



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Making Mistakes

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are proof
that you are
TRYING

As some of you may know, prior to my time in education, I was a Psychologist and childhood research is something I am still very interested in. I have been fascinated of late to learn about the impact of making mistakes in education. Making mistakes is a fundamental part of every cognitive process, whether solving a maths problem, making important decisions, or trying to convey meaning in a foreign language. What's more, making mistakes and learning from them is not simply a human skill, but also extends to the animal population.

In the coming weeks I will be placing a great deal of emphasis on developing resilience and robustness amongst our wonderful pupils. The children need to learn how to fail well - how to get over it and develop coping strategies. The fear of failing can be crippling and can stop the pupils doing things they really want to do. At Wellow we work tirelessly to ensure that our children feel safe enough to be able to try and fail without fear of judgement. We encourage them to be brave and understand that making mistakes is not necessarily a bad thing and that it is fine to try and fail, then pick yourself up and try again, or as Samuel Beckett said 'fail better'.

Learning from mistakes and errors is an important part of child and adolescent development. Most adults understand this concept. Yet, as a society, research is indicating that we are failing to teach our children that there is a positive side to getting things wrong. So why is it important to learn from mistakes? Whether it involves homework, developing friendships, or playing a sport, learning is enriched through error. Learning from mistakes is part of how we challenge ourselves to learn to do things differently. It motivates us to try new, innovative approaches to problem-solving. Throughout a lifetime, learning from mistakes helps develop wisdom and good judgment. In fact, studies have found that learning from mistakes enhances rather than detracts from learning. Carol Dweck, a professor at Stanford, studies the importance of

challenging children to learn from mistakes. Her research shows that praising children for their intelligence can actually make them less likely to persist in the face of challenge; instead praising for effort was found to be a more significant factor in future successes. Our teaching staff across the school will be ensuring that efforts in all areas of learning are rewarded, which will be reflected in the giving of dojos.

Typically, this week has been adorned with a range of wonderful opportunities for children across the whole school. An outdoor pursuit school Trip kick-started the week for Year 5 whilst a continuation of our Forest School initiative in Pre Prep took place back at school. We then all 'regrouped' for our fabulous celebration assembly, which then led to our historic 'House Singing Competition'. Mr Thorpe, former Head of Music at Wellow, kindly adjudicated our super event and was extremely pleased with everyone's performance and obvious commitment to their house. Well done to the Tudors who won this year's competition and well done to everyone for taking part so enthusiastically. Our Prep school concert is on Thursday 27th June beginning at 5.15. This will feature everyone in our whole school choir, along with lots of solo performances.

We have enjoyed another fantastic week at Wonderful Wellow, which leaves me only to wish you a very restful and fun-filled weekend.

All the very best,

Ms Lamb.



Happy Birthday!



Isabel 13, Ava-Marie 4



This week's fabulous certificate and medal winners!

Year 5 Outdoor Pursuits Trip



“We travelled over a sky high viaduct, the view was amazing and we saw a cotton mill... The best parts were the tunnels, they were very long and dark and water dripped from the ceiling... We got absolutely soaked so put on dry clothes. We stopped at a café and when Max went to pull some money out of his pocket, he pulled out his white pants instead, it was very funny!!!”

-Extracts from Year 5's Bike Trip Review.



LAMDA



All our LAMDA students earnt a distinction in their exam – Well Done!!



Ava-Marie started her violin lessons this week.

Pre-prep showed off their green fingers this week in Gardening Club



**And made
a friend!!!**



Foundation Stage had fun in Forest School, despite the weather!

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 13th May

U9 Kwik Cricket A team v Burton Hathow (H) 2:00pm

U9 Rounders v Burton Hathow (H) 2:00pm

Tuesday 14th May 2018

Years 6, 7 and 8 Worksop College Athletics Meeting (A) 2.00 - 5.00pm S80
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Wednesday 15th May

U13/U12 Mixed Cricket v Lincoln Minster (A) 2:00pm LN2 4PE

U11/U10 Cricket v Westbourne (H) 2:00pm

U11/U10 Rounders Mini Festival @ Wellow House 2:00pm

WORKSOP COLLEGE ATHLETICS MEETING - TUESDAY 14TH MAY

This is an addition to the Sports calendar, we have only very recently received confirmation that the competition is being organised this year. Parents will be very welcome to come along and support.

U13/U12 MIXED CRICKET FIXTURE - WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY

This is no longer a Year 8 fixture, it will now also include all Year 7 pupils.

QUAD KIDS COMPETITION - SATURDAY 11TH MAY

✿ Good luck to Izzy and Ted in Year 4, who are competing in the Quad Kids Notts County Championships at the Moorways Athletics Stadium, Derby on Saturday. They have both entered the U11 competition.

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 29TH - 30TH MAY

Mrs Nichols will be running a sports camp during the Summer Half Term for any number of children who may wish to enjoy a day of sport, games and other fun activities. The various choice of activities will be discussed and chosen by the participants. On the second day, an Athletics Workshop will take place led by Mr Peter Fendley from Worksop Harriers Athletics Club. He will willingly coach any of the Athletics events that children may wish to practise before the Wellow Games Sports Day in June.

DAY 1 - SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES DAY

Date: Wednesday 29th May

Times: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Fee: £30 per child

DAY 2 - ATHLETICS WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday 30th May

Times: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Fee: £15 per child

If your child may be interested in either day, please email Mrs Nichols direct and she will then reply with more details and the parent consent form. Siblings and friends aged 7-13 years of age are also very welcome to sign up and join in. [Email: lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th-11th July A Holiday Sports Camp will be run with a similar programme as above.

Year 2 Residential

Our Year 2 Pupils are invited to a fun filled and action packed residential on 27th June and 28th June.

They will enjoy activities at Xscape Castleford (sledging, bowling, trampolining), Clip n' Climb and crazy golf. The children will be having a fantastic sleepover at school. Further information with specific details and costings will be sent out on Monday.

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

