

Wellesley Park Primary School

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Headteacher's Comment



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy Wellesley Park fortnight seems to have gone by in a flash - but I know that we have all enjoyed the recent sunshine and warmth.

It was an absolute pleasure to see all our children so enthusiastic last Friday, as they wore their blue and yellow colours for our school Ukraine day.

Thanks to everyone's very generous donations, we have managed to raise ****£429**** for the Ukrainian refugee charities. I know that this will be greatly appreciated by all who have been displaced by the recent, awful events.

It was fabulous to take the whole school out on to the field for a photo to celebrate this achievement and it was heart-warming to see all the children and staff standing together, as the true Wellesley Park community for a photo - something I personally have really missed over the last couple of 'Covid' years.

A couple of the children asked me why they all had to turn around for the photo, but when I explained that it was so that everybody could be in the photo for the school Facebook etc - they were really thrilled, with one child telling me: "That's because Wellesley Park includes EVERYBODY!" That really made me smile, for the rest of the day!

Lots of our children have been building up their resilience to assessments this week and they have done themselves proud! Being able to stay focussed, cope under an appropriate amount of pressure and perform your best without becoming overwhelmed, is a real life-skill and something we aim to slowly introduce our children to, in a calm and rewarding manner.

All of the classes that I have visited this week have had smiley children, giving me the thumbs up for being all okay, with many children pointing out that they love it when they have little assessments "Because they get to prove that they have learned lots" - Perfect!!

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parent of the importance of providing a snack and a bottle of water for your child daily, especially now it is warming up and the children are even more active outside.

Please have a super weekend - and don't forget to read lots of stories together!

Mrs Emmie Hartley-Criddle

Head of School

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Attendance - by class for the period 28/02/2022 to 11/03/2022

Gruffalo	98.13%	Matilda	94.83%	Galadriel	96.88%
Jasper	97.88%	BFG	97.41%	Bagheera	94.38%
Kipper	96.56%	Hufflepuff	95.93%	Akela	97.39%
Mrs TW	96.54%	Gryffindor	97.20%		
Peter Rabbit	96.60%	Thorin	93.60%		

Our Wellesley Park School Value for this half-term - Integrity



School Council Update

My apologies to school council for this term - we have really battled with Covid / staffing and OFSTED and with me becoming Head of School - all of which just set everything back again.

However, we have now prepared a new plan of action - with dates - and I know that our amazing School Council Team are super keen to get back to business! Their class teachers will let them know when they have a meeting coming up and at what time.

We have some great plans for them already and we know that the School Council will be brilliant at helping us with the organisation of some really exciting events for our Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Best wishes

Mrs H-C



Extra Curricular Clubs

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that extra-curricular clubs finish this week, as they do not run during the last week of the term. This does not include Year 5 and Year 6 Booster Clubs.

The Summer Term Club Timetable will be sent out soon.

Previous Newsletters

Previous issues of the newsletter can be found in the 'News and Events' section of our school website:

<https://www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/all-newsletters.htm>

Wellesley Park Primary School Facebook Page

Have you visited and followed our school Facebook page? We regularly post updates, news, events and other information. Please see the link to our page and click on 'follow' to link our posts to your newsfeed: <https://www.facebook.com/WellesleyParkPrimarySchool>



Job Vacancies

We currently have the following job vacancies:

- Midday Supervisor - 4.15 hours per week, Monday to Friday 12.30pm to 1.20pm, Term Time & 3 inset days
- Out of School Club Assistant—3 hours per week, Friday 3pm to 6pm, Term Time

Further details and the application form will be available on the Vacancies section of our school website: www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/our-school/vacancies



Red Nose Day Donations



Thank you to those who have donated towards the Comic Relief appeal. We will confirm the amount raised in the next Newsletter. In the meantime below is a message from the Comic Relief Team:

It's official, you and your pupils are completely amazing!

We can't thank you enough for joining in the Red Nose Day fun. Whether you dressed up, danced, baked or took on a challenge, the money you raised really will change lives, here in the UK and around the world.

Red Nose Day would be nothing without brilliant people like you. The effort, imagination and love you put into fundraising never fail to astonish us. We hope you had a wonderful day.

Pre School—Getting School Ready !

After the Easter holidays we will be welcoming our pre-schoolers (those coming up to our main school Reception Class in September and who are in Pre-school on a Friday afternoon) to our Early Years and KS1 celebration assembly, on a Friday at 1.30pm.

The Pre-School staff will be choosing their own 2 Super Students as part of our enhanced, in-school transition plan.

We hope that this will help our youngest school members to feel more at ease with the transition to Reception, by getting them used to a new setting and being with lots of other children. We can't wait to see their smiling faces joining us each week!

Emmie Hartley-Criddle

Head of School

DSL

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Pre-school

Preschool have been really enjoying Super Worm and last week we read the story daily.

This week we created a story map, which we are now innovating and we have decided our hero is now a **Super Snail!**

To go with the story some of us have made worm pictures using Lego bricks, whilst others have practised their threading skills creating wiggly worms with pipe cleaners and pasta.

We had an assortment of mini beasts to paint, colour and practise pencil control.

Everyone has enjoyed our few days of glorious sunshine, putting their gross motor skills to the test with running, climbing and playing hide and seek.



Reception

Reception class have been super busy this week learning their sounds. We have focussed on: **ai, ee, igh, oa, ear.**

I have been so impressed with the children's concentration and determination to learn their sounds.

In Maths we have been exploring the number 10. The children have enjoyed singing songs like 10 in a bed and 10 green bottles. They have counted to 10 and back down to zero and worked out missing numbers. We are regularly reminding ourselves of our number bonds to 10 too.

As you know, our Talk 4 Writing unit is story writing and as part of this the children have all decorated their own mini gingerbread with lots of delicious, sweet treats!

Outdoor learning was lots of fun this week - they played lots of games including What's the time Mr Wolf!



Year 1

We have had a very busy fortnight in Year 1!

This week we have been working on riddles in Talk for Writing for our new topic. We have looked at how clues are important in riddles to help narrow down the answer. We have been having fun trying to guess the members of our class from our riddles. See if you can guess who these are:

Kipper: Who am I?

I am very tall.

I love sea animals.

I have spiky hair.

Who am I?

Jasper: Who am I?

I have a brother.

I have blonde hair.

I wear glasses.

Who am I?

In science, we have continued with our topic on humans and have carried out experiments on our five senses. We tried carrying out activities like putting on our coats and building a tower without our sense of sight, see which smells we liked the best out of marmite, soap, perfume, coffee and a candle, as well as testing out different tastes between raspberries, chocolate, lemon and salted crisps!

In geography, we have also been finding out more about continents and learning a song which has proved very popular in helping us remember all seven of them!

Go to the [Seven Continents Song](#) in YouTube if you fancy a listen!



Year 2

This week Year 2 have enjoyed learning more of their new text all about 'Dragons'. The children have also brought a copy home to practice with.

We have learnt a new song all about fractions in maths - [KS1 Maths: Fractions with Joe Tracini - BBC Teach](#), which the children love practising every day to reinforce their new learning about fractions.

Peter Rabbit class made their smoothies today in DT. They carefully cut the fruit, then tried their smoothie. Mrs Tiggy-Winkle class will be doing this next week and I am sure they will enjoy it just as much!

We can't quite believe it is nearly the end of term already. We are looking forward to our final week of the Spring term and hope you all have a fantastic Easter break.

Next term, we start our SATs period and we will send more information out about this after Easter, but do get in touch sooner, if you would like to know anything before then.



Year 3

It has been another busy few weeks in Y3, full of fantastic learning. We have all enjoyed the warmer weather and have been using our great outdoor spaces, when possible.

In English, the children have had lots of fun learning our poem **'Gran Can You Rap?'** and they have been working in groups to practise performing this, whilst adding expression and actions to make it more exciting for the audience. After a little more practise we will be performing this all together!

For our Geography topic this half term we have been looking at comparing the UK and Egypt- this is ahead of our History topic of Ancient Egypt starting after Easter. The children have been using the laptops to carry out their research and therefore have been developing their computing skills also. This has been a steep learning curve for many and the children have realised how much harder it is, when the device isn't touchscreen!

We have discovered that we have many future fashion designers in Y3 this year with our current DT project Paper Fashion. We have been creating mood boards, looking at the work of famous designers, sketching our own designs and then finally this week, making them - using one of our friends as a model! Please see the photos attached of our catwalk.



Thanks as always to everyone at home, for all the work you have been doing to support your children,
The Yr3 team.

Year 4

We have been busy as usual in Year 4 this fortnight, so busy in fact that we haven't taken any pictures!

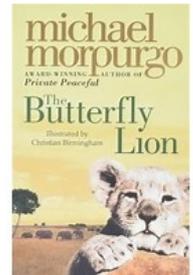
With the warmer weather, we have enjoyed being able to play on the field at school and use any opportunity in lessons to move our learning outdoors.

We became particles moving around the playground to demonstrate different states of matter in Science. We also played a whole year group rounders match, with lots of cheering when Miss M scored the winning rounder!

We have had a fantastic term at the leisure centre and have all improved our swimming skills. During our last lesson this week, we had the opportunity to dive for weighted sticks at the bottom of the pool and build our confidence when jumping in.

In Maths, we have finished our fractions topic and will use this knowledge to help us as we begin to explore decimals.

In English, we wrote some amazing discussion texts and are now finishing off the term looking at some poetry, specifically how this can be performed. We have also been enjoying reading '**The Butterfly Lion**' by Michael Morpurgo. The story has descriptive characters and settings and also has historical and geographical references that have let our imaginations run wild.



Year 5

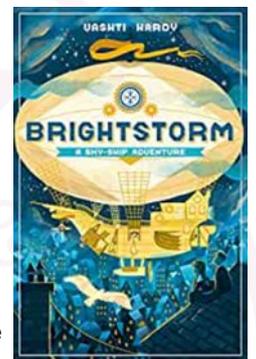
Not long to go till the Easter Holidays and all that chocolate!!

Last week, Year 5 were lucky enough to have Paul Stevens visit, with his Virtual reality play. Paul played the part of a Chip, a 12 year old boy who was given a laptop as a gift to do his homework on. We see how Chip's behaviour and mood changes through-out the course of a year, as he discovers social media and gaming. Afterwards, Paul had a great discussion with the children about the use of social media and how important it is to play games that are age appropriate. It was great to hear the children's thoughts and feelings about this.



In English, we have come to the end of our 'Tale of Fear' writing. The children produced some amazing pieces of writing and really immersed themselves into the genre. The children developed the skill of using 'empty words' and 'hiding the threat' to keep the readers of their stories guessing right until the end.

We are continuing to read '**Brightstorm**' in class and have just got to the bit where Arty and Maudie have set off on an adventure. It really is a gripping read and will make a brilliant movie. We are going to write some letters to the author later this term, and also research different explorers, creating fact files and information booklets.



In Outdoor Learning the children have been continuing the work completed in Science last half term and have been learning about lifecycles of a variety of animals and comparing these to humans'. The children have had the opportunity to make posters and presentations to show what they have learnt. This week they also took part in a haunted house escape room type activity, on the field. They had to use everything that they have learnt this half term, to answer questions and escape the haunted house. Great fun!

Year 6

Dear Parents,

We have been super busy in Year 6 and we will fully update you with all our news next time!

Until then have a super Easter Break and thank you for your patience.

Year 6 Team.

