



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Wonderful Wellow

‘What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stop and stare...

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance...

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.’ (W. H. Davies)



Have you ever taken the time to stand back from the hustle and bustle of all that goes on in the Wellow House school week and consider the incredible breadth of opportunities and activities that are going on in just a single week?

Max Longmuir recently performed this lovely, famous poem beautifully in our annual Public Speaking competition and it started me thinking...

This week alone, the children of wonderful Wellow House have been up to an incredible range of learning activities:

- Pre-Prep and the playing fields buzzed to the sounds of learning and aerobic activity as parents ‘stayed and played’, when they got a chance to see at first-hand how their children spend a typical morning reading, writing, exercising and singing.

- Year 3 enjoyed an invigorating and sunny hike in the Peak District just days after Year 5 cycled the Monsal Trail. Every prep school year group has an outdoor pursuits day at some point.
- Year 4 children have exploded things in the Science Lab!
- Pupils have welcomed and warmly cared for increasing numbers of children on trial days – and many more are booked in.
- Year 6 children have created a newspaper front page against the clock, as the English Room transformed into a news office.
- Years 5 to 8 competed in an athletics meeting in which they tried their hand at all sorts of track and field. Isabella Dennett also won her county title in the multi-event Quad Kids Athletics championships.
- Year 8 children have been speaking French to an incredible standard for their age in the Common Entrance orals, as well as completing Maths and French listening exams to be sent on to their senior schools.
- In the outdoor world, Mrs Pacey's children have been creating art work from the mud while Mr O'Kane's treasure hikers have followed OS map routes to hidden treasure, using the great local footpaths.
- Children from Years 3 to 8 have been involved in cricket and rounders matches, with the Under 13 boys and girls playing Wellow's first ever fully mixed cricket match – a great innovation!
- The Sports Hall has seen traditional Wellow pursuits mixing with the new as we continue to appreciate our heritage while we move forward: Mr Kosinoga-Davis continues to bring his expert archery coaching to his keen learners while Saxons and Normans won a tight 'Gaffer Cup' indoor cricket match against the Tudors and Stuarts. Bob's fencers continue to improve week by week too, keeping another Wellow strength to the fore.
- Elsewhere, children have been playing chess, learning to street dance, preparing for a forthcoming Latin play... YOU NAME IT, THEY'RE EXPERIENCING IT!

I am sure you would agree that this is a great deal to pack into a week, but this is no unusual week; this is Wellow! Last week, we saw every prep child singing in our House Singing event, public speaking competitions and more.

Beauty is dancing before us every day, in countless smiles, moments of pride and excitement about the new and the wonderful.

- Miss Lamb

Refer a Friend Scheme

If you are as excited by this broad spectrum of opportunities as we would hope, we are sure you would be pleased to recommend a Wellow education to your friends. We are pleased to announce a new 'Refer a Friend' scheme, under which you will receive £500 off your fees when the new pupil(s) is signed up.



This week's fabulous certificate winners!



Taylor
with his
'Coach's
Rugby
Player of
the Year'
Award



Year 3 Outdoor Pursuits

The year 3 went on their annual Outdoor pursuits trip to Linacre Reservoir last Tuesday. It was a glorious day which really added to the beautiful location. The children walked round all three reservoirs and on their way spotted ducklings and some very colourful ducks. The highlight of the trip was roly-polying down the steep hill and racing back up. The day finished with a visit to a local ice cream parlour for well-deserved refreshments.



A look at what else has been happening this week at Wonderful Wellow....



Things are coming along in Gardening Club

Pre-prep parents certainly
enjoyed..



Staying

Playing



And
Eating!!



With us here at Wonderful Wellow

Forest School



Building



Treasure Hikes.....

Sport

Finally, some great cricket weather greeted us on Monday this week for our u9 fixture against Burton Hathow. It was great to see the team in action and a very enjoyable game was played between both teams. Burton Hathow came out the victors scoring 309 in response to our 296. Special mention must go to Taylor and Eric who scored 20 runs off one over, well done everyone.



Another fantastic day for cricket on Wednesday saw our u10/11 team take on a very strong Westbourne side who had 4 club cricketers amongst their ranks. We won the toss and elected to bowl first and after a strong start from their batsmen we eventually began to get into the game and stem the flow of boundaries with some accurate bowling. Unfortunately, their bowling attack proved to be as strong as their batting and apart from the occasional boundary we never got near to their total. What was pleasing however, was that we only lost 2 wickets in our entire innings, well done to all involved.



UNDER 10/11 ROUNDERS

The under 10/11 rounder's team began their season a couple of weeks ago playing their first match against St Peter St Paul. Although the girls were a bit slow to get started and lost the first innings they soon settled into the match and the second innings was a draw.

Last Wednesday the girls played in a three-way tournament against Ranby House, Westbourne and Lincoln Minster. I was very impressed with how the girls fielded and their team work. Izzy, Elizabeth and Violet were a great trio and stopped many rounders being scored and stomped numerous girls out on second and third. Victoria did very well as bowler and along with Grace, caught some great balls. Well done to the year 4 girls, Bonnie, Izzy and Marigold who really added to the overall performance. The year 6 girls led by example and the team was captained by Anya. Two wins and one loss was a great result, well done girls.

WINNING PERFORMANCE AT THE NOTTS COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Isabella (Year 4) competed in the U11 Quad Kids Athletics event on Saturday, which was a multi event for Run, Jump and Throw disciplines. It was an exciting competition to the very end, with one point splitting the top 4 athletes! Our external athletics coach, Peter Fendley, is also the Notts AAA President and he proudly presented Izzy her Gold medal. Izzy's day concluded with meeting Emily Race, an U20 GB heptathlete who is coached by Mr Fendley at Worksop Harriers. Many congratulations Izzy! - -
- Mrs Nichols



Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 20th May

U9 Kwik Cricket A&B teams v Highfields (H) 2:00pm

U9 Rounders v Highfields (H) 2:00pm

The Wellow House players will return to academic lessons at 3:30pm.

Wednesday 22nd May

U13/U12 Cricket v Lincoln Minster (H) 2:00pm

U9 Kwik Cricket A&B teams v Ranby House (A) 2:00pm DN22 8HX

U13/U12 Rounders v Lincoln Minster (H) 2:15pm

U9 Rounders v Ranby House (A) 2:00pm DN22 8HX - **these are amended fixture details and a new venue.**

U9 ROUNDERS FIXTURE - WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY

Please note the amended details for this U9 Rounders fixture, as it is showing as a Home fixture in the School calendar. It is now a triangular fixture with Ranby House and St Hughs **at Ranby House**.

NEW QUAD KIDS ATHLETICS COMPETITION FOR THE SPORTS FIXTURES CALENDAR

Wellow House are hoping to enter a Years 3-5 mixed team to participate in a Newark & Sherwood Schools Quad Kids competition on Wednesday 19th June; we hope to publish more details next week. We will be offering particular coaching sessions for the Quad Kids event as part of the Half Term Sports Camp on 29th and 30th May (please see more details below).

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. He will also provide specific coaching for the Athletics events included in the Quad Kids competition due to take place 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.

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

