



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

10th January 2020



Wellow Developments

Welcome back and Happy New Year! On behalf of all the staff and myself at Wellow, I would like to thank you for our very thoughtful Christmas gifts.

It is so lovely to have the children back in school, full of excitement and tales of Christmas!

The ski trip was an absolutely fantastic success and arrangements are already in place to organise the next Wellow House School ski excursion!

Many developments have taken place over the holidays; guttering repaired over the dining room, leak in the girls changing room rectified, new and improved lighting, brand new industrial dishwasher in the kitchen, thermostatic valves replaced on many taps in school, holes in the carpark filled and pipe work replaced next to the barn to ensure it is water tight as opposed to water logged! Our insurance company have now agreed that our internal walls in the main house have dried out sufficiently and a comprehensive schedule of works will commence imminently.

We welcome three new members of staff; Ms Englzaki will replace Mrs Sempatakou teaching Latin, Mrs Price will be working as a 1:1 teaching assistant in Pre Prep alongside Ms Brown (replacing Ms Anderson and Mrs Liley). Ms Anderson will be working across school delivering classroom based support. Sadly, Mrs Beldon will be leaving Wellow to go back into uniform in the RAF and a recruitment drive is under way to find an exceptional replacement.

As a staff team we have overhauled the grade card system and have decided that these will be sent out on the last Friday of each half term and will now include 5 attainment grades:

- 1 – Far exceeding age related expectations (ARE)
- 2 – Exceeding ARE
- 3 – Working at ARE
- 4- Working towards ARE
- 5 – Working below ARE

Years 6 and above will have science split into the three separate subjects including a grade for Practical Science.

There will also be a section on peripatetic teaching for those children who receive LAMDA or musical tuition. In terms of extra-curricular music provision, Ms Seaton has

put in place a supervised rehearsal schedule. She will supervise and support pupils who wish to use the practise rooms to hone their skills in preparation for grade examinations.

Thank you once again for your magnificent support. I look forward to yet another wonderful term.

Warmest regards,

Ms Lamb









Happy Birthday!



Jemima 9, Marvline 8, Winnie 4, Tifara 5



Our super certificate winners!!

FS 2 children have been back to work this week learning new phonic skills and working hard in Maths.



Repton Challenge: Willie Wonka's Chocolate Challenge, Sunday 8th March – for Year 5 and 6 children

Dear parents of Year 5 and 6 children,

Annually we are offered the chance to visit Repton College in Derbyshire for their challenge event with a team of 6 children to take part in exciting design and advertising projects through the day, while parents are invited to attend too and can take a tour around Repton College, a boarding school to which we have sent many of our thirteen-year-old leavers over recent years. Children who have been to the challenges in the past have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I will drive the children from Wellow at 8.45 am for a 10 am start on Sunday 8th March and the event ends at c. 4.30-5 pm so pick-up back at Wellow would be at c. 6 pm.

The event is very structured and so we are invited to bring a team of exactly 6 children (only one team has been invited due to a high take-up); requests in the past to bring children of different ages or to rotate 'subs' have not been granted because it is quite a complex competition to run, so please email me to request a place for your child and I will allocate places on a first come, first served basis to avoid disappointment. Similarly, if we do not reach 6 takers, we will not be able to attend. Please also indicate whether you would like your child to come from Wellow with me or whether you would prefer to travel independently if you plan to come along yourself.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you. I will endeavour to get back to you to confirm places on Monday or as soon as I have received 6 positive replies.

Mr O'Kane



Year 4 in Literacy working on setting themselves a range of challenges for the new year.



Chocolate muffins for lunch... Yum!!

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

Shyla B (Year 5) competed in the Notts U11 Badminton tournament held at Worksop in December. She played strongly during the initial rounds, winning three of her matches and reached the Finals. Shyla was runner-up to a strong and older opponent, which was an amazing result!

Isabella D (Year 5) came 5th in the Notts AAA U11 Cross Country Champs at Shipley Country Park, Heanor last weekend. It was an extremely muddy course that really tested all the athletes' resolve, and Izzy ran the 1,500m course in a time of 8.02. This was a challenging race as part of Izzy's preparations for the Notts County Schools Cross Country Champs in February.

Archie B (Year 4) joined the Worksop Harriers Athletics Club last term. He attends the Club's weekly training sessions and has also participated in Parkruns at the weekend. The Parkrun scheme records individuals' results and Archie's improvement for his endurance is very evident. His first run was a time of 9.47 for the 2km course and he has been shaving seconds off his time on each outing, along with one outstanding run of 9.07. Archie has also extended his running distance by successfully finishing in the Top Ten positions for a 3km race.

SPORTS FIXTURES NEXT WEEK

Monday 13th January

U9 A&B Football v Burton Hathow (H) [2.00pm](#)

U9 Netball v Burton Hathow (H) [2.00pm](#)

Please note that the U9 Netball is a training session, as Burton Hathow do not have enough U9 girls for a team. **All the U9 boys and girls will be returning to academic lessons at 3.30pm.**

Wednesday 15th January

U11 Netball v Ranby House (A) 2.15pm DN22 8HX

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

