



Promoting Fundamental British Values at Wellow House School

You may have noticed many displays around school making reference to British Values and I thought that I would use my newsletter to explain.

In accordance with The Department for Education we aim to actively promote British values at Wellow to ensure our young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law. This week in assembly we talked about Martin Luther King and his fight to ensure that all citizens were treated fairly and with equality.



The Key Values are:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Democracy

Pupil voice is significant at Wellow. Our pupil elected school council plays a strong role in our school. They are elected by their class peers and are involved in making the school a better place to learn. Additionally, House Captains are elected each year by the whole school in a democratic election process. The pupil's voice is also heard through pupil conferencing and through pupil questionnaires. We know that the formation of the school council and the active participation of our pupils will sow the seeds for a more sophisticated understanding of democracy in the future.

The Rule of Law

Our pupils will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want our pupils to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, the neighbourhood or the country, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to.

This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies, in classes, around the school and through our curriculum. The involvement of our pupils in the creation of the school rules helps them to understand the reasons behind the rules and the consequences if they are broken. We allow opportunity to debate and discuss the reasons for laws so that children can recognise the importance of these for their own protection. Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including the police, the fire brigade and many more. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the rule of law for our pupils. Opportunities for children to take more responsibility around the school are encouraged.

Individual Liberty

We invest a great deal of time in creating a positive culture in our school, so that children are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged and valued. Pupils are given the freedom to make a variety of meaningful choices.

We offer a range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests and skills. Through our E-Safety days, we educate children on their rights and personal freedoms as well as supporting them in recognising how to exercise these freedoms safely.

At Wellow we believe that valuing choice and freedom in daily school life will foster a value for individual liberty as the children embark upon their adult lives.

Mutual Respect

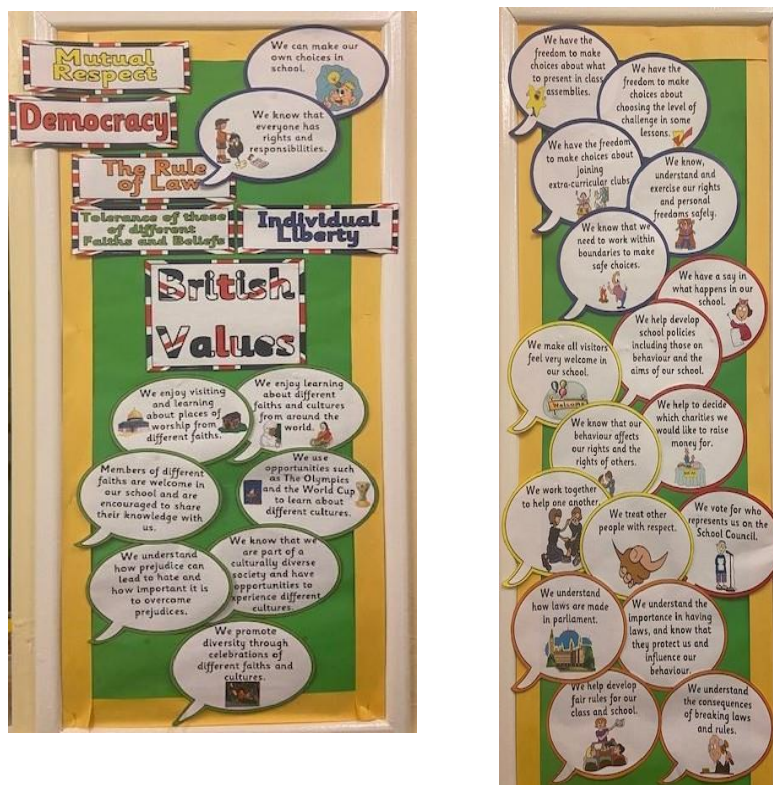
Mutual respect is at the core of our school life. Our behaviour policy is based on acknowledging the positive.

The children learn to treat each other and staff with great respect. This is evident when walking around the School and in the classrooms. Each class draws up a set of class rules or a class agreement each year and use this to set the tone for the level of respect that is expected throughout the year. Through E-Safety Days and Anti- Bullying week, the children are taught to value differences in themselves and others and most importantly to show respect to all.

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We ensure that all children learn about the main religions and we teach respect and understanding for the cultures, beliefs, opinions and traditions or others. Class assemblies also help to contribute to the knowledge of special occasions, beliefs and customs.

Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate tolerance and help children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future. We use opportunities such as the Olympics and current news and events from around the world to help the children study and learn about life and cultures in different countries.



At last, the weather is allowing us to use the woodland playground again.....





Happy Birthday!

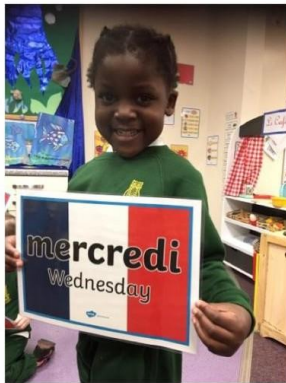


Happy Birthday to Mason, 6



**Foundation
Stage loved
their outing to
the local
library!**

*Some of our
youngest pupils
learning the days
of the week in
French*



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Year 1 have been making gingerbread men as part of their topic on traditional tales. They are hoping these ones don't run away!



Gardening Club

The New Year has brought some drier weather and we have been able to go out and look after our seedlings that we planted in our first raised bed last year. We were pleased to see that the combination of raised bed and covers have protected the plants from the worst of the rain. We cleared off fallen leaves, discovering loads of worms in amongst them and weeded around the little plants.

This week we have been talking about the RSPB annual garden bird watch. This has been running for 40 years and provides a good resource to show the changes of bird populations visiting our gardens. Anyone can join in - just look at the RSPB website and follow the instructions on how and what to count. To help encourage birds in to our gardens the children made fat balls to tie in a tree or bush near a window. We also put some of the fat balls in the willow tree outside the Sports Hall.



This week, with the help of Mr O’Kane, we also thought about what kind of seeds and plants we would like to grow this year. I will put in a seed order and hopefully, after half term, seed planting can begin in earnest.

This term we have also started composting the vegetable peelings produced by the kitchen. In time this will enable us to keep up fertility levels in our raised beds.

Performing Arts at Wellow



Wellow House School is now a registered LAMDA examination centre which is fantastic news. Ms Seaton has been awarded the accolade of LAMDA centre coordinator. This goes hand in hand with Wellow being an ABRSM centre and Trinity Arts Award facility. The profile of Music and Performing Arts has really been raised by this terrific news. We look forward to the upcoming performance of 'Follow the Wellow Brick Road' and the musical soirees planned for later this term.



Year 2 enjoying forest schools — Wet and muddy, a sign of a good day!



MATCH REPORT

U11 NETBALL v LINCOLN MINSTER

The girls had a tough but very useful match this week with several learning points to take on board, which will bolster the tactical awareness of our younger players and those with limited playing experience. The score was certainly not a reflection of our level of effort, as our Defence worked relentlessly making numerous interceptions and demonstrated the importance of athletic jumping skills. Lincoln Minster had the upper hand by moving the ball much faster around the court, creating more spaces and had a much greater percentage of goal attempts. Lincoln Minster anticipated our play well and their control of the court was a good example to which we aim to aspire in future training sessions. I wish to offer a special thank you to our parents, who showed very positive appreciation to both teams' standard of play, which really spurred on all the girls. - Mrs Nichols

Final score: 1-14 to Lincoln Minster

Player of the Match: Isabella D



U 9 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – BARLBOROUGH HALL



The under 9s football team arrived at Barlborough hall on a sunny Tuesday afternoon. Our first fixture was against the hosts Barlborough. We went ahead early through good link up play from Eric and Taylor. Barlborough soon hit back and the scores were levelled. Wellow scores again before the break and went into half time 2-1 up. After half time through some good team play we found ourselves 4-1 winners.

Our second match was against Mylnhurst school. It was a hard fought game and after a tremendous defensive effort lead by Tom in goal, who managed to keep 2 clean sheets throughout the tournament, we found ourselves 1-0 winners after a break away goal from Taylor.

Our third match was against St Peter and Paul's. We took the lead early and continued to apply pressure. Some great work from Henry and Leo in defence, allowed us to keep playing attacking football. Great individual goals from Archie and Eric resulted in us winning 8-0.

Our final fixture was against Westbourne who started strongly and scored first. The teams were evenly matched for the remainder of the game until Taylor took his chance which took his personal goal tally to 9 for the Tournament. Wellow managed to hold on and keep Westbourne out after some heavy pressure.

A fantastic effort by all the boys during the 4 matches we played congratulations to them on their efforts Taylor, Eric, Leo, Tom, Edwin ,Jayden, Archie and Henry!

HOUSE SWIMMING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Normans for winning the House Swimming Gala on Friday afternoon. It was a wonderful display of competitive swimming, exuberance and team spirit from everyone involved.



SPORTS FIXTURES NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 29th January

U11 Football v Lincoln Minster & Burton Hathow @ Lindum Sports Ground (A) 2.15pm LN2 4PE

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP ACTIVITIES

Wellow House School holiday sports camp activities are organised for children of Prep School age. Pupils are very welcome to also invite and book places for their siblings and friends. Please book your child for any of the February Half Term activities listed below by initially emailing Mrs Nichols directly by **Friday 7th February**. Further details will be emailed to parents, confirming whether there is enough interest for the activity to go ahead. Email: lorraine.nichols@wellowhouseschool.co.uk

Sport & Fitness

Monday 17th February

9:30am-4:00pm

£30

Mr Hucknall is back to being able to offer his sports & fitness activity days. The final choice of activities will be decided in discussion with those children who sign up for the day and your child would need to provide a packed lunch. We need a minimum of 8 children for this activity to go ahead, please email Mrs Nichols if your child wishes to book a place.

Athletics Workshop

Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th February TBC by Mr Fendley

9:30am-12:00pm

£15

Peter Fendley is an Athletics coach with over 30 years experience and has coached athletes to national level. For the past two years he has been assisting with the development of the Wellow House athletics programme during the Summer term and also kindly runs Athletics Workshops during school holidays. We have several pupils who have shown great promise for Sportshall and Quad Kids competitions and we hope to continue building on this success through these additional training sessions. We also hope children new to athletics may come along to have a go, as there is a wide range of skills required for the different Run, Jump and Throw events.

DATES FOR THE DIARY, EASTER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

Friday 27th - Monday 30th March - Back 2 Basics Bushcraft course and camp out.

Initial application deadline is Monday 16th March

Tuesday 31st March - Sports & Fitness - Mr Hucknall

Wednesday 1st or Thursday 2nd April - Athletics Workshop with Peter Fendley

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

