



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Putting Children First

This week, the children have had an assembly in which they learned about Universal Children's Day. They discovered the impressive development in children's rights over the past few centuries and even the most recent decades, in which children have gone from being the 'seen and not heard' background players of Charles Dickens novels to the young people whose needs and opinions are listened to in the twenty-first century.

Putting their needs first needs to be central to any caring educational environment and, here at Wellow House, we believe we have the right balance between guiding and supervising the children's behaviour to encourage and insist on good citizenship, but at the same time providing that listening ear through the approachable family atmosphere that is engendered here.

The School Council meets twice a term and one of its main purposes is to introduce children to the idea of living in a democracy where everyone can express their views. Rather like in the real world of government, not everything suggested will be practicable or affordable, but often the ideas of the children can be refreshing and helpful to the staff in helping us look towards useful and helpful innovations or alterations. This week's suggestions encompassed suggestions for meals, types of clubs that might be

offered and trips or activities that could be incorporated into the curriculum. As always, these ideas will be brought to staff meetings for discussion and a number will come to fruition. The playground above the car park was one such democratic children's choice, as a zip wire was rejected in favour of a number of climbing stations to allow more children to access it at once, for example.

Whether it be to do with their happiness, safety and wellbeing or their bigger views about the world (such as in the recent Seven Billion Ideas competition in the Prep), children's views are important and they are listened to here at Wellow House.

Mr O'Kane, assistant Head

Happy Birthday!



Ted, 10



This week's fabulous certificate winners



Maia confidently spoke in assembly today and spoke to the whole school about her ice skating achievements



Taylor and Mason were excited to share the news that their dad managed to get them a head band signed from Owen Farrell!

Shyla enjoyed telling all about her badminton accolades.
We wish her luck in her competitions this weekend!



Exploring in Forest School. Year 2 enjoyed getting wet and muddy!!



Christmas has well and truly arrived at Wellow. The whole school decorated the tree. Every child has carefully placed their own bauble.....



And enjoyed Christmas cookies and hot chocolate afterwards!!

All are welcome to Blind Date with Henry VIII at 5.15 pm on Monday or 7 pm on Tuesday, £3 adults, children free (suitable for Prep aged children)



Mrs Forster and Philippa came in to see us today. Both look great!!



Sport

QUAD KIDS SUCCESS

Isabella D took part in the Notts Athletics Network (NAN) Year 5 Quad Kids competition last Sunday at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) indoor athletics stadium in Sheffield. She achieved the following results:

20.90m Howler Javelin Throw

9.60 secs 60m Sprint

3.17m Long Jump

2 mins 5 secs 600m Run

The two runnings events were particularly close. Izzy battled hard to edge ahead on the 60m finish line and she managed to maintain her lead from the gun in the 600m run, despite being pushed to a very tight finish in the final straight. Izzy recorded the best results for each individual discipline and won the competition by 15 points.

- Mrs Nichols



SPORTS FIXTURES

Wednesday 4th December

U12-U10 Rugby v Barlborough Hall (H) 2.15pm

U11 Hockey Festival @ Worksop College (A) 2.15pm S80 3AL (Years 5-6 girls)

U9 Hockey Festival @ Worksop College (A) 2.15pm S80 3AL (Years 3-4 girls)



**Mrs Doney and Mrs Beldon inspiring young runners... This was Mrs Doney's first parkrun..
Congratulations!!**

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



