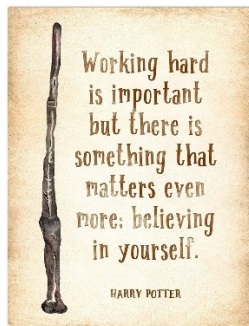




WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

18th October 2019



HARRY POTTER SCIENCE WEEK

What an absolutely amazing week this has been! The children have been even more excited than normal to come into school and participate in the fantastic Harry Potter themed events that have been happening each day.

I have never seen so much slime in one place! And even some of the youngest children in school have been explaining to me the chemical reactions that need to take place to produce slime! Mr Davies entertained us with an astounding magical display on Tuesday followed by a game of Quidditch in the Sports Hall! Models have been arriving in school on a daily basis and the creativity of the children has been phenomenal. Special mention must also go to the kitchen staff for thinking of Harry Potter inspired menus and to Jayne for turning our dining room into The Great Hall from Hogwarts!

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) is an area that I am really keen to explore and engage our pupils in. Nationally the number of girls studying these subjects are lower than boys and hosting STEM themed weeks alongside our varied curriculum will hopefully instil passion in all of pupils alongside a desire to continue to study these subjects in Further Education. Science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education is important as the world depends on it – we are surrounded by STEM in our everyday lives. It provides pupils with life skills; the idea is to prepare them for successful careers in the modern workforce. They can learn to take risks, create, work with others, think outside the box, and understand that it is alright to fail. All pupils should be encouraged to study and be enthused by STEM since many of the careers available to them will be related in one way or another in the future.

“To inspire the next generation of engineers, we need to target students at a young age before stereotypes are too ingrained”

(The Telegraph)

Our week culminated in dress up day! Surprisingly it seemed that it was the older children more animated than the younger pupils about this experience! The annual science competition was, as always, fiercely competitive! And the originality, enthusiasm and creativity in producing the designs were awe inspiring! Having a unicorn in school was a fitting conclusion to our terrific week!

Happiness
can be found,
even in the darkest of times,
if one only remembers to turn on the
light
—Dumbledore

I wish you all a restful half term and will see you on 4th November ready for the Christmas count down!

Warmest regards,

Ms Lamb









Henry 7, Hendre 7, Anya 12, Marigold 10, Violet 12, Tom 9



Super Certificate Winners!!





The children in Foundation Stage have enjoyed yet another fun packed week of exciting learning opportunities.

On Monday morning we welcomed Aniya's mummy into the Nest to tell us all about Divali the Festival of Light.

The children found out about the traditions of this special festival and were able to try on some beautifully embellished outfits.

At snack time, they enjoyed trying some traditional foods which are eaten during Divali.

Daily science experiments including bouncing eggs, along with a Harry Potter themed lunch have helped to make a very exciting week before the half term break for the children in Foundation Stage. – Mrs Jackson



Welcome to the
world baby
Philippa Lucy
Forster!!

14.10.19



On Monday a group of 8 children travelled to St Hugh's to take part in the 'A1 Maths Challenge' a series of maths investigations, problem solving tasks and quizzes all under timed conditions. The competition was open to children up to and including year 8 and we had by far the youngest group. It was therefore very, very pleasing that we managed to finish 4th, just outside the medal winners. Details of the event can be found on the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust website of which Wellow House School is a member.



Success for Our Year 7 Poets

Great news arrived from Southwell Bramley Apple Competition today when they rang to say that Giancarlo and Violet were both highly commended and that Anya has been chosen as the **overall winner of the poetry competition**. Well done indeed, Anya, and here is her winning poem:

WHAT AM I?

I am the colour of nature, succulently sour.

My swaying branch leans like the Eiffel Tower.

Be prepared to pick me before it's too late,

A tempting meal on an insect's dinner plate.

Wash me, chop me, boil me with a sprinkle of sugar.

Bake me in the oven, then drench me in a custard smother.

Try and get me; give the tree a good climb.

I'll be disgustingly rotten if you don't get me in time.

All battered and bruised, mushy and soggy,

When you bite the juice it's all cloudy and foggy.

My delectable, tangy delicious flavours

Inject me with bubbles for the ultimate savours.

Anya, Year 7

School Exams

In November, during the third week after the half-term break, all the children in the prep school will be sitting their first set of examinations of the year. This will help to test their understanding and highlight any areas that may need revisiting later in the academic year. The teachers will ensure that the children are thoroughly prepared for the papers during the weeks leading up to sitting the exams and they will guide the children on how to revise and what to revise. Much of any necessary revision will take place during lessons, though the children in the higher year groups will be expected to add significantly to this at home for prep during that fortnight preceding exam week.

Feedback will be given in the form of results in an email from the form teacher after the exams are completed and then there will be full written reports at the end of this term.

Parents' evenings follow in the Spring Term and then we have our more major exams in June, when the children have covered considerably more on which to be tested; at this time they benefit from having been through the experience already during the year.

I have attached the schedule for exams, spread over the mornings only of the five days of exam week. Please try to avoid making any appointments for your children during the mornings of that week that could be organised for other times.

Evening activities do not occur during exam week, except for those run by outside coaches for which you pay. This is to allow the children to revise.

Best wishes

Dan O'Kane, assistant Head

French Trip

Can all parents be reminded that the French Trip deposit is due by 11th November. Thank you.

Sport

Under 9s match report vs Notts High on Monday 14th

Wellow vs Nottingham High School Rugby U9 'A' team report

We got off to a strong start with a half time score of 8 - 3 to Wellow. We had great tackles by Henry, awesome bulldozing by Edwin and Tom and fantastic running down the wing by Eric, Leo and Archie.

In the second half we were crowding around the ball while defending and someone on their team ran through the space and kept scoring. I had a talk with everyone and we filled in the space and at the end of the match the score was 17-6 to Wellow, with tries all round including a double hat trick by Taylor and Henry.

Man of the match was every one for great teamwork, learning from mistakes and trying their very best the whole time.

By Taylor Heath



After all the rain it was very sunny on the day we played St Hugh's. All of our players played really well. Archie made some amazing tackles, Leo made some amazing passes and Taylor scored lots of tries. When the ball was on the floor it was always a Wellow person who got it. Wellow won 20-0. Match report by Henry Botham.

The match against St Hugh's we WON 7-4 and the man of the match was Elijah for his amazing runs. Match report by Reiley.

On a personal level, and I'm sure I speak on behalf of Mr Hucknall and Mr Woodhouse too, it's fantastic to hear such positive comments from not only our proud parents but also from the parents of other schools on how well the boys performed, their impeccable behaviour and the team spirit and discipline that they showed. It is even more pleasing when I'm told by our parents how much they all look forward to seeing their children continue to develop here at Wellow. Thank you for your support.

And finally a huge thank you to Helen and the amazing after match food that she puts on for everyone, homemade soup, cakes, biscuits and pizza as well as endless supplies of tea and coffee, it really does make a difference and is second to none, thank you. Mr Taylor.



U9 Hockey Match report: By Jemima Linney

We played away against Saint Hughs and won 5-nil! Everyone played really well! They didn't choose a player of the match but I think it should go to Coco because she is usually defence but this time she was centre and scored 2 goals. I scored 2 goals and Esther scored 1.

U9 HOCKEY

On Monday the U9 girls dominated the first half of their hockey match against Notts High School, with strong tackling skills, some determined attacking runs and a noteworthy effort to spread out by using their wings. We were rewarded with taking the lead after an accurate, firm strike at goal. The second half was more evenly balanced and Notts High scored early in the half. Wellow House kept up the pressure with attacking moves and strong defence; we were very unlucky to not score a second goal. All the girls remained focussed for the full game and they continue to make noticeable and praiseworthy progress each week. Mrs Nichols

Final score: 1-1

Player of the Match: Jemima



U10 HOCKEY

Our U10 girls played an U11/U10 St Peter & St Paul's team on Wednesday and the girls had to work extra hard covering the ground playing 6-a-side. Solid play from our defence ensured that shots on goal by SPSP were blocked and cleared to the side, but SPSP kept up the pressure and scored a goal. We got bogged down at times by not moving the ball quicker around our players, but our attacking runs were strong when managing to successfully play in to spaces. We had to defend several short corners and our girls made a positive run out each time to win the ball. During the second half we also started to win short corners and got so close to equalising, but did not quite manage to get the ball over the elusive goal line.

Final score: 0-1

Player of the Match: Marigold



Under 12 Mixed Hockey v St Hugh's Colts B

This was a very close fought and exciting game, despite an eventual score line of 5-0 to Wellow. St Hugh's had some younger players and just ran out of steam in the final few minutes when we scored three goals.

This is to take nothing away from a really super performance from this mixed team in their second fixture and only the boys' second ever game of hockey. Grace was very safe in goal, with Olivia and Giancarlo defending strongly. Ahead of them, Violet, Joe, Anya and Max created opportunity after opportunity, with Joe hitting the post 3 times and then late on playing a lovely cross-field ball to Max, who passed to Violet to score the goal of the game. Well done to you all. – Mr O'Kane



Upcoming Fixtures

Wednesday 6th November

Year 4 and 5 Bikeability Level 1 course - further information for parents is available in the letter attached.

COURSES FOR LEARNING TO RIDE A BICYCLE

As part of the Wellow House School Outdoor Pursuits programme, we aim to host the Bikeability Level 1 course before Year 5 pupils complete a cycle ride along the Monsal Trail in the Spring term. If your child has not yet learnt to ride a bicycle, please find attached the details of some courses being run by the Notts Road Safety / Cycle Team during the October Half Term. The ages below are only a guide, parents are very welcome to discuss their child's abilities and needs with the Cycle Team.

Balance Bikes: for ages 3-5 years of age, but can go up to 7 years if needed

Learn to Ride: 4-11 years' old

Any enquiries, bookings and payments should be made directly with the organisers, whose contact details are on the posters. If these dates are not suitable, the course organisers would be able to hold your contact details on their mailing list to inform you of other courses taking place during school holidays next year.

A note from WHSPA

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Breakfast with WHSPA morning, we had quite a few people join the volunteer group which will really help us with future events, while also enjoying a hot drink and a bacon roll. We hope to hold another breakfast morning in the near future. We will be having a catchup with some of the volunteer group on Monday 4th November, 3.30pm to go over future events and let everyone know what plans we have and take the chance to tell us what they would like to be seen done, if you are interested in joining the volunteer group and wish to attend please feel free to come along.

Friday 8th November, 5pm – 6.30pm we will be holding our second WHSPA Fireworks party. This year we will be having a hog roast dinner, with mushy peas and jacket potatoes also available. There will be lots of games for the children to play, along with marshmallow toasting and hot chocolate. There will be a bar for the adults! And we will finish with a impressive fireworks display from 1st Galaxy fireworks. Tickets cost £10 for an adult which includes 1 free child, drinks for the child as well as a candy apple treat and 6 game tokens. Extra children cost £3 and more games tokens can be purchased on the night. To purchase tickets please visit www.whspa.org.uk.

Your children should have come home with a bags 2 school bag to fill with unwanted clothes, bags, shoes etc. Bags can be dropped off at school after half term and the collection will be Thursday 5th December. To find out which items they will take please visit www.bags2school.com.

Sunday 8th December, we will be holding a Christmas afternoon tea, with carols sung by the children a delicious afternoon tea and Santa will also be available for the children to visit. More details to follow after half term.

Date for your Diary.

Saturday 13th June, Wellow House School Summer ball.

We hope you all have a brilliant half term.

WHSPA Team

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



