



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

15th November 2019



THE RAIN WON'T DAMPEN OUR SPIRITS!

Here at Wellow, the words of Supertramp (for those of us old enough to remember) '*It's raining again; oh no, I'm losing a friend*' could not be less true!

While record-breaking storms have battered the area, the children have been thinking about kindness in Anti-Bullying Week, designing posters to encourage thoughtfulness to one another and wearing odd socks to remind themselves to be good, kind citizens. Dilys exemplified this recently with her amazing fund-raising for Cancer Research.

Nor has the rain prevented the children from performing in various inter-school matches: the Under 9 boys' rugby teams continue to impress, with the A team beating Ranby in a close 13 tries to 10 win and the Under 10 girls' hockey team fighting out a hard-fought 1-1 draw on the astro at Lincoln Minster. The mixed Under 12s found life harder but kept battling and the Under 10 boys impressed in a close defeat.

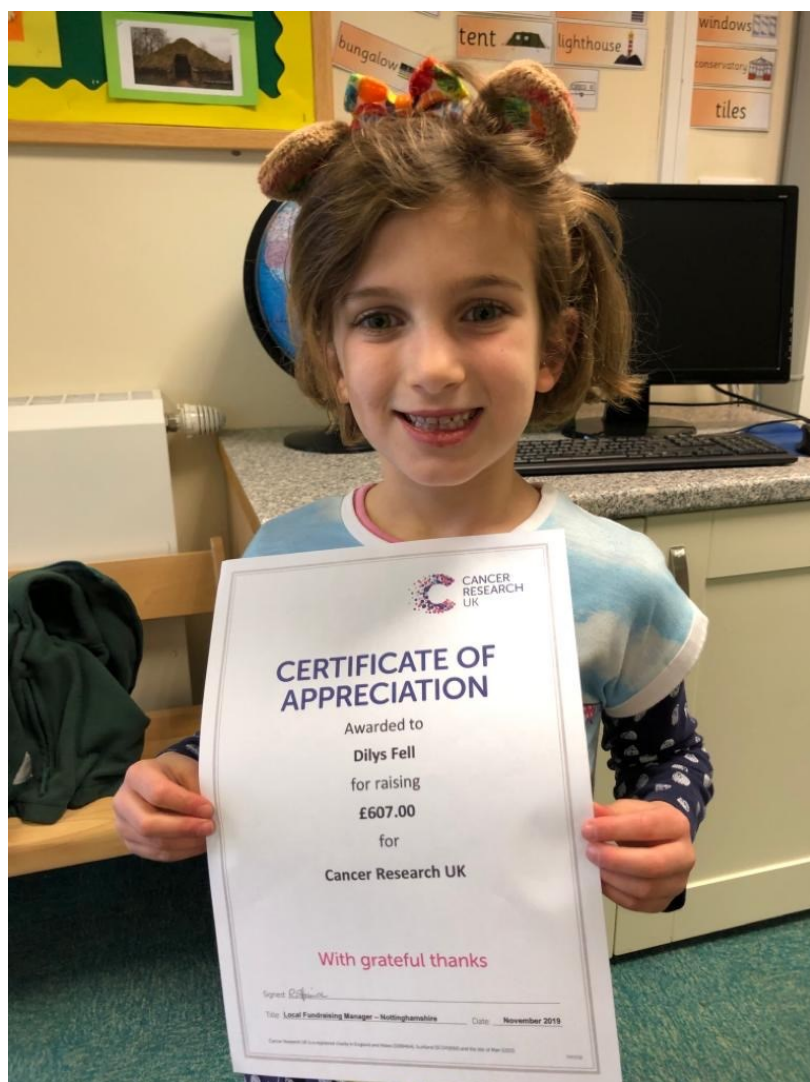
In school, Miss Lamb's ever-helpful father has been aiding Mr Grantham-Woodhouse in fortifying our Barn against the deluge, so that it will be ready in time to host the exciting prep school play *Blind Date with Henry VIII* by Monday 2nd December. Our great thanks go to the dynamic duo for their battles against the monsoon.

The rain has certainly not seeped into the spirits of the children in Years 3 and 4, who put on an excellent assembly today, including a joyous and cleverly penned song about Wellow life that they performed again to their peers in lunch – thanks to Mrs Doney in particular for that number.

Spirits again were anything but dampened in our wonderful costumes to raise money for Children in Need today, with the Pre Prep leading the way...although Ms Seaton had the best onesie of all!

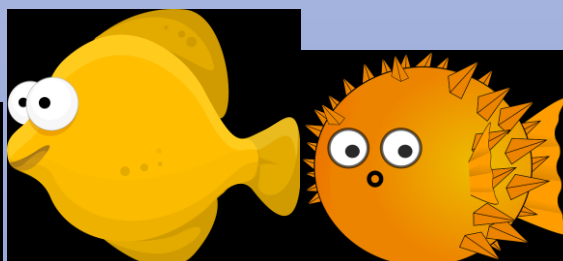
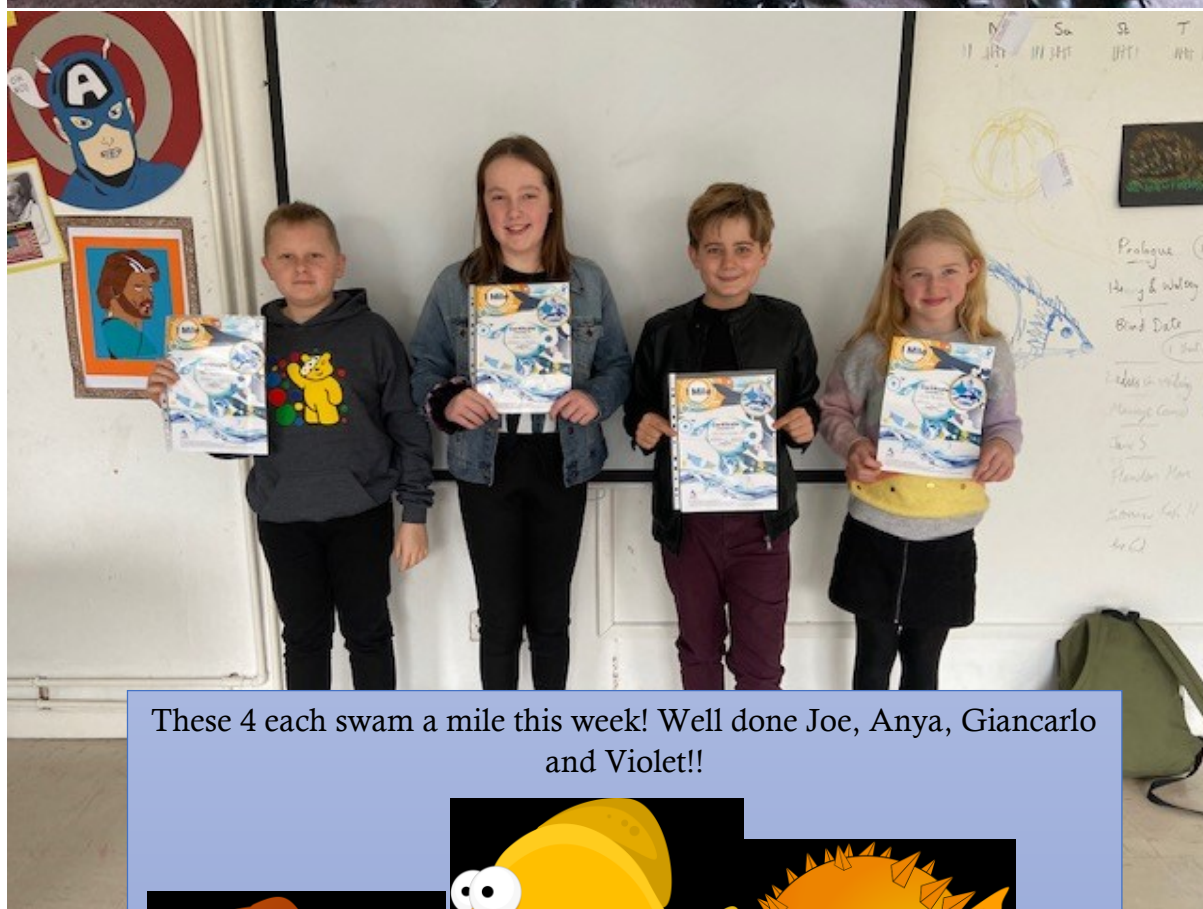
It is hard to believe that it is only a week since WHSPA treated us to such a lovely evening toasting marshmallows, enjoying good company and watching an excellent display of fireworks. What a special school we have!

Mr O’Kane, assistant Head



★ Super Certificate Winners!!







The children with their Christmas boxes for under privileged children and in their Pudsey outfits for Children in Need....





This week the children in Foundation Stage have learnt about Remembrance Day, brought in their boxes for Operation Christmas Child wore odd socks for anti-bullying day and participated in activities for Children in Need.

What a busy time we having alongside our daily learning opportunities. – Mrs Jackson



🌱🌱🌱 Gardening Club 🌱🌱🌱

This week the torrential rain was back so we were back in the Geography classroom.

We looked at the wormeries that we constructed last week. Despite being kept in a dark cupboard for the week there was little evidence of the worms moving about so we moistened the soil and compost mix and put them back in the cupboard. Various seeds had germinated in the wormeries though; these had grown white, yellow and long from the lack of light which was interesting to look at.

We started work on a project to use compostable waste generated by school to make compost to add to our vegetable patch. We thought about how and what we can compost as well as what we can do with other waste from school to reduce to a minimum items sent to landfill.

The children then started designing some posters to put up around school together with a special bin to collect suitable waste to compost. Isla, Freddie and Oscar N-C were quick off the mark and had theirs finished by the end of the session!

Garden club isn't running next week because of exam week



NOTICES

BLIND DATE WITH HENRY VIII – Mon 2nd Dec 5.15 pm & Tues 3rd Dec 7 pm

Rehearsals are well under way for this term's prep school play, a tragi-comedy about the fate of Henry VIII's poor wives, with songs, jokes and plenty of real history...as well as Cilla and our Graham helping Henry to choose number 1, number 2, number 3.....number 4... you get the picture!

The play is suitable for prep school aged children (and parents!) and the cast would love to see as many faces in the audience as possible, hence the Monday performance starting at 5.15 pm to make it easy to collect your children and then watch the show with them. It should last about an hour and there will be refreshments. Children come in free and adults £3.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the night.

- Mr O'Kane

Humanities Maternity Cover

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Julie Huggins will temporarily take over the role of Humanities Teacher in Mrs Forster's absence.

Mrs Huggins has a wealth of experience across the age ranges and will be with us until the end of the Summer term 2020.

Due to exam week next week in the Prep school, internal activities are cancelled (gardening club, prep session etc) but paid for activities such as tennis will continue as normal.

Tuesday 19th November – On The Buzzer Challenge, Uppington (Y5&6)

Thursday 21st November – Performing Arts / Music talk with Mrs Seaton, 5pm

Tuesday 26th November – Ski Meeting 5.15pm

Thursday 28th November – Edwinstowe Christmas Light Switch-on

Sport

U10 HOCKEY v Lincoln Minster

The U10 girls had a well-fought battle this week, playing a fast-moving and exciting fixture on an astro pitch. The teams were evenly matched, with Lincoln Minster having the edge on number of opportunities hit at goal, but Shyla played her best game of the season as GK to repeatedly thwart their efforts; no goals were scored in the first half. Lincoln continued to apply pressure on our defence in the second half and were rewarded with the first goal of the match. Unperturbed, Wellow House came together in attack to advance into the circle and Marigold pounced on an opportunity to score a well-deserved equaliser. Both teams had penalty corner opportunities during the match, but no further goals were scored.

Final score: 1-1

Player of the Match: Shyla B



Wellow vs Ranby Rugby U9

We won 13-10 to keep our unbeaten streak. It was a tough match because the Ranby team were very good, they could run fast and shoved us out of touch a lot.

This match we had brilliant tackles from Henry and as a team did very well at pushing forward. Next time we always need to keep our defensive line.

Eric and Leo did brilliant at running forward, Tom and Edwin were good at bulldozing and Archie ran fast to tackle people.

Men of the match were Leo, Eric and Henry because Leo and Eric kept going when injured and Henry was amazing at tackles.

By Taylor Heath



The u9 boys has 2 very difficult and physical matches yesterday against strong opposition provided by Ranby. After leading at one point 6-3 our B team unfortunately couldn't hold on to win and were narrowly beaten 12-15. Likewise, a close game was played out by the A team, who through a direct running approach that we have been working on in training, managed to come out victorious 13-10. Well done to all the boys involved in what were two very physical matches against strong opposition, no doubt there are some bumps, bruises and sore bodies this morning, but hard work, persistence and practice is paying off with this year group. - Mr Taylor.



Wellow's mixed Under 12 team travelled to Lincoln Minster on Wednesday to play their first game on an astroturf surface. They found it very tough going in the first half, with an extremely skilful and quick Minster team showing some amazing hockey skills. They led 6-0 at half time, but William in goal prevented it from being even worse with some brave saves, Violet and Max worked hard in tracking back to defend. Marking and spacing both suffered as we froze rather against such strong opponents.

In the second half, Lincoln made some changes and our team was able to play more hockey, threading some good passes together as Anya and Grace got into the game more, with the former finally piercing the Lincoln defence. Some of the strongest players came back on near the end for Lincoln and the second half ended 3-1 to them but at least the Wellow team had showed that they could control and pass quite well at times in the second half. They certainly kept going, despite puffing by the end.

- Mr O'Kane

SPORTS FIXTURES

Thursday 21st November

U11 and U9 Cross Country @ Highfields from 1:40pm NG24 3AL

Parents supporting their child at the cross country meeting will be able to collect them after the Presentation.

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

