



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

22nd March 2019



Dear Parents,

'Don't say anything online that you wouldn't want plastered on a billboard with your face on it' - Erin Bury

This week has been Wellow House School's Online Safety week. It was a time to raise awareness about the multiple risks of using the internet and how we can all ensure we stay safe online. In our assemblies and as always in our ICT lessons, we have discussed how we use the internet. We have also shared tips for making sure that online safety remains a priority.

In PSHE lessons and across the curriculum, our children were discussing the risks of using online platforms, including Fortnite, Snapchat, Instagram and Whatsapp.

Here are a selection of the quotes, which the children have shared this week:

'You might accidentally post personal information online: a picture outside your house or in your school uniform can give strangers information about who you are'

'If you talk to strangers online, it's very dangerous as you don't know who they are and they could be pretending to be someone your age' -

'Getting hacked is a risk because people could steal your information and money, and pretend to be you and message your friends unkind things'

'Be careful on some Apps or games as there could be bits that you have to pay for and you might accidentally spend lots of money on them' -

'Someone could post something fake on a website and you would believe it'

'You could see something that is scary or that is rude, it might upset you.'

'People might be nasty and say horrible things'

'Spending too much time online can be bad for your health as it makes it harder to sleep and can make you stressed'

Whilst thinking of the vast and substantial risks of going online can be overwhelming and off putting, our pupils understand that the internet is also an incredibly useful place:

'I use the internet to help with my homework as it has so much useful information about all different topics'

'If I'm interested in a topic, I can use the internet to find out more which is exciting!'

'I can chat to my friends after school even though I don't live near them'

'I can play fun games in boring car journeys'

'It can help me with my learning like practising times tables'

Indeed, the online world is growing at a rapid rate and it isn't set to slow down. With over half (55.6%) of the world's population now using the internet (Internet World Stats, Dec 2018) and technology meaning that we are online more and more with mobile and wearable devices that never leave our side. This has a huge impact on our children's future: it is estimated that 65% of children entering primary school today will ultimately end up working in completely new job types that don't yet exist (McLeod, Scott and Fisch, 2016). Therefore, it is important that our pupils have adaptable and pragmatic skills, including being familiar with and capable of using online platforms. By teaching our pupils digital citizenship and how to use the internet safely, we are preparing them for the future, where it is more than likely the internet will play a crucial role in day-to-day life. Here is some of the advice that our pupils have given each other in regards to staying safe online:

'Always tell an adult if you are worried or something inappropriate happens. They can help sort it out'

'Only speak to people online that you know in real life, don't speak to strangers'

'You should only use the internet when your parent or a responsible adult is with you.'

'Make sure your privacy settings are strict so strangers can't see your private information'

'If someone is being unkind online, block them and save the messages for proof.'

Although we have taken steps to ensure our phone service is not disturbed, we have in fact been without a phone line due to water damage. Next week, we are looking forward to having a VIOPS wifi enabled phone line installed next week. Technology is really growing in the school with the arrival of our new iPads. Staff have this week received comprehensive training on how to build these fantastic new assets into the learning. Apps like Seesaw and Apple Classroom are just a couple of the fantastic resources we are beginning to use. The future is very bright and exciting driven as always by the children's enthusiasm to embrace the new technology.

As ever, Wellow children continue to be heavily involved in a number of pursuits both in and out of school. Esme Ainsley, who is just completing year 8 is well known for her fantastic violin playing and involvement with the Nottingham Youth Orchestra. Last weekend, Esme took part in a Russian themed gala concert at the Royal Concert Hall last weekend. Congratulations Esme and well done.

This week's fabulous certificate winners!!



And Happy Birthday to
Askshai - 4

PREHISTORIC FUN





Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous day on Thursday learning all about Prehistoric times with a visit from an outreach worker from Creswell Craggs. They began the day by becoming real life archaeologists, digging carefully to reveal ancient artefacts. They then went on to sort them according to the material they were made from.



Next they turned their hand to a range of craft activities, including cave art, shell necklaces and leather purses.

To end what was a very busy and focused morning, they had to sort out the bones of a life sized animal skeleton and try to piece them together. "The hip bone's connected to the..... ". Who would have believed animals had quite so many bones?! We were also treated to looking at a range of other artefacts, including the tooth of a woolly mammoth.

The experience brought the children's history learning alive and made it so memorable. The look on their faces when they unearthed even the smallest of finds and the thought provoking questions they asked proved that they were enthralled with the day. The day even inspired some of the pupils to go home and be archaeologists in their very own garden!

Warwick Castle – Our Favourite Bits!



I loved the birds of prey because I'm an animal lover & the red kite was cool. (Elizabeth)

I liked the dungeons because it was scary but fun down there. (Violet)

I loved the jester and the scary last room in the dungeons. (Joe)

I liked the unexpected twists in the dungeons. (George)

The dungeons kept you on the edge of your seat, unsure what would happen next. (Ben)

I loved the Horrible Histories maze – it was very entertaining. (Tomi)

I enjoyed the battlement walk because I thought I was okay with heights but I felt very scared that high up! 500 steps plus... (Max)

I loved the Time Tower because it was both fun and educational with all the holograms. (Will)

I liked the dungeon because of the suspense and the jump scares. (Giancarlo)







Our Scrumdiddlyumptious Open Day.....



Was a great success. A big thank you to everyone for their support and especially Mrs Marriot and her team for preparing us a Dahltastic feast!! A great morning was had by all and the feedback was fantastic. The one constant compliment we heard again and again, whether from prospective parents, former pupils and even the BFG, was how wonderfully polite and delightful our children are – but we knew that already!!



Well done everybody and thank you.....



The Repton Challenge



“They were a delightful group who behaved impeccably throughout the day so I do hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them here at Repton for the day.”

Tim Collins

Director of Admissions

Some of our children took part in the Repton Challenge last Sunday and they did us proud. It was a Harry Potter inspired day where they made a cloak, quills, spells and even learnt to play Quidditch!



SPORT FIXTURES

Netball

The U13 team ended their Netball season with two 5-a-side matches against Oakham School. The first match remained close during the first half, with Wellow House managing to execute a higher proportion of their opportunities. In the second half, Oakham upped their game while Wellow House did not tighten up their marking and accuracy of passes, allowing Oakham to gain more confidence and score a flurry of goals to win. The second match was well-balanced and, while Wellow House remained in the lead for the whole game, Oakham clawed back the score line a few times to keep the spectators on edge. Wellow House did not waiver by keeping to their game plan and remained focussed to score a steady tally of goals to gain a well-deserved victory. Well done girls!

First game: 4-11 won by Oakham School

Second game: 11-7 won by Wellow House

Player of the Match: Emma G



Football

U 13 Football

A great second half comeback down the hill saw the U 13 boys turn around a 2-1 half time deficit to win their final game of the season 4-2 against Lincoln Minster. Everyone played their part in the second half, with a fingertip save from Ben and a goal from the kick-off from Zachary two of the high points. Well done, all. An impressive season, considering our limited squad size.

- Mr O'Kane



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 25th March

U9 A&B Football v Highfields (H) [2: 00pm](#)

U9 and U8 Netball (High 5) v Highfields H) [2:00pm](#)

Please note that all the children will be returning to academic lessons after the matches on Monday

❀ GOOD LUCK ❀

Good luck to Isabella D, who is a member of the Nottinghamshire team on Saturday in the National Schools Cross Country Championships Year 5/6 race at Prestwold Hall. With a massive field of runners expected from all the English counties, it is already an amazing achievement for Izzy to have qualified for this race two years above her current age.

EASTER SPORTS CAMP 3RD-4TH APRIL

We currently do not have enough participants for the first day of the sports camp (team games), but the Athletics Workshop will be going ahead on the Thursday morning. If there are any other last-minute applications to be submitted, please contact Mrs Nichols by Tuesday 26th March at the latest before we make a final decision. Email: lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE QUADKIDS - U11 ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Quadkids is a multi-discipline athletics event for young children of **all abilities** and a great introduction for those who may have little or no previous experience of athletics competitions.

Details

Date: Saturday 11th May

Venue: Moorways Athletics Stadium, Derby (outdoors)

Events: 75m sprint, 600m run, long jump and howler javelin throw.

Timings: Not yet publicised, but competitors will need to register at least 60 minutes before the first event.

Fee: £5.00 per athlete

Eligibility

Year 4 or Year 5, athletes have to be 9 or 10 years of age - and still 10 years of age on 31st August 2019.

Competition Details

All competitors complete the 4 disciplines and gain points for their best attempts. These points are totalled and medals awarded to the top three all-round athletes, but everyone's results are official times and distances that can help record individuals' personal achievements. Mrs Nichols will be at the competition as Wellow House School Team Manager.

Entry Applications

The deadline for entries is 20th April 2019, which is during the Easter Holidays, but there is also a strict limit on the number of competitors. Wellow House School will therefore complete athletes' entries ASAP or by the end of term, Friday 29th March. We are very keen to enter individuals from Wellow House School, please contact Mrs Nichols ASAP if your child wishes to enter or if you have any questions. Email: lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk

Notices

In accordance with our attendance policy can all students that arrive after 8.45 (Prep) and 8.50 (Pre-Prep) please go to reception to sign in.

Can parents please advise school if anybody other than those for whom you have previously given permission, is collecting your child. Also please make us aware if it is somebody that the staff may not recognise.

When dropping children off in the morning, can parents please find a parking space to do so and not drop off at the entrance as this can cause problems on the main road.

Thank you

LEARN
TO SWIM WITH

WILDFINS SEALS & SHARKS SWIM SCHOOL

JUMP
IN...TAKE
THE
PLUNGE..

CALL 07432 646425

- * All sessions/Lessons are on Saturdays & Sundays
- * Crash Courses during School holidays
- * Catering for children aged 3 upwards
- * Adult & 1 to 1 lessons available
- * Ability & Disability accommodated
- * Sing & Swim Parent & Baby Lessons
- * Spin, Sweat & Swim family fitness session
- * Level 3 Instructor
- * Instruction in the water to groups of 6
- * 30 minute lessons
- * Results within 12 lessons
- * Continuous assessment
- * Family time splash
- * Monthly Payment plan
- * Ample car parking

VENUE: WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL.
OLLERTON. NG 22 0EA

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

