



WELLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Writing this newsletter is an odd experience; I am used to constant interruptions: knocks on the door, sounds of giggling, instruments, singing, dealing with first aid matters, mediating disagreements, watching performances made up at break times, the list goes on; and I have to admit that occasionally I have rolled my eyes, put my head in my hands and sometimes, even hidden upstairs to finish the newsletter in time. BUT, never again will I complain. I am craving interruptions, hugs, smiles, chatter, laughter; Wellow needs to be filled with the sounds of children and this cannot happen soon enough for me!

I have to admit, I was prepared for a tricky week but I want to say that I am totally overwhelmed with the messages of support and thanks. Each and every day we have received notes, tweets, emails, texts, cards, dojo messages all singing the praises of Wellow and for that I am truly grateful. News of Wonderful Wellow has spread and this week I have registered a further three more pupils for September; current Year 5, Year 1 and FS1. All of whom are joining us from competitor schools! I wanted to share (anonymously) some of these heart-warming messages with you all:

"the material you and your team have produced is superior by far. It's really impressive."

"can you forward our sincerest of thanks to all the staff at Wellow, who are going way out of their comfort zones, delivering stories, videos, online tutorials. The whole team are going above and beyond."

"thank you for everything you have done to ensuring (childs name) birthday was so special. In the year she has been with you, she has developed beyond expectations."

"I would just like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincerest thanks to everyone involved in giving (child) the best possible start to her learning—I'm astounded by her knowledge since starting school and we're doing our very best to continue with her learning."

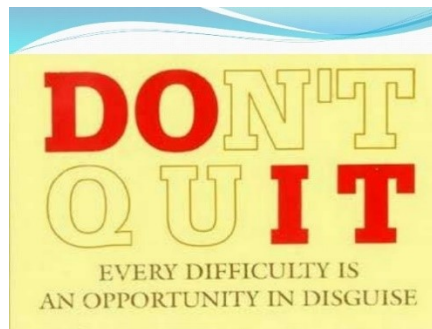
“Teachers rock! Do you have super powers? How on earth do you so successfully teach whole classes when I can’t even teach one child! How do you juggle all of their needs and keep them all on track! Truly amazing! New found respect!”

“Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to you and your entire school team for all the fabulous work this week.”

“we are loving Zoom! It is yet again another layer of help you are providing us struggling parents! Gives me chance to grab a coffee too! Loving all of the extra curricular activities you have thoughtfully planned! Keep up the good work Ms Lamb and we will try and do the same!!”

“I would like to pass on our thanks and support to you all at Wellow; you all are going 'over and above' with regard to supporting the children with their schooling at home. I can only assure you that the state schools are providing nowhere near this level of support. Please keep going 'Wonderful Wellow' you're doing a great job.”

I would also like to share with you a lovely poem that I was forwarded this week; I think that it is not only pertinent for me, but also all of our pupils and parents at home who are juggling home schooling with everyday life and work!



Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When roads you are trudging seems all uphill,
When funds are low and debts are high,
When you want to smile -
But you have to sigh ☹️
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest, if you must
But Don't You Quit.



It has been lovely to see all of the classes using Zoom to connect with each other. We will continue to build on our new found Zoom expertise over the coming weeks and this will be utilised in more lessons and in more creative ways. Please see the attached Zoom expectations poster.

On a final note, please remember that times are tough for us all and together we can and will get through this. We appreciate that home schooling your child is very challenging and understand that children work very differently for their parents and in the home environment. I want to reiterate to you, to just do what you can for your child and your family dynamic. Children do not need to complete every piece of work but we are sending a full curriculum home to provide as 'normal' an academic education as possible. I also wish to thank the critical workers who are having to send their child to school each day. It is not easy for pupils to attend school when they realise that their peers are working from home and for that, I applaud them for coming to school every day with beaming smiles on their faces.



With best wishes from the staff at Wellow

