



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Happiness is the Key!

Of the many things that a child's time at school should provide, happiness is possibly the most important: the reassurance that a pupil feels secure, valued and enthusiastic about coming into Wellow House every day is paramount.

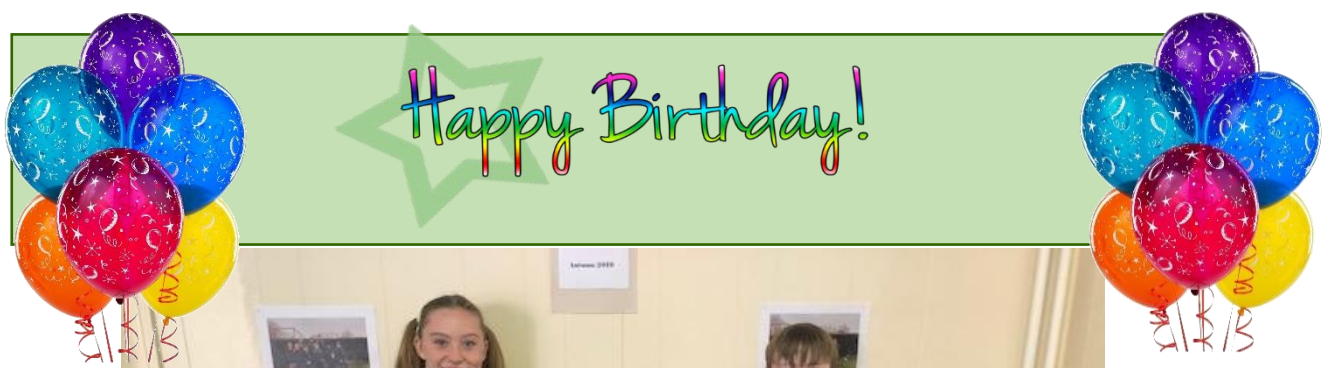
In the first ten days of this action-packed term, I have been struck by the beaming smiles all around the school, all the way from the reception pupils feeling the satisfaction of keeping up with their teachers on the Weekly Walk (or Run) to the Year 6 and 7 pupils completing a particularly arduous navigation and hiking exercise in the Peak District.

Faces wreathed in smiles have adorned the games field, the classroom and the break times, when guides have spent time caring for our new starters and ensuring that they always have someone there to show them where to go or to ask them to join in with a game or activity.

Our wide range of activities, such as Forest School, Gardening Club, kayaking, Tadpoles, archery and play rehearsals have seen many opportunities for creating happiness – as the laughter listening to some gruff boys trying out for the part of Anne Boleyn in the prep school play last Monday illustrated well.

From a Positivity Room in the Prep School to a buddy bench in the Pre Prep, the family atmosphere of this unique school, with its feeling of a large, caring family, suffuses everything we do. One only needs to look at classdojo to see how happy the children are to be a part of it all!

Dan O'Kane, Assistant Head



Isabella 10, Grace 6, Freddie 10



This week's fabulous certificate winners!



'Foundation Stage have had afternoon tea for their first cookery lesson this week. The children worked together to make scones and cheese & cucumber sandwiches. They also used a china tea set to sample their drinks. What a fun afternoon!!'

- Mrs Jones



Our Hiking Trip

We were in the bus for around 1.1 hours. Then we arrived and we saw a lot of rocks and climbed most of them. We did the rock dance. It was fun.

We were on top of the valley for a while, then we went down the valley. We climbed down the rocks, then we walked for a while. We came across cows and I thought that I could pet them but Mrs Beldon was worried so we went the other way. We had to barge our way through the head high bracken. I found it very fun and adventurous. I'm not too sure the others were too keen on the bracken.

A few long hours went by, and then we stopped to eat in a wood. Then we set off again. We walked an extra mile due to an unclear route. After a while we were all so tired that Sir ran and grabbed the bus.

Surprisingly, we made a new friend. We called her Jemima and she enjoyed Anya's sweetcorn. (She was a ewe.)

We stopped off at an ice cream parlour, where I had a double scoop of salted caramel and butterscotch ripple with a flake and a toffee. It was amazing.

My favourite location was the rock face called Stanage Edge.

By Max Henshaw



Sport – Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 16th September

U9 Rugby v Orchard School (H) [2:00pm](#) - CANCELLED

U9 Hockey v Orchard School (H) [2:00pm](#) - CANCELLED

Wednesday 18th September

U11/U10 Rugby v Highfields (A) [2:15pm](#) NG24 3AL

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Friday 20th September

U11 and U9 cross country meeting @ Wellow House School

We have 5 schools joining us for our annual cross country meeting and the first race will start at 2.00pm. Parents are very welcome to come and support our cross country squad, but please note that all runners will be returning to academic lessons after the presentation. The squad will be announced next week.

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

There will be occasions for some Away fixtures when there will be too many children for the minibuses and we would prefer to include as many children as possible in fixtures. We may be needing to ask whether any parents are planning to watch and support their child on the day and who would be willing to help with driving some children to the venue. We would be very grateful for parental support on these occasions, please speak to the School Office, your child's Games teacher or email Mrs Nichols direct if you hope to watch matches regularly and may be able to assist; thank you in advance. Mrs Nichols' email is lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk.

SCHOOL WATER BOTTLE

We actively encourage everyone to recognise the importance of regularly drinking water and a number of children are not coming to school with a named clear water bottle. Their bottle should be kept at school during the week for use during break times, Games lessons and fixtures. The water bottle should be taken home every Friday and washed over the weekend.

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

