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Autumn Term Newsletter



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A word from Mr Thompson.....

Passion, enthusiasm and engagement are not things that can be easily taught. They do not come from 'how-to' guides or textbooks and there is not one single 'fix it' in terms of instilling these qualities in children and adults alike. Yet, they are critical when it comes to achievement, progress and success.

So how do we develop and inspire these precious and important traits in our pupils?

Developing joy for learning, alongside intrinsic motivation, allows pupils to be curious, engaged and aware of their interests and passions. This powerful enthusiasm means that pupils genuinely develop a love of exploration and discovery, and are more likely to succeed. This is far more important than memorising facts that may become outdated - the skill of learning can be applied time and time again.

Creating the right environment for this to happen is crucial and we at Wellow aim to do this with consideration and a multi-faceted approach. Finding the passions of pupils is a key part of the classroom, but we acknowledge this extends to extra-curricular activities and opportunities.

We know a number of our children are busy away from Wellow and there is so much talent. For example I was sent a terrific music video this week showcasing one of our children's talents. We do hope we can offer more opportunities after school, these will be led by our pupils' interests and desires. By offering a wide choice of activities, we allow our children the chance to try to new things, explore a talent or hone a skill. Our extra-curricular provisions also tap into extending the role models of staff: teachers share their own passions with pupils as they organise clubs and activities.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Thompson



Mrs Phinn- Deputy Head Teacher

‘It’s hard to know where to start when you are asked to write something about yourself. There are so many things you could say, so on reflection I decided to focus on the reason why you are all getting to know me – my inspiration to teach.

As a child I was so lucky to have grandparents who lived locally and who were a huge part of my life. They were fantastic role models and I loved spending time with them. One of my overriding memories of my Grandma was her amazing repertoire of ‘local sayings’; I still find myself sharing some of her somewhat bizarre phrases and use of proverbs with my family. It’s fair to say that my husband frequently looks amused at some of the things I say thanks to my Grandma, such as ‘horses for courses’ or ‘it’s looking black over Bill’s mother’s’. With each new saying, Mr Phinn will question its route and meaning.

As a child, I have so many fond memories of ‘playing schools’. The option of working somewhere other than education never entered my mind but I wasn’t sure who or what I would teach. In Year 9 I started at my Senior School and very quickly learnt what I would become a teacher of. English. Mrs Cusworth was the most amazing and inspirational teacher of English, and I was mesmerised by her lessons. I found myself enthused by English in a way that I hadn’t experienced before. She encouraged a fascination in both English language and English Literature and through her teaching showed how language could be manipulated to create a huge range of different effects on others. At A-level I was introduced to psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics, and I began to learn more about the nuances of language, answering some of the questions that had lurked in my mind about how and why people use language so differently. I found myself tailoring my projects at school and University around how children use language and how language is used in schools. Throughout this time, my passion for English continued to grow, but it wasn’t until I started to teach English that I realised just how lucky I was.

I now know that English is not an easy subject. The many rules all have exceptions and I saw first hand just how many children find English difficult. This realisation generated a new and ever-present challenge for me as I questioned what I could do to make English a subject that was exciting and accessible to all.



I still don't have the definitive answer, but I do know that my teaching has to constantly evolve. There isn't a one size fits all formula and each class and each child need treating differently. The 'lightbulb' moment when something clicks for someone, and they achieve something they did not think was possible, is still one of the best feelings in the world. It is what teaching is all about.

So, in summary I will be forever in my Grandma's debt for the intrigue she created in me about language and I will forever name Mrs Cusworth as my inspiration and role model.



Jill Phinn
(Deputy Head Teacher)



Activities around school



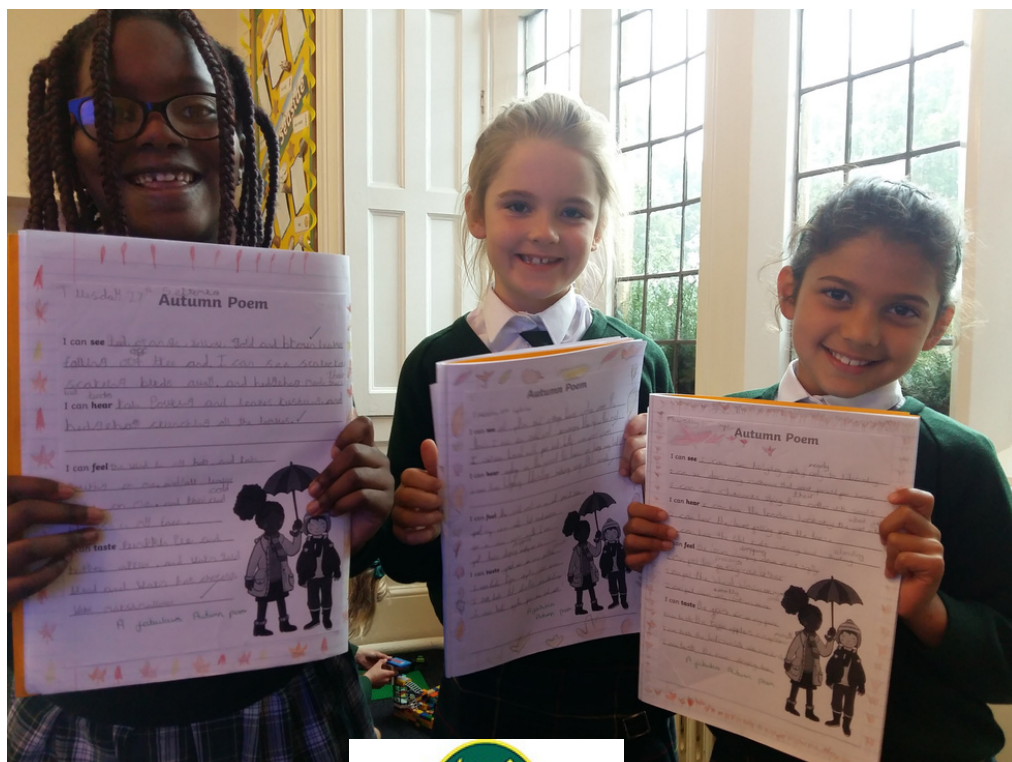
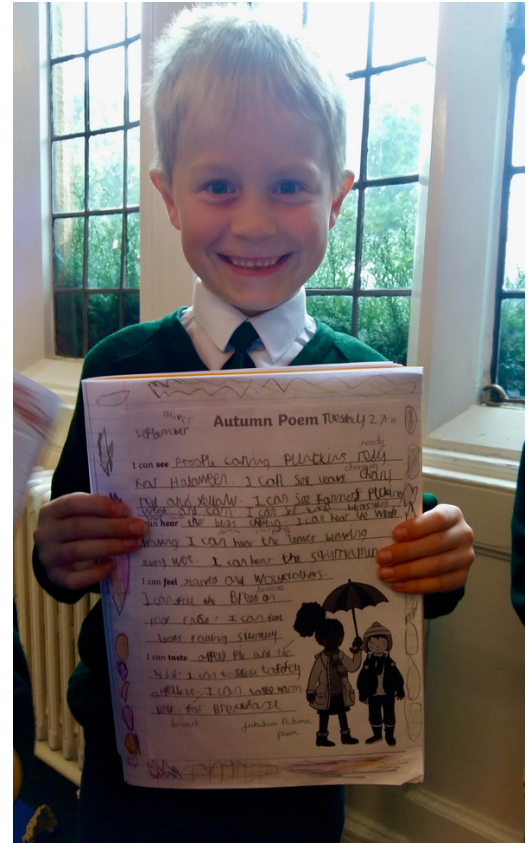
Year 5 Drama- the group were asked to 'mirror' each other- they were absolutely fantastic at it!



So proud of Meri and Aimee- going above and beyond with their homework- tremendous.



Y3's amazing Autumn poems



School Fixtures

Wellow House U13 rugby v Mount St Mary's

On Thursday, the Under 13s sevens team travelled to play at Mount St Mary's, where they were greeted by a squad of thirty or more boys! We decided to play against two Mount St Mary's teams and performed extremely well, with tries from Heath, Jack and Leo ensuring a 4 tries to 2 win in the first game. The second team we played against was considerably stronger but we upped our game again and could have won a tight game, but for some interception tries, eventually going down 5 tries to 3 (2 from Jack and 1 from Heath).

Well done, boys. Punching above our weight at Wellow as usual!

Mr O'Kane

The U13's have had a triumphant week in hockey matches, winning games against both Worksop College and Mount St. Mary's. Well done girls! Special mention goes to Channel - who this week has really embraced being Goalkeeper and shown great potential playing in this position.

In other exciting news we have Oliver and Joshua playing the final on Monday of the table football champs. Congrats to both for reaching the final.



Awards



Congratulations to our worthy winners.....



Awards



Congratulations :

Jack

Felix

Kasper and

Austin

A quick follow up from last week- all the boys together!

Another winner!
Florence with her
awards and trophy
(1st for best hen eggs)
from the Southwell
Ploughing Match on
Saturday!



Final Notices

- Please ensure all children are in school ready for action at the start of the school day.
- There are a few 'bugs' flying around as is the norm. If your child is ill please do not return to school until they are feeling better. (For clarity after a child is sick 48 hours should pass before they return.)
- Thank you for your ongoing support.

