

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON

Dear Parents

What a fantastic Writing Retreat! The children were so engaged with their writing this morning and it was lovely to hear some of their stories 'live on-air' earlier. The time-travelling Mr Warren has once again provided us with a super opportunity for learning.

As we finalise the arrangements for the next three weeks it feels like we are sitting on a plane waiting for it to take off! Risk Assessments are consulted, information is disseminated and the excitement builds. The Elf is planning some of his naught tricks and we will be sending out details early next week for the Carol Services on Friday 10th December at 2.30pm and 6pm, as well as the Nativities.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.
Vics Richardson

MR WARREN'S WRITING RETREAT

We launched a special Writing Retreat today that was solely about the writing. All the teachers were blown away by what the children achieved and I know it was very tough to choose only two children to share their work in our Writers' Showcase. Congratulations to the following children who did a great job, both writing and performing their writing to an audience!

1P	Per T, Alex P and Hugo B
2W	Angus J and James E
3C	Charlie B and Ella R-G
4N	Barney G and Ted H
4S	Oliver A and Daisy W
5L	Erika L-H and Clemmie LT
5W	Henry T and Sophie v D
6H	Lily R and Xavier L
6L	Jenny E and Thomas B-D
6M	Sammy R-G and Fred B

And, of course, all of Reception with their fantastic synonyms for 'big'.

Click on the link to view a recording of the Writing Retreat. [Celebration Assembly-20211126_105053-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)



GARDENING CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday, Gardening Club were lucky enough to have a visit from Sue Rickard from Transition Town Wellington. The children showed Sue our allotment and told her about the crops we grew last year and gave to the school kitchen to use in the lunches for Prep School. They also showed her how we encourage wildlife in with the use of bird feeders, bug hotel, log piles and wild flowers.

Sue was very impressed with the children and all the work they are doing to promote nature and wildlife in this wonderful area of the school.



EARLY YEARS

This week the Nursery children went outside to explore the first frost! We used beautiful vocabulary like shivery, icy, chilly and crisp. Some children collected the ice and watched it melt in their hands, developing early scientific minds! Also, this week, the children made apple crumble and explored making a repeating pattern using natural materials. We have also been busy making our costumes ready for the Nativity. Such a busy week in Nursery!

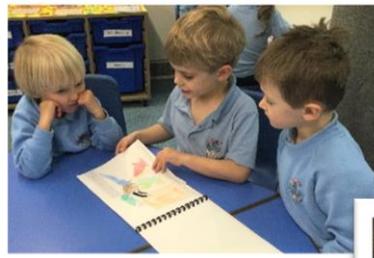


Reception children continue to make us proud as they involve themselves in the wonderful opportunities on offer. This afternoon it was lovely to see a group of children playing a maths game and working out ways to make five in the role-play area, while others were making planets and singing Nativity songs. The children started the RWI ditty books this week and shared reading with partners. It was a pleasure to see everyone working together and helping each other sound out words. On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have a visit from the Year 1 authors and illustrators who shared their amazing books with us. To finish the week, we joined in the Writers' Retreat and thought of synonyms of the word 'big'. The sun is a monster-massive, humongous, gargantuan ball of fire! We are certainly ready for a well-earned weekend.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have become authors and illustrators as they have written their own 'That's not my...!' books. The children not only wrote and illustrated the books, but also added a textured material to each page for the reader to touch, this linked with their Science topic on materials and developed valuable design technology skills. The children are so proud of their books and were very excited to read their stories to Reception.



In Science, Year 1 have been investigating the waterproof properties of different materials. The children had to set up their equipment, draw a careful diagram of their experiment and make a prediction before starting the testing process. Once this was complete, the children had to write a conclusion. They really are super scientists. Well done, Year 1!



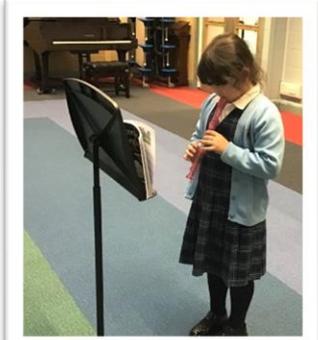
YEAR 2

This week Year 2 have been using their Might Writer board to construct some creative expanded noun phrases! The children have been tie-dyeing at Forest School, experimenting with natural dyes such as turmeric. The results have been fantastic and are now being displayed in our Year 2 corridor. The children also had the opportunity to create their own butter using a butter churn!



YEARS 3 and 4

In our assembly this week, Year 3 and 4 children were sharing some of their many talents, here are some of the children playing their musical instruments.



In art, Year 4 were learning about the artist Jackson Pollock. He was an American artist who specialised in using the 'drip technique'. We had great fun, but some of us got a little messy!



YEARS 5 and 6

Year 6 are puzzling their way through tricky maths problems this week. Find the sum of all the whole numbers from 1 to 98, including 1 and 98.



SPORTS UPDATE

Year 5 Rugby triangular v Queen's and Blundell's

Our Year 5 boys travelled to Queen's on Wednesday to play a triangular against both Queen's and Blundell's. The boys in the B team played some great rugby with all the team getting stuck in and involved in the game. It was great to see the boys playing a contact match together and thinking about how to best play the game. Henry Taylor should be congratulated for involving himself in his first game of contact rugby. Oliver Wedrychowski also had an excellent afternoon. The A team first played Queen's in a very closely fought contest. After a slow start, Wellington came to life with Benjamin Hynd making some excellent tackles. Otsile Magang was again a threat with the ball in hand, using his excellent footwork to score some brilliant tries. The second match proved to be a much harder game with Blundell's running directly and quickly, eventually proving too strong. Very well done to all of our boys who played.

Year 6 Rugby triangular v Queen's and Blundell's

On Wednesday, the Year 6s played a triangular against Queen's and Blundell's. The A's fought hard and played well as a team. Tries were shared around, with Jack Debenham scoring two with some quick thinking! Their defence improved throughout the day. A special mention to Freddie Thompson who led the defence astutely. The B's fought well in their two games. Their passing skills were much improved on the previous weeks. Special mention must go to the work rate of both Bobby Stewart and Sammy Risso-Gill. The focus for the Bs will be on confidence in contact

PERFORMING ARTS



We have a beautiful fresh green Christmas tree in the hallway at Avenue Music School but it's looking quite bare at the moment so Mrs Ridley and I would like the children in Years 3 to 6 to create some homemade music-themed Christmas decorations that we can use to decorate it. Perhaps you could make a chorister decoration or a mini musical instrument we can hang on the tree. How about a beautiful star for the top?

Please create your decoration over the weekend and bring them into school on Monday to give to Mrs Shaw at Hymn Practice (8.30am Monday morning). Please either name the decoration itself or put it in an envelope with your name on. We are looking forward to seeing your creations, the best ones will receive prizes.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ridley



Our stage school bookings have really taken off this week and we are now sold out in a number of classes. If you would like to be added onto the waiting list please contact drama@wellington-school.org.uk

Dance lessons still have good availability and you can register your interest in both Ballet and Modern Dance by emailing Mrs Davies on the above contact details.



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL (Prep)



We currently have 113 balloons flying high above the school campus for our online virtual balloon race. Thank you to all our supporters - we raised £293! The race ends this Sunday and we will contact the winners via email regarding their prizes. Don't forget, you can track your balloon at www.balloonrace.com/fows and click on leader board to see how you're getting on. Good Luck!

From Monday, for one week only, we will be selling the WPS Jute bags, for just £5 each from the Prep School office. The bags make great Christmas presents for family and friends, are useful for the weekly shop or as a bag for muddy forest school kit. All money raised will go towards fundraising projects across the school. Please note, cash only and thank you for your continued support.



Leaderboard

	Cute koala 886	384 Km
	Jackabob	367 Km
	GOLDY	360 Km
	Lavender	351 Km
	Tiggly Diggy	346 Km
	St Elmos's Duck	340 Km
	Boogobear	334 Km
	Terrific Tarantula	333 Km

STARS OF THE WEEK

Eilidh Stewart Reception

Charlotte Bailey 1P

Sam Garrett 2W

Jamie Williams 3C

Tore Teig 4N George Fraser 4S

Clementine Lyon Taylor 5L Charlotte Reader-Buttars 5W

Chloe Etherton 6H Isabelle Hansard 6M

Theo Dauvillier-Windle and Lindelwe Sibanda 6L

Sports Star of the Week: Henry Taylor 5W

Music Star of the Week: Nia Winter Reception

Drama Star of the Week: Ella Risso-Gill 3C





HOUSE POINTS



GALILEO 1117

PIONEER 1191

APOLLO 1079

VIKING 1119

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK

29-Nov-21	Monday	13:00	15:30	Reception - Forest School
		14:30	16:30	Hockey Girls-U8 U9 vs Taunton School (A)*
30-Nov-21	Tuesday			
01-Dec-21	Wednesday			ABRSM Practical Music Exams
				Christmas Make Day
		13:00	15:30	Year 1 - Forest School
				House Matches
		18:00	20:00	Governors: Finance Committee
02-Dec-21	Thursday			Year 6 Sports Tour (departs)
		09:30	11:00	Little Wellies
		13:00	15:30	Year 2 - Forest School
03-Dec-21	Friday			Year 6 Sports Tour (away)
		13:00	15:30	Nursery - Forest School
		13:30	15:00	Years 1 and 2 - Swimming
04-Dec-21	Saturday	09:00	10:00	Stage School, Years 5 (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 SAQ in PRSC
		10:00	12:00	Stage School, Years 3 - 5
				Year 6 Sports Tour (returns)
05-Dec-21	Sunday	09:00	17:00	FoWS - Christmas shopping trip to Bath*

WINTER WONDERLAND

Tickets are selling fast for the Wellington School Winter Wonderland this evening 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>

INSPIRE MULTI SPORT CAMPS

We are pleased to announce that Inspire Multi Sport Camps are coming to Wellington Prep School during the Christmas holidays. Camps will include - Netball, Football, Swimming and much more. Please make sure that your child brings snacks, a packed lunch and a drink with them. A % of all profit from this camp will be donated to charity.

Camps run from Monday 20 December - Tuesday 21 December.

Please click on the following link to book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/23789>



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

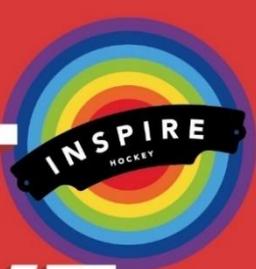


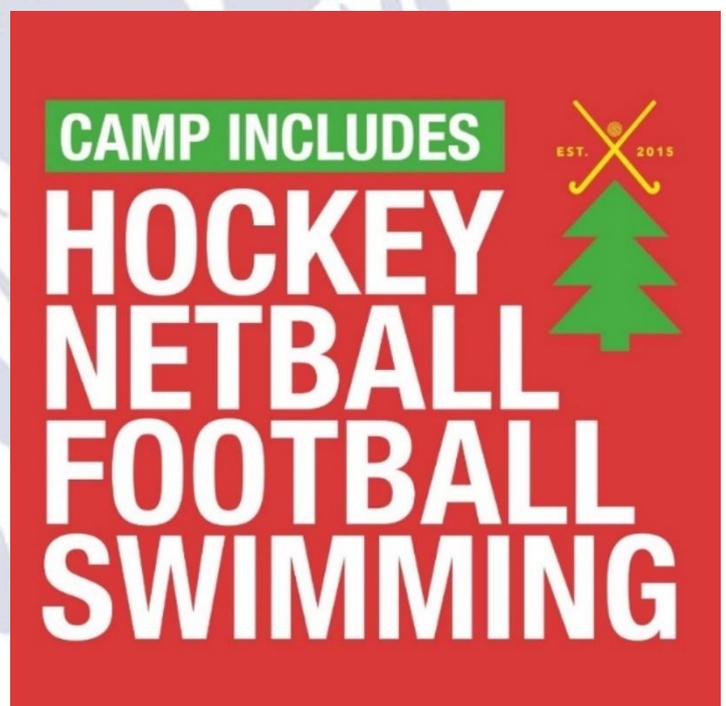
MULTI SPORT FESTIVE CAMP

20TH & 21ST DECEMBER

Wellington School

£35 PER DAY





CAMP INCLUDES

HOCKEY

NETBALL

FOOTBALL

SWIMMING




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