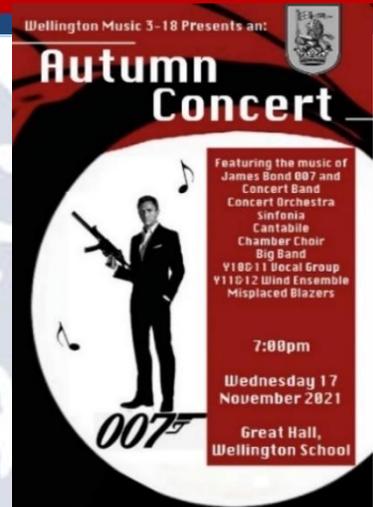
FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL (Prep)



Who would like to win £25 worth of Amazon or John Lewis vouchers? Then make sure you enter our Virtual Balloon Race online - **ticket sales close this Sunday 21st November at 11am**. The balloons will then race for one week. Please do get involved and support this fundraising initiative. Go to www.balloonrace.com/fows to buy and design your balloons, which are just £3.00 each. (Poster attached)

A huge thankyou to the 92 families that bought cards, wrapping paper, chocolates and magnets from IQ cards this year. They should now be with you at home, ready in time for Christmas. We made £262 profit, which we will then be able to spend back in the school on your children.

Finally, do you want to join the 21 parents that make up the Prep Friends team? Then please come along to our next meeting, which is on Friday 14th January at 08.30am in Cafe 37, on the Senior School site, you will be warmly welcomed.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nia Winter Reception

Phoebe Freeman 1P

Charlotte Adams 2W

Callie House and Zac Steil 3C

Finlay Bennett-Dixon 4N Elle Harvey-Knight 4S

Daisy Trebble 5L Megan Booty 5W

Sports Star of the Week: Monty Howe 5L

Music Star of the Week: Fred Barnes 6M

Drama Star of the Week: Evangeline Stone 6M



DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

22-Nov-21	Monday	13:00	15:30	Reception - Forest School
23-Nov-21	Tuesday			
24-Nov-21	Wednesday	13:00	15:30	Year 1 - Forest School
		14:00		Rugby Boys-U10A and B Tri v Queen's College/Blundell's (A)*
		14:00		Rugby Boys-U11A and B Tri vs Queen's College/Blundell's (H)*
25-Nov-21	Thursday			Flu Vaccinations
		09:30	11:00	Little Wellies
		13:00	15:00	Writing Retreat Part 2 - 'WOW! Time Machine Event'
		13:00	15:30	Year 2 - Forest School
		18:00	20:00	Governors: Operations Committee
26-Nov-21	Friday			WPS Maths Challenge
		09:00	11:00	Writing Retreat Part 2 - 'WOW! Time Machine Event'
		10:45		Celebration Assembly (via Teams)*
		13:00	15:30	Nursery - Forest School
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 - Swimming
		16:00	20:00	Winter Wonderland at Wellington School
27-Nov-21	Saturday	09:00	10:00	Stage School, Years 5&6

		09:00	11:00	Stage School, Reception - Year 2
		10:00	12:00	Stage School, Years 3 - 6
		10:00	20:00	Winter Wonderland at Wellington School*
28-Nov-21	Sunday			

WINTER WONDERLAND

Tickets are selling fast for the Wellington School Winter Wonderland on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November. Join us for the Christmas Market, ice skating, visit Santa's Grotto and taste some delicious Christmas treats. Enjoy some fun in the outdoors! Booking essential via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BHLN>



WELLINGTON SCHOOL

Winter Wonderland

Ice skating, Christmas Market and
delicious Christmas Treats

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 4-8PM
SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 10AM-8PM

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

£15 skating or
£5 entry only