



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

30th November 2018



CREATIVITY



We have thought a great deal this term about our approach to school and life in general and one thing we have identified is that being creative is certainly an essential trait to have and enjoy. We, of course, see creativity around our wonderful school each and every day, with children bringing infinite amounts of drive and passion to our creative centre.

I would like to thank parents and children who were able to support our Gruffalo themed Open Day last Sunday. This, in itself, benefitted from a creative approach and certainly had a very positive impact on those who were visiting Wellow House School for the first time. I can't fail to mention our senior children, who acting as hosts and guides, did a sterling job in representing themselves and the school.

There have of course been some fabulous efforts on the Sports field, namely at St. Hughs. Although the detail of these super matches comes later, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Nichols and all of the other Games Staff, who have ensured children continue to receive a rich and varied series of opportunities in the sports arena.

Our musicians are busy adding the final touches to their respective exam programmes, ready for us to then welcome an ABRSM examiner on Monday 10th of December. We are always delighted to be able to offer our facilities to the Associated Board, who now complete a 4th exam session and special visit. at our school. Under our Deputy Head and Director of Music, Mr Williams, Pre Prep are getting ready musically for their Nativity performance, our Prep Choir is enjoying a number of external engagements in the local community and our final Christmas Service continues to take shape. As I write, I can hear children enjoying the last hour of the week, dressing our tree, decorating our halls and enjoying the Christmas music; An activity which brings us all together and interestingly requires, a high degree of creativity!

Finally, we invite children to bring Christmas Cards in to school from Monday, should they wish. Hope to see you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Miss Lamb



Above: Happy Birthday to Ted Botham, who celebrates his 9th Birthday.

Below: Our Prep Choir perform at Edwinstowe Lights Switch On





*Our fabulous Certificate Winners for this week!
Well done Everyone!*





Christmas Tree Festival

Mrs Milner and Miss Foxton have very kindly been helping Ms Beldon to decorate the Wellow House School Christmas Tree at Newark Parish Church. The tree looks amazing thanks to all the beautifully decorated Christmas Owls that the children have been doing at home over the past week. Ms Beldon was absolutely delighted with the standard of work from the children and would also like to thank all the parents for supporting this project.

The Festival starts on 1st December until 9th December at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Newark and is a wonderful start to the festive season.

SPORT FIXTURES

Wednesday 5th December 2018

U11 Rugby mini festival (A) 2.15pm - **CANCELLED**

U13 Hockey v Old Vicarage School (H) 2.15pm

U11 Hockey Festival @ Worksop College (A) 2.00pm, S80 3AL

U9 Hockey Festival @ Worksop College (A) 2.00pm, S80 3AL

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP: 18TH - 20TH DECEMBER

We are still keen to accept application forms for the next Sports Camp being held during the first week of the Christmas break. Other children who do not attend Wellow House School would also be very welcome to sign up for the Sports Camp. The letter attached includes the parental consent form, the deadline for applications is **Friday 7th December**. Please speak to Mrs Nichols or Mr Hucknall if you have any immediate questions. Mrs Nichols'

Email: lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk

WELLOW HOUSE EQUESTRIAN CLUB

We are delighted to announce that the Wellow House Equestrian Club will meet for their first session at the Wellow Equestrian Centre (WEC) on Thursday 3rd January at 10:00am. The Director of the WEC, Mr Jake Bromley-Fowles, will be completing an informal assessment of all the riders' ability and we then hope to arrange follow-up sessions to take place during 2019. Our Club riders will be setting their own personal goals, whether they wish to improve their riding skills or consider entering competitions as a member of a Wellow House Equestrian team. We will be pleased to hear from any parent whose child rides and either owns or can borrow a pony to participate in Club training sessions at the WEC. If any other regular horse riders wish to come along on 3rd January to watch and express an interest in the school Equestrian Club or Team, please get in touch with Mrs Nichols: lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

On Sunday Izzy D competed in her first Quad Kids Athletics competition, held at the English Institute of Sport indoor stadium in Sheffield. The multi event included athletes from Notts and Derbys, and Izzy entered the Year 5 Girls competition with 18 girls in total, the majority of whom were members of an athletics club. Izzy took in the impressive standard of facilities with excitement and was focussed for the whole event. The competition tested the athletes' all-round ability by awarding points for personal best times and distances for the 75m sprint, 600m run, howler javelin throw and long jump. The primary aim of the day for Izzy was to gain experience in the setting and try to achieve some officially recognised personal best results. Izzy performed extremely well and gained a fantastic 2nd place on the podium, with particularly good results in the 600m, 75m and howler javelin - what an achievement for Izzy's first outing!

The standard of ability was varied in all the age groups. Mrs Nichols will dearly hope to take more athletes to similar events in the future, to gain such a wonderful experience of competing in a national arena.



Izzy coming in first for the 600m run



Izzy with Mr Peter Fendley, our coach for the Wellow House Athletics Workshops, and Mrs Nichols



MATCH RESULTS

U13 HOCKEY - A WEEK OF MIXED FORTUNE

Wellow House played Orchard School on Monday and took control of play for the majority of the match. Our defence was seldom challenged, but kept focussed and returned play to the wings with accurate passes. All players in attack displayed a range of deft moves to dodge opponents and had several shots on goal. The final score was a 3-0 victory to Wellow House.

Goal Scorers: Esme Brealey (2), Emma G

Wednesday provided a very important lesson to manage within sport, when our U13 girls were challenged with needing to maintain a positive team spirit when the flow of play was going against them. We played two strong teams who dominated a fair share of the matches. We held our ground against Glebe House and had our chances in the attacking circle, but lost 2-0. During the second game, we were tiring and our heads dropped as the strong winds and rain were sweeping across the pitch. Our passes were becoming too weak and were easily read by the opposition and we left players unmarked in the circle who subsequently had too many uncontested shots on goal. The girls' spirits picked up after half time, when they came very close on several occasions to improve our score line. However, the final score was 7-1 to St Hughs.

Goal Scorer: Emma G



HOCKEY	UNDER 11	DATE 28th th Nov	Result
Against – St Hugh's			Lost 1/4

REPORT

The Under 11 team enjoyed a very wet and blustery afternoon of hockey away at St Hugh's. The girls worked very hard to take possession of the ball with Violet and Elizabeth C-V battling in the centre positions. I was delighted with Elizabeth H who stepped in to play Goal Keeper and saved some great goals. All the girls on the wing played well and I was impressed by Victoria who took the ball from the centre to the wing, running with determination and recognising space.



Our Under 9 Hockey Team

HOCKEY	UNDER 8	DATE 26th th Nov	Result
Against – Highfields			Won 3/1

REPORT

A very impressive Under 9 match against Highfields. The girls worked very hard and although at first they were too bunched up, by the end of the game they were using space much more effectively. I was pleased to see some good use of the stick especially from Marigold and I was pleased to see how determined all the girls were at trying to gain possession of the ball. Great goals scored by Izzy and Bonnie and supported by a strong team. Well done Under 9's.

Rugby

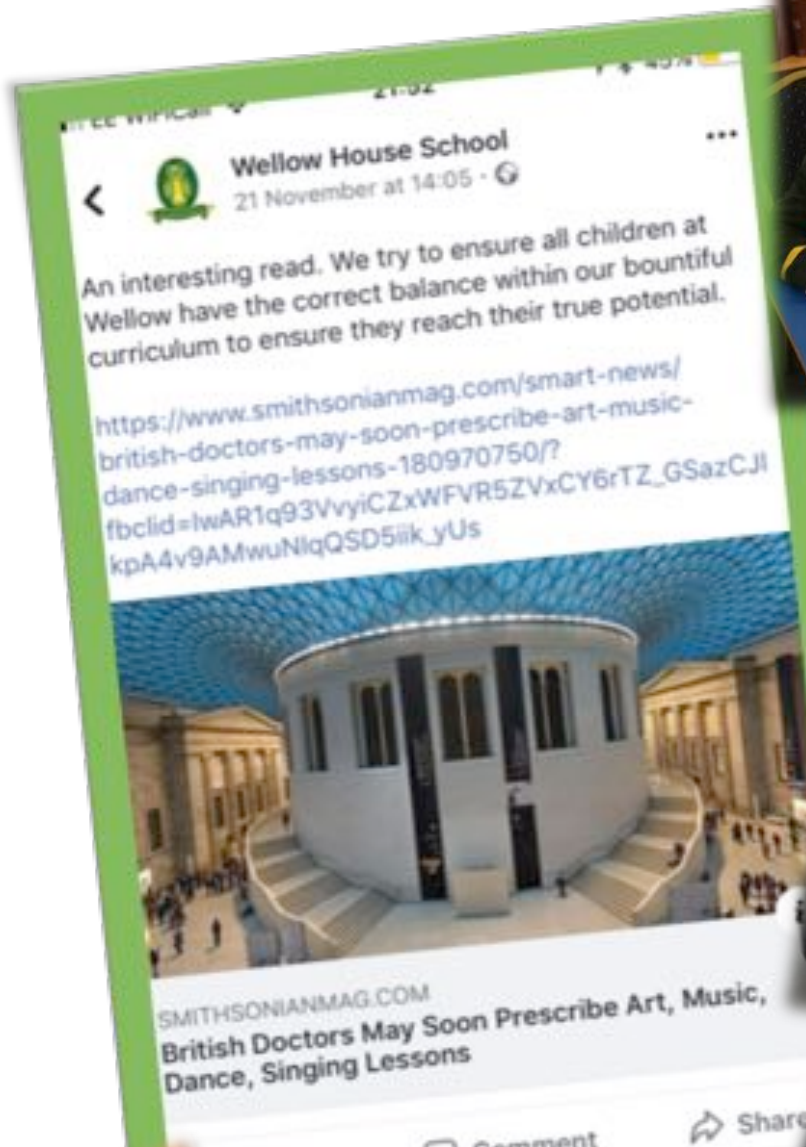
Rugby fixtures are coming thick and fast this week and on Wednesday we welcomed St Hugh's for 2 rugby matches.

Unfortunately, the u9 opposition proved too strong and, coupled with tough conditions, made it a challenging game for us. In possession we are performing well, showing good ball handling and passing skills. However, in defence we are vulnerable and often overrun, something for us to work on.

Our u8s made it 3 wins in 3 as they ran in 5 tries to St Hugh's 4, Leo and Eric 1 apiece and a hat trick for Taylor. Our defensive line also stayed strong with Leo and Archie in particular racing out to meet any oncoming attack. Once again a great team effort.

I'd also like to thank all the parents that ventured out in yesterday's conditions especially Henry and Eric's for allowing them to step in and play in the u9 fixture. I'm sure the boys appreciate you cheering them on and over the line and as staff it is very much appreciated.







*Order!...Order!.....Congratulations to Marigold for winning
the House of Commons Christmas Card Competition and of
course to all of our participants.....*



With best wishes from the Pupils and staff at Wellow House School

