



# WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> June 2019



# COMPLIMENTS!

Undoubtedly, the best reflection of Wellow this week comes from our high achieving year 8s. Congratulations to you all on your results in your recent exams! You have led the way, setting a clear precedent, just as senior students should and achieved exceptional exam results. Staff and I would all like to congratulate each one of you on your wonderful success. Congratulations must go to the remainder of the Prep School, who have also ensured some fantastic results in exams.

Accolades and praise have been cascading around the school site, so fortunately I am pleased that our underlying theme throughout this week has been compliments and praise! I am of course, frequently inundated with positive news about our fabulous children and their exemplary behaviour. Although mentioned above, the Year 8s, during their sports tour, acted so maturely and sensibly that adults they were working with and 'passers by' alike commented positively on exceptional behaviour to Mr O'Kane and Mrs Nichols. A complete report of the Sport Tour will feature later in this Newsletter, however I must formally thank Mrs Nichols and Mr O'Kane, who carefully masterminded another fantastic opportunity for our most senior children. Thank you also to the parents who fully supported preparations, drop offs and all the other key parts which can sometimes go unseen. We are delighted that as a school, we can continue to offer such a comprehensive and action-packed event, so thank you one and all.

The weather certainly deserves a mention; as it has been the centre of many people's conversation, especially mine. It is always challenging for a

Headmistress to have to decide whether events, such as sports matches and even break times are able to continue outside. Like many schools I am sure, we have had to operate a number of wet play sessions and I would like compliment our children for acting so sensibly during these changes. I would also like to thank my staff for quickly altering plans to incorporate weather which quite frankly has been, rotten! Hopefully, next week will see the sunshine and the clouds lift.

Linking to the weather and sport, one of the decisions I have had to make is to postpone our fabulous sporting events at home and away scheduled for this week. We have lots of super sporting fixtures planned for the remainder of the term and of course, as we now look to the new autumn term. As we look to the weekend, I am so pleased that the weather has begun to make it clear that the fabulous Wellow Ball can go ahead and I certainly look forward to welcoming parents and friends of Wellow to what is always a super event organised by our 'legendary' parent's association, WHSPA. Thanks in advance must go to Mrs Cassie Brealey and members of her team, who have already devoted a huge amount of time to ensuring the marquee and other delights are all ready for a great night together. Please do come and find me and say hello.

With only three weeks remaining, we are all beginning to reflect on a tremendous final term after a fabulous academic year, made even more special by the emergence of the Year 8 CE Results. We have so much to proud of here at Wellow along with being abundantly excited about our future school when we return again in September. Being supported by ALPHA Schools is undoubtedly a huge advantage for Wellow and I know going forward that this will continue to help us offer a tremendous provision to increasing numbers of children.

Have a fabulous weekend, during which I hope to see you at the Ball.

With fond regards,

Ms Lamb.



Happy Birthday!



Mila 4 (and certificate winner)



**This week's fabulous certificate winners!**



Dilys, Our Tap  
and Ballet  
Superstar!!

# Fantastic Common

## Entrance Results!!

This year, the oldest form in the school have truly excelled themselves in the Common Entrance 13+ papers they have recently taken. As a group, they achieved the highest overall average result of 81% in recent years. To put this in context the last three years have averaged at 73%. This is obviously a fantastic result and we wish to thank all of the amazing staff who have contributed to the pupil success.

The children and their teachers are to be congratulated on some remarkably high scores in papers that are generally accepted to be not far short of GCSE in terms of difficulty. Some of the children have developed so far since their younger years that they really do illustrate perfectly the huge benefits of staying at a prep school like Wellow until the final year, both keeping your child's options open and allowing them to get that all-important work ethic ingrained early in their teenaged years. Of course, they also benefit from a range of exciting treats and trips when they have finished all their hard work, as you can read elsewhere in this edition.

This year, our children have (as always) all been accepted into their schools of choice, including Ratcliffe, Repton, Oakham, Southwell Minster, Worksop and, for the first time, St Mary's, Ascot!

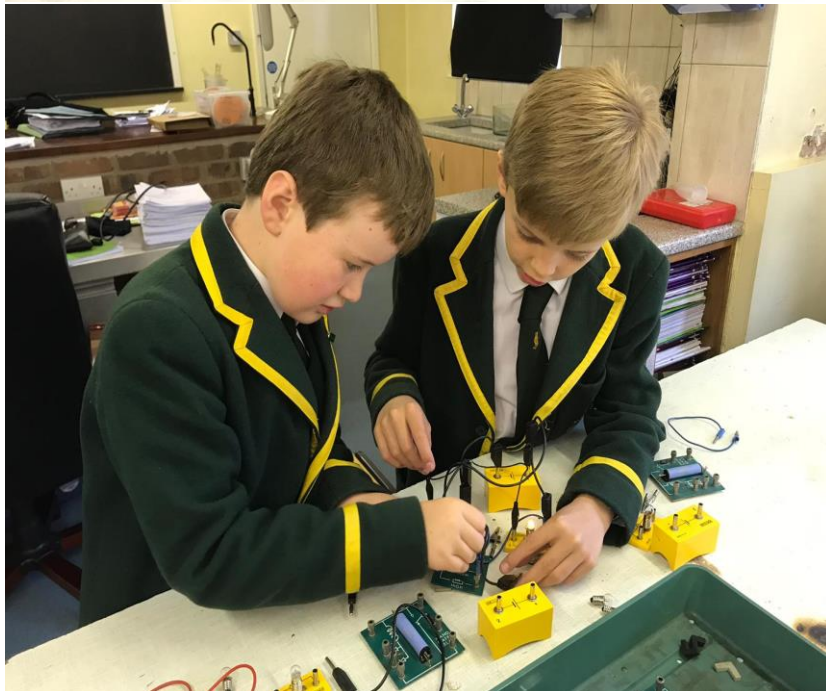
Well done to you all!





**Year 4 have been busy baking. We hope some made it home!**





Our budding scientists in Year 5 have been using batteries and circuits to create light....

## The Year 8 Sports Tour to Yorkshire

As a reward for finishing the tough Common Entrance exams, we went on an exciting trip to Haworth, St Peter's York and Scarborough, or as Mr Taylor calls it, 'Scarbados'! We catered for each other & shared new things.

The activities we had a chance to experience included trampolining, rowing on the River Ouse, indoor cricket, youth hostelling and visiting the seaside for some good old fish'n'chips (two of our party also swam in the River Ouse, but that wasn't exactly planned...).

Here we have gathered together a few of our memories:

*I loved the haunted house at Scarborough because it was actually really scary and Izzy only came inside to laugh at how bad it would be...but turned out to be screaming the hardest (Celia)*

*I loved doing flips backwards and forwards at the trampoline centre and pushing each other into the foam pits (Alex)*

*It was great watching Izzy and Celia slowly tip and then capsize their rowing boat. When they fell into the freezing water, Izzy quickly clambered up to sit astride the boat like she was horse riding (Esme A)*

*I enjoyed becoming famous within moments of arriving at the hostel for carrying a huge box of chilled food up two long staircases to then be asked to take it back down three flights! (Tom)*

*I loved managing to land some forward flips at Energi trampoline centre, but standing next to Celia, failing to persuade her to jump off a platform for ages, was not so much fun (Izzy)*

*I enjoyed the foam pits as much as Alex did and I loved playing a successful cheeky reverse sweep off my first ball of the cricket match (Emma)*

*I loved the haunted house attraction at Scarborough because of all the screaming from my friends (not me, obviously!) (Esme B)*

*I really liked having a meal out and seeing Haworth village – my cheeseburger was great! (Anton)*

*I enjoyed the trampoline park as I'm quite good at doing a series of flips (Zach)*

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*I was really proud of my improved bowling in our mixed cricket match (Emma)*

*I enjoyed rowing for the first time. The rigger dipping to prove that the boat doesn't tip over easily involved raising alternate arms to dip the boat in either direction. Alex and I were good at this (Tom)*

*I was pleased about not falling into the River Ouse in the swell and undercurrent. I also enjoyed my scampi and halloumi fries when we ate out (Alex)*

*I managed to do an amazing gymnastic flip on the St Peter's, York play area (Izzy)*

*I hit the ball and scored some runs in the cricket match against some good bowlers. I also didn't get dismissed (Esme A)*

*I found it difficult in rowing to keep the two blade spoons on the surface of the water simultaneously for balance (Celia)*

*Rowing was new and fun to try as it was something I'd never experienced (Esme B)*

*I managed a front flip on the trampoline for the first time (Anton)*

*The constant shout of 'Hands together!' in rowing will stay with me! (Zach)*





## Upcoming Fixtures

### Monday 17th June

U9 Cricket v Burton Hathow - **CANCELLED**

U9 Rounders v Burton Hathow - **CANCELLED**

Unfortunately, Burton Hathow are no longer able to field their U9 teams on this date.

### Tuesday 18th June

U9 Cricket Festival @ Barlborough Hall (A) 2:00-4:00pm S43 4ES

U9 Rounders Festival @ Barlborough Hall (A) 2:00-4:00pm S43 4ES

Please note that these festivals will not involve all the Year 3/4 pupils.

### Wednesday 19th June

U13 Cricket v Westbourne (A) 2:00pm Abbeydale, S17 3LJ

Estimated return time back to Wellow House is 6:00-6:30pm

U11 Cricket v Lincoln Minster (A) 2:00pm LN2 4PE

U13 Rounders v Westbourne (H) 2:00pm

U10/U9 Rounders v Highfields (A) 1:45pm NG24 3AL

Newark & Sherwood Schools Quad Kids Competition @ Joseph Whitaker School 4-6pm NG21 0AG

We truly hope that the sports fixtures scheduled for next week will be going ahead, but will keep you informed as to whether the grounds at hosting schools have recovered in time after the recent heavy rainfalls.

### U11 CRICKET v LINCOLN MINSTER - WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Please note that this fixture will include all our Year 6 girls.

### QUAD KIDS COMPETITION - WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

An email with detailed information has been sent to all the parents of children who have been selected for this competition, thank you for your replies.

### WELLOW GAMES - FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 1:30-5:00pm

You are warmly invited to watch our annual Wellow Games (Prep School Sports Day), which is also the House Athletics competition. The children will make their way as one group to the lower field at 1:15pm, when we would truly appreciate parents, family and friends to be waiting to cheer the athletes as they arrive onto the field. We very much hope you can come along to

support all the children, who never fail to put on a wonderful display for the track and field events. WHSPA will also be selling their ever popular refreshments during the afternoon.

## **HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 10TH - 11TH JULY**

### **DAY 1 - SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES DAY**

Date: Wednesday 10th July

Times: [9:30am - 3:30pm](#)

Fee: £30 per child

Mr Hucknall will be back in the hot seat and is looking forward to organising a programme of various sports, fitness and fun activities.

### **DAY 2 - ATHLETICS WORKSHOP**

Date: Thursday 11th July

Times: [9:30am - 12:00pm](#)

Fee: £15 per child

Peter Fendley from Worksop Harriers Athletics Club will be coaching several Athletics events. With the introduction of Quad Kids competitions at Wellow House this year, we hope more children will be interested in coming along to develop their athletics techniques and further improve their all-around ability.

Please email Mrs Nichols by Friday 28th June if your child is interested in signing up for one or both days. Email: [lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk)

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

