



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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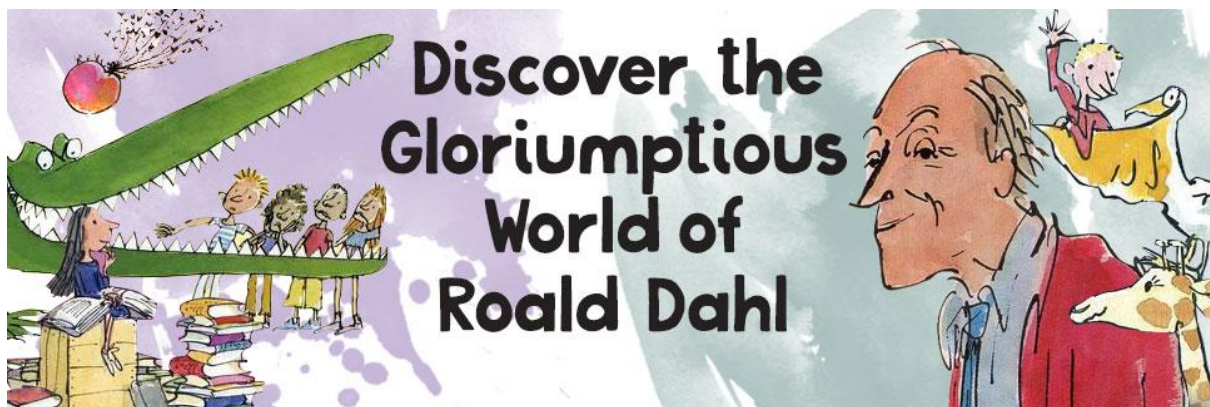
CREATIVITY

“**CREATIVE** people
are **CURIOUS**, **f(lexible)**,
PERSISTENT,
and **independent** with a
TREMENDOUS SPIRIT
of **adventure**
& a love of **play**.”
HENRI MATISSE

“The roots of a creative society are in basic education. The sheer volume of facts to be digested by the students of today leaves little time for a deeper interrogation of their moral worth. The result has been a generation of technicians rather than visionaries, each one taking a career rather than an idea seriously. The answer must be reform in our educational methods so that students are encouraged to ask about “know-why” as well as “know-how”. Once the arts are restored to a more central role in educational institutions, there could be a tremendous unleashing of creative energy in other disciplines too.”

We began our week thinking about creativity and what better way than by considering the amazing works by literary and creative genius, Roald Dahl. It is disheartening to hear my colleagues in other schools despairing at the cut backs in creative lessons with more emphasis being placed on academic testing. I feel passionately that all of our pupils have access to a varied and extensive curriculum; including music, dance, drama, theatre visits, design technology and art. We inspire our children to think outside the box; Children aren't likely to go and pick up a book, play make-believe games, dress up, play music or otherwise use their creative muscle if they don't see the adults in life showing some kind of interest in creative pursuits and this is exactly the rationale behind encouraging dancing to music watching musicals, theatre productions and allowing pupils to express themselves.

World Book Day was a perfect excuse to be creative and there were some absolutely brilliant outfits, not just from the children but the staff too! We have our Roald Dahl Open Morning on 16th March which will be a Dahltastic, scrumdiddylumptious festival of creative delights; the pupils will enjoys making potions inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine, create sweet treats and design a new chocolate bar (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory), make dreamcatchers (BFG) and even meet the BFG himself. There will be creative writing masterclasses and lots more!



Reverend Zoe brought our week to a close by hosting our Celebrations assembly and offering school a creative, environmental challenge. The pupils were challenged to think of creative ways that they could reuse plastics. This lead effortlessly into reminding the children to remember to submit their designs for a recycling bin. The winning design being produced and used in school!

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Ms Lamb

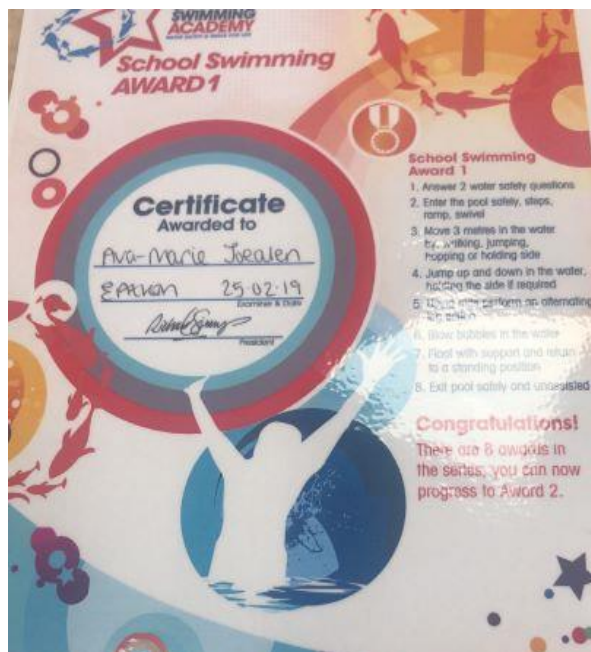
Happy Birthday!



Oscar, 8



This week's fabulous certificate winners!





This Week's Special Assembly

The Reverend Zoe Burton lead this week's special assembly. She talked to the children about the meaning of Ash Wednesday. She also spoke to the children about the importance of looking after our environment. She set the whole school a challenge to re-use plastics.

World Book Day

As ever the imagination and creativity of our children (and teachers) was astonishing!!



It was great to see the whole school get involved.





WORLD BOOK DAY SURVEY

About two thirds of the prep school were interviewed for our annual reading survey, with the results declared during the World Book Day assembly, when we also admired the **fantastic** costumes of all the children – and the staff!

Here are the results:-

Favourite fictional genre: 1. Adventure/mystery

2. comedy

3. horror/thriller

Favourite book series: 1. Harry Potter

2. Wimpy Kid

3. (joint) Alex Rider and Lord of the Rings

Favourite place to read: 1. In bed

2. In a special place in the house

3. on the beach or by the pool

Favourite author: 1. J K Rowling

2. David Walliams

3. (joint) Michael Morpurgo and Roald Dahl

Dickens or Shakespeare? 60% Dickens; 40% Shakespeare

Favourite character: 1. Alex Rider

2. (joint) Harry, Ron, Hermione, Tom Gates, Greg
Heffley and Star Carter

Favourite fictional book: Seven votes were shared by various Harry
Potter stories



- Mr O'Kane

Poetry

Winning Love Poems Spring Competition 2019

Ode to Pizza

Pizza! Oh, flattened circle of joy...
Your crunchy crust crumbles,
Cheese oozing like lava,
Exploding on my tongue –
A Heavenly flavour bomb,
A pang of delightfulness.
Pepperoni tempts me, tasty and toothsome.
Scrumptious sauce, smoothly sliding.
Capers, anchovies, flavours colliding;
Mozzarella, pepper, ham and spice;
Whatever you like, you can have a slice!



by Violet Saxelby, Yr 6

Love

Love is an invisible flame;
You can't see it or touch it;
But when you feel it,
You'll never be the same.
It starts with a spark,
When the breeze takes hold;
There is no going back.
You just have to be bold.



Love drives emotions,
Makes you feel up or down.
When you're truly in love,
You feel like a king with a crown.
Love can hurt and it can bring joy;
Love can inspire and it can destroy.



by Max Longmuir, Yr 7

To Someone I Love

From the first time I laid eyes on you,
I knew you were the one.
When I am not with you,
My heart sinks like a stone.
You are like summer,
But your warmth never grows old.
Your presence fills my heart with joy.
Like a dancing flower,
Your beauty entrances me.
You are the cure for my aching heart;
The medicine for my depleting love.



*By Ben Woodley, Anya Smith, Elizabeth Heard
and Giancarlo Kosininga-Davis, Yr 6*





WELLOW HOUSE
SCHOOL

You are invited to our scrumdiddlyumptious
Roald Dahl themed open morning!

SATURDAY 16th MARCH
9.30-11.30am

Literacy workshop, make your own dream
catcher, meet the BFG and much more!



Find us on Facebook or www.wellowhouse.notts.sch.uk

Please spread the word amongst family and friends – The BFG is coming to Wellow!!

It would great to see as many of our Prep children there as possible. We promise you a fun filled couple of hours.

Thank you to all those that have put up banners and handed out flyers. There are plenty more.... If you can help, please come to reception.

SPORT FIXTURES

Football

This week both the u9 football teams travelled to Grantham Prep for an afternoon of football. As we set off I could not help think we should be playing a different kind of sport as the weather was glorious, 17 degrees and full sunshine. Hang on, sorry that was last week's opener... This week's weather included, bright sunshine, horizontal, torrential downpours that soaked everyone to the bone in seconds, strong gusts that nearly blew you off your feet and a rainbow that actually touched the pitch being played on, I might have enjoyed that moment for longer if my tracksuit bottoms and trainers hadn't been sodden. Fortunately, I had remembered my umbrella and reminded Mr Woodhouse to take his so our top halves remained dry, that would have been a long journey home if we hadn't.

Nearly forgot the football... our first fixture saw both A team's battling it out for a goalless draw, once again we had our chances but couldn't quite finish them off. Next came the B teams playing off against each other and again the match was a tight affair until Danny smashed a winner that nearly burst the back of the net, 1-0 Wellow. Our B team were straight back into action, this time against their A team and what a performance, solid in defence, full of energy, some key saves by Henry Botham and an outstanding long range strike from Josh that gave us the lead. I thought we could hold on but one of Grantham's best players broke free to equalise and we had to settle for a 1-1 draw, a great effort by everyone.

Finally, our A team played their B team and the Wellow players did not disappoint, continually pressing for a goal on every attack. During a five-minute spell it looked like we would score with every possession. All the players gelled as a team and took great delight in each other's success, great to see and most definitely the 'Wellow Way.' Particular mention must be made to Cole who scored 5 individual goals and tried setting up a few more. He even managed to score one fortuitously off his back heel after the chance appeared to have been lost... The other goal was scored by Taylor whose lung bursting run took him clean through to then finish it by smashing it into the roof of the net, what a celebration. Thoughts quickly turned to warming the children up inside and some well-deserved refreshments for all of us before our journeys home... Well done boys and thank you to an ever increasing parental following.

Mr Taylor

Netball

U13 NETBALL

The U13 Netball team seems to be jinxed playing Worksop College in poor weather, but this year it was not so cold! Strong gusts of wind and heavy rain showers certainly tested the girls' concentration and motivation levels. There were moments when play was a little too scrappy by both sides, but Wellow House remained focussed. We dominated the first half of the first game, so our girls played out of their normal positions to encourage a more even match for the second half. The next game was much closer, for which we had to maintain a tighter defence and claw back two goals in the final minutes to gain the victory. Thank you to our intrepid supporters for braving the elements!

Wellow House won both games: 6-3 and 6-5

Players of the Match: Celia A and Emma G



The under 11 girls played St Hugh's & Ranby House School on Wednesday afternoon.

Once again the girls played very well and I was impressed by the way they kept focused even when they were playing stronger sides. I would like to see the girls working more on getting into space....going back, looking for space and quickly dodging whilst running forwards. I was pleased to see determination from our defenders but would like to see them stick with their players and jump more. Violet was awarded a well-deserved 'Player of the Match'.

- Ms V BELDON

U9 vs St Hugh's and Ranby House

On Wednesday Wellow hosted a triangular fixture against St Hugh's and Ranby House. This was a lovely opportunity for the girls to really put into practice all of their learning and hard work from this term.

Our first match was against St Hugh's and the girls fought hard to keep the game even. Excellent communication and effective passing meant we were able to stop St Hugh's having too many opportunities to shoot. Despite a good level of possession in our goal third we were unable to score any goals and lost the match 1-0. A super effort by all.

For our second game against Ranby House the girls worked hard to develop on their play from their first game. Lots of confidence and excellent communication saw us finishing the game 6-1 to Wellow. An excellent game and fantastic play by all. Well done!

- Mrs Forster

U13 AND U11 CROSS COUNTRY MEETING @ WORKSOP COLLEGE

We took a young squad of runners to the Worksop College cross country meeting on Tuesday. Our main focus this year was to gain valuable race experience in what was a very large field of over 70 runners in both U11 races and our runners crossed the finishing line with great spirit. Isabella D stormed home in an incredible 5th position and several young boys and girls finished in the middle positions, which was a truly great achievement. Everyone finished within small clusters of runners, so they all managed to

stay up with the pace of the races. With many of our U11 teams being 1-3 years younger than Year 6 runners, I cannot underestimate how proud Mrs Forster, supporting parents and I were of the high levels of determination shown. Celia also entered as an individual runner for the U13 girls, which highlighted an increasing level of confidence that she has gained from completing regular park runs at the weekends.

- Mrs Nichols & Mrs Forster



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 11th March

U9 Football & Netball v Highfields

Unfortunately, Highfields are no longer able to fulfil these U9 fixtures, so they have been cancelled.

Wednesday 13th March

U13 Football v Westbourne (A) 2:15pm S17 3AA (HSBC Ground)

Return time back at Wellow House is approx 5:15pm

U11 Football v Grantham Prep (A) 3:00pm NG31 7UF

Return time back at Wellow House is approx 5:30-5:45pm

U13 Netball v Lincoln Minster (H) 2:15pm

U11 Cross Country @ St Peter & St Paul (A) S41 0EF

The first race is at 2:10pm, return time to Wellow House is approx 4:15pm.

Please note that this is the correct date and not 20th March as originally stated in the School calendar emailed to parents. The meeting is also now only for U11 races and no longer including U9 races.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

The first day of activities was a Multi Sports Workshop. The first session was outdoors working on Football skills, mainly dribbling and passing off both feet, moving into space with 2v1 drills and, due to our high number of budding goalkeepers, we worked on shooting and shot saving. The group moved into the sports hall to practise indoor Hockey skills: push passing, receiving a pass and controlling the ball, moving into space after making a pass and shooting. We culminated in a game which was equally matched, with all participants getting stuck in and showing some great intent. After lunch the group chose to play Basketball, working on chest and bounce passes, dribbling and shooting drills. We finished with a game for which everyone adapted the communication and spacing skills worked on earlier in the day for football and hockey, which was very encouraging to see. The day finished with Continuous Cricket, with everyone working together as a team and concentrating on individual skills which they could improve on to make the game more accurate. We had a wide range of ages attend and a special mention goes to Ben and Giancarlo, who were extremely helpful and encouraging for the younger members throughout the day.

- Mr Hucknall

ATHLETICS WORKSHOP

The second day of the February Sports Camp was an Athletics Workshop that took place on Thursday morning. For the first session outdoors we focussed on the Hurdling technique and worked towards maintaining a consistent stride pattern between the hurdles. The next discipline was throwing the Howler Javelin, trying to improve the arm action and overall trajectory of the javelin to achieve a greater distance. The group moved into the sports hall to revise the scissor kick and improve their approach pattern for High Jump, followed by practising the Shot Put technique using lighter indoor shot puts. We then returned outdoors to finish off the Workshop using the heavier shot puts. Everyone has attended previous Athletics Workshops and it is always pleasing to observe the various improvements of the techniques, coordination and concentration by all the participants. It was a fun morning for everyone, thank you as always to Mr Peter Fendley for giving up his time to share his extensive coaching experience with our athletes.

- Mrs Nichols & Ms Beldon



NOTICES

Easter Sports Camp

Our next Holiday Sports Camp will take place in Week 1 of the Easter holidays on 3rd-4th April, please find further details in the attached letter.

Back 2 Basics

The number of forms returned are extremely low and unfortunately we may not have the numbers required to make the camping trip possible. Previous camping trips have been a huge success so if you wish your child to participate, please return the forms, along with payment by Wednesday at the latest.

Ski Trip

We have had a great deal of interest for our annual ski trip. To secure your place, please return your booking form along with £150 deposit per person, to reception by Friday 15th March.

For those of you who couldn't make the ski meeting, there is further information available from reception.

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

