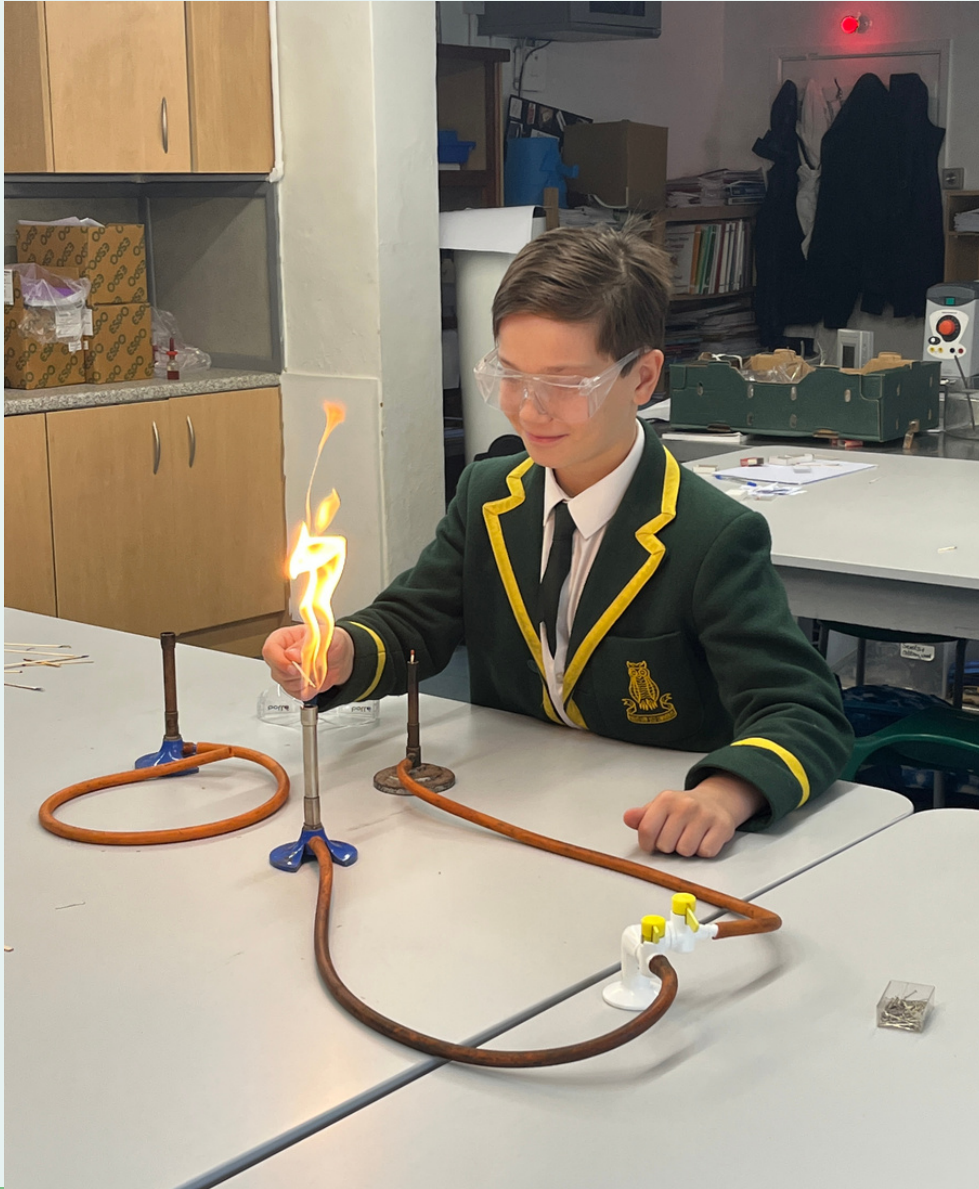


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WELLOW HOUSE

Autumn Term Newsletter



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A word from Mr Thompson.....

Firstly thank you to all the kind words expressed recently both to myself and the teaching team. I am delighted that our changes are meeting with your approval as we try to enhance every aspect of Wellow school life. We do value your feedback as it helps form aspects of our development plan.

All of you will have corresponded with your form teachers, whether through dojo, email or face to face by this point- please do reach out with any queries. We have a very strong teaching group in school with a wealth of experience to help our children flourish.

At a school where pupils range from ages 3 to 15, there are lots of faces to get to know around school - and not just the children! As a warm and close community, I feel that our parents should be familiar with all members of staff. This will not just strengthen the community spirit felt at Wellow but should also be useful in allowing you to be able to contact the right person for specific information. Our pupils are looked after by many different staff as they grow up at Wellow. Each week (starting next week), our newsletter will feature a contribution from one of our staff members - see if you can spot them around school during the week, or ask your children about them.

In discussion a small number of parents have expressed an interest in joining/re-establishing a Wellow House Parent Teacher Association. (WHSPA). I plan to hold a coffee morning imminently to invite those interested to join Mrs Phinn and I to get this moving!

Do enjoy your weekend with your children and we shall see you on Tuesday.

Warm regards,

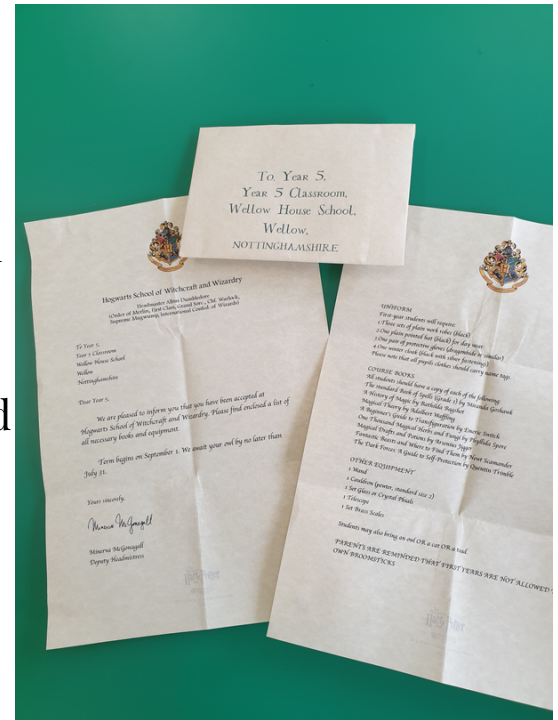
Mr Thompson



Work around school

We were learning about formal language in our English lesson on Wednesday when Mrs Dolby came to the classroom. She told us that an owl had tapped on the window and then a letter came down the chimney! It was addressed to Year 5.

When we opened it, we found out we'd been offered a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry so we are busy writing formal letters to either accept or decline the offer. Exciting times! Mrs Sessions.



Mr Gary Wyatt visited Year 4 and introduced them to the wonders of playing the trumpet and trombone. The children were provided a mouthpiece each and had a hands-on experience of how sound is produced using air and facial muscles. You can sign up for Brass lessons now, please email me: Linda.kollati@alphaschools.co.uk



Languages



European languages Day

This year at Wellow, we are celebrating European Day of Languages. This day has been celebrated across Europe every year since 2001 in September.

Today, if you had come to visit us, you would have seen each teacher wearing a sticker with 'hello' in a different language.

Children were set the task of working out which language was on each teacher's lanyard.

Prizes were awarded for the students who worked out the most languages. Extra points were awarded for those who could spot the non-European languages included. We had lots of fun and there were some excited children, racing round to see which country their teachers were representing!

We know the benefits of learning new languages; experiencing new cultures, getting to know new people, career advancement but research also tells us that speakers of two or more languages have stronger memory, critical thinking, problem-solving, focus, multitasking, and listening skills. According to a study carried out in Sweden (Language learning makes the brain grow, Swedish study suggests -- ScienceDaily) mastering a foreign language causes areas of the brain associated with memory, such as the cerebral cortex and hippocampus, to increase in size. It also causes the levels of grey matter to increase as well.

As language teachers, we see children succeed in our subject who might find other lessons tricky (dyslexic children are often very successful linguists from our personal experience)

Ana and I love teaching your children languages and if you ever have any questions on how to support your child in their learning, please feel free to get in touch.

Sarah Ash (French) Ana Garcia (Spanish)

Fixtures return!



Under 13 Rugby 2022

St Hugh's 11 tries Wellow House 10 tries

This was an incredible game of rugby that looked like it could be a landslide to one team and then the other as fortunes (and tackle success rates) swung back and forth. Jack and Heath were both immense physically, tackling incessantly and both scoring three tries. Mikey and Lucas also impressed with a brace of tries each and Archie Smart put in a particularly impressive first half of scrummaging and tackling.

Our Year 7 boys found the going harder but must take credit for having a go, with Archie Bird giving one try-creating pass and Leo pulling off some tackles.

A cracking effort against a traditionally very strong opponent.
Mr O'Kane

The girl's hockey matches against St Hugh's were well fought this week. Wellow took two teams of girls to play, captained by Maddison and Maya. We lost the first game against a very strong St Hugh's team but with more energy and enthusiasm we managed to win the second.

Maria - new to WHS and whom hasn't played hockey previously - scored two goals followed by one from Lucia.

Well done girls.

Mrs. Wesley

Awards



**Congratulations to all our
Seniors chosen for an award this
week.**

Final Notices

A few reminders this week...

- If your child is late to school they must go to reception to inform Mrs Dolby they are present. Thank you.
- Parents should not be wandering around school, for example please do not accompany your child to the changing rooms. Always report to the office with any enquiries.
- For those new to the school the school car park operates on a one way system (a full circuit)- this ensures the safety of one and all.
- I am meeting another swimming coach on Tuesday- hopefully news on this extra curricular activity next week!
- Mrs Birkett, who has supported a number of children over her time with us, has decided to retire. We wish her well in her retirement. She will be popping into school to see her students next week.
- Finally, smartwatches- these are not permitted in school.