

# Wellesley Park Primary School

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## Headteacher's Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

I sincerely hope that you have all had a positive Easter holiday with your friends and family - we were so lucky with the weather! Lots of children have been telling me about their fun and adventures, which has been fabulous to hear! Already this week I have seen lots of fantastic learning going on in every class and the children seem to have come back settled, happy and eager to learn more, taking part in everything that comes their way.

Year 3 have been very mature Wellesley Park pupils this week, as they adapted to a new class teacher with great kindness and resilience. Miss Macdonald has done a brilliant job of getting to know the children quickly, and has ensured that the transition for them all is as calm and smooth as possible. Over the next couple of weeks, please do pop to the classroom door to say hello and introduce yourselves!

I am also pleased to be able to announce that we have appointed Miss Hayley Darbyshire for the summer term. Miss Darbyshire will be the main class teacher for Kipper class and will be working closely alongside Miss Winsor. All the children have met her already and have been so friendly and caring to make her feel as welcome as possible!

In Pre-school we have welcomed Mrs Megan Thomas to the team—she has already settled in brilliantly and is proving herself to be a great addition to our wonderful provision.

On Wednesdays, for this summer term, we are lucky to be additionally supported by Miss Claire Marney. Miss Marney is a teacher and trainee SENDCo from The Castle School, and she is now keen to widen her experience within the primary school system. Therefore, she will be joining our SEND team each week and helping to support our children and their families.

Further news - which I am really delighted to now be able to announce - is that Mrs White and her husband are expecting their first baby, early in the Autumn Term. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs White and her family the biggest congratulations! Mrs White will remain with us for the duration of this academic year, and we are really pleased to say she wishes to return to Wellesley Park, following her maternity leave, later in the next academic year.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Upham, who joined us this week as Deputy Headteacher. Mr Upham is already experienced in this role and has settled in brilliantly with our WP team. Mr Upham will be supporting the school as Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader, for the summer term, and supporting me with DSL and SENDCo workloads. We are all very grateful to Mr Upham for coming to join our school for the year, and we hope that he enjoys his time with us.

Life in a busy, mainstream primary school is certainly never dull, but change is a necessary life skill that we must all learn to embrace and enjoy. Change often brings with it new perspectives and fresh ideas, and therefore should always be welcomed!

Best wishes for the next fortnight - stay safe and healthy!

*Mrs Emmie Hartley-Criddle*

Head of School

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### Attendance - by class for the period 14/03/2022 to 25/03/2022

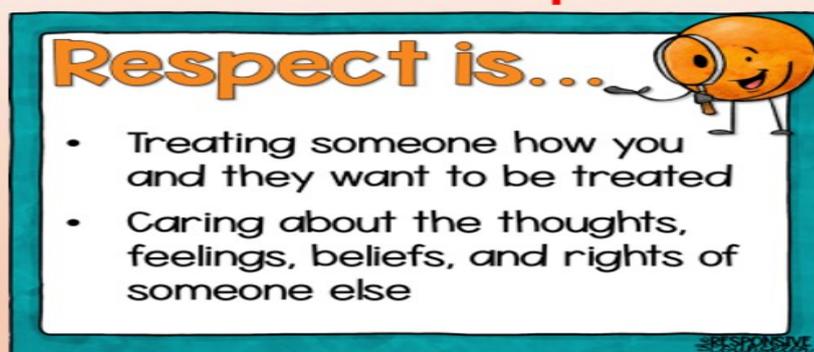
Gruffalo	93.75%	Matilda	97.41%	Galadriel	96.44%
Jasper	95.77%	BFG	95.19%	Bagheera	91.04%
Kipper	97.88%	Hufflepuff	95.31%	Akela	91.70%
Mrs TW	95.96%	Gryffindor	93.20%		
Peter Rabbit	93.80%	Thorin	95.40%		

### Our Wellesley Park School Value for this half-term - Respect

This half term, our whole school value is 'Respect' and Mrs Hartley-Criddle has talked to all of our children about how this is to be earned, not demanded, and how it isn't always *what* we say to others, but *how* we say it that matters most.

The children were also brilliant at reflecting on their own respectful behaviours - from listening attentively, to holding doors open for other people and respecting the ideas and opinions of others. We will continue to teach and explore the concept of respect, both in class and in assemblies, throughout this half term.

### How do YOU show respect to others?



**Respect is earned – so give it generously!**

### Dojo Messaging

Can we please ask Parents/Carers to send any Dojo messages direct to the school office for the appropriate action during the school day?

Any responses required from the Teachers will be made outside of the school day schedule, as soon as possible.

### 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

**JOB VACANCIES**

Further details and the application form will be available on the Vacancies section of our school website:

[www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/our-school/vacancies](http://www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/our-school/vacancies)

## Pre-school

After an Easter break, with lots of chocolate, we are now looking at how to be healthy! For the next five weeks we will be looking at healthy eating, exercise, hygiene, well-being and getting plenty of rest.

We are choosing and preparing our own healthy snacks this week. So far, we have eaten pineapple, grapes, raspberries, banana, blueberries, broccoli, carrot, cauliflower and peppers. We have also been printing with some of our vegetables and exploring them with knives, scissors and spoons.

We also have a new lady to learn and play with. Her name is Mrs Thomas and she did some raspberry bubble painting with us!



Over the Easter break 4 of our cocoons hatched into butterflies. The last one hatched in preschool on Monday morning... very exciting! We gave it some fresh fruit to eat, so it could have some energy to fly. On Tuesday we released it onto a dandelion on the school field.

## Reception

In Reception class we talked about Pants and the importance of keeping them private, following guidance promoted by the NSPCC.

Please have a look at the website below, which explains everything that we talked about. There is a catchy song to help remember and some of the children designed some funky pants!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

During PE this week the children have started to practise some of the races, which they will do for Sport's day later in the term. They had lots of fun trying to keep their eye on their egg and holding the spoon and running!

The children's Number skills have been amazing this week. We have talked about and explored the numbers 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. The children have confidently used the Numicon to find different ways of making these numbers.

We have also started a new story for our Talk 4 Writing - Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have learnt the story and some actions too. They are all very excited about innovating the story by changing parts, so that it is their very own version.

Lastly, we have been writing sentences using our phonics knowledge, which we will share very soon!



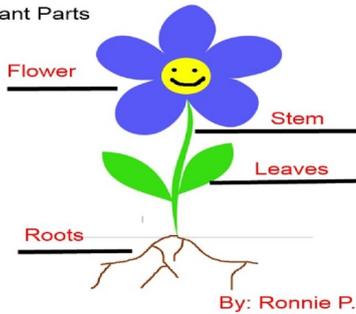
## Year 1

Wow, what a crazy first week back! The children wanted me to tell you all how amazing they have been this week!

We had an odd moment on Monday, when we came back in from lunch... the classroom was full of hats! We have no idea where they came from, but it reminded me of a story of a hat seller and some cheeky monkeys! So we learnt the story and practised with our story map.



Plant Parts



In maths we have begun our multiplication and division topic. We have been counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and making equal groups.

In science, we started our plants topic and began by labelling the parts of a plant.

The children really have been wonderful this week and have shown utter resilience! Keep it up everyone!

## Year 2

Wow, we cannot believe we are in the Summer term already! We hope you all had a fantastic Easter holiday, and we have lots of exciting things planned this term!

In English, we are finishing our non-chronological report about dragons, and next week we will be moving onto our new story called 'The Magic Paintbrush'.

In Maths, the children have been doing some fantastic statistics work, where they have been looking at making and interpreting tally charts and pictograms.

In Science, this week, we have introduced our new topic about plants. We all got to plant our own seed, and will be able to watch it grow over this half term, making sure it has everything it needs!

In Outdoor Learning this term there is a Maths focus, and this week the children made shapes out of sticks and were counting the sides and vertices.

Please make sure you are all reading at least 4 times a week and recording this in reading records. Book changing days are Tuesday and Friday.

Please also practise spellings ready for the spelling quiz every Friday.



## Year 3

It has been a super exciting first week of Summer Term in BFG! The break has definitely helped refresh the children, and they have all come back engaged and excited about our new topics. Both myself and Miss MacDonald have been very impressed!

In History we began to explore what life was like in Ancient Egypt, and we used the computers to research facts about this period. We are excited to continue building on this knowledge next week, ahead of our trip to Bristol Museum on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Science and DT lessons are going to be closely connected this half-term, as we look at Plants and Cooking. There is lots of planting, watering, chopping and tasting to come!

The children will be focusing on cricket in PE with Miss Gardner, and they enjoyed trying out their batting and bowling skills this week. The slightly warmer weather is also a bonus!



## Year 4

Everyone in Year 4 has come back to school this week full of lots of energy and enthusiasm for the Summer Term, which is great to see!

You may have noticed that there is a big focus on securing their Times Tables recall ability, so thank you for supporting them with this at home. The improvement is fantastic and the pride they show in this is even better.

Please let us know if you need any help accessing TT Rockstars at home.

Developing pupils' reading ability is embedded within all areas of our curriculum at Wellesley Park, so children have many opportunities to develop their fluency and comprehension skills in class.

This week, we have been reading a text about static electricity and answering questions on this in science. This was after we had fun sticking balloons to the wall, after rubbing them on our hair and jumpers!

We have been so lucky with some warm and sunny days this week, and it has been lovely to see the children playing happily on the grass at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Let's hope the warm and dry weather continues.

Finally, in our geography topic this half-term, we will be exploring 'Water, Weather & Climate' and this will begin this week, with some eye-opening facts about where the world's water actually resides.



## National Online Safety

Online bullying, or cyberbullying, describes bullying that is enabled by technology. If the bullying behaviour is on the internet in any form, it is classed as cyberbullying.

Online bullying can increase anxiety or depression, and leave young people with low self-esteem and low self-confidence. In some cases, it can lead to self-harm or more extreme thoughts about their own life.

This is why it is so important that trusted adults keep an open dialogue with children, and encourage them to report any incidents that are worrying.

Please see the link to the National Online Safety website showing a video of Online Bullying from Mylene Klass.

[An Introduction to Online Bullying | National Online Safety](#)

## Year 5

Welcome back! What a great first week back in Year 5 and we have a very exciting half term coming up, with our trip to Taunton Museum and Bikeability.

In English we have been learning all about adverbials for cohesion and subordinating conjunctions. We have implemented this into short burst writing, which is currently about our mythical creatures for non - chronological reports.

We are moving onto the innovation stage next week, in preparation for the 'hot write' and we are really looking forward to seeing the finished product.

In maths, we have had a revision week going back to multiplication & division. It has been great to watch the children refresh themselves in these areas and next week we will be moving onto our new unit.

We have resumed our book of 'Brightstorm', which we have all been captured by. It is very exciting, with lots of cliff hangers, that make us all want to keep reading...

Based on the book, we had a debate this week on whether we thought Arthur was selfish, or not. One side of the room were 'for' and the other were 'against'. It was great to watch the children learn new skills and debate their opinion by using evidence from the text.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone!

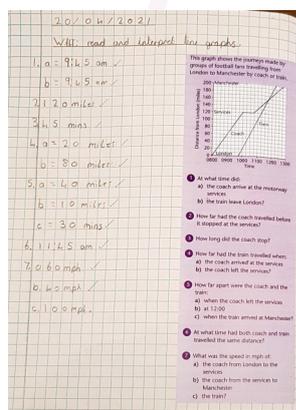
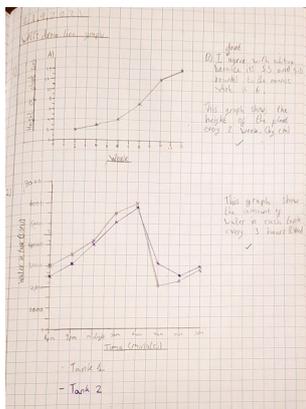
## Year 6

It has been lovely catching up with the children about the exciting things they have done over the Easter holidays. We are really pleased that lots of children have taken the time to prepare for the upcoming assessments and are continuing to use the SATS buster booklets at home.

This week, we have focussed lots of our efforts on consolidating all of the learning, which has taken place over the last three years.

In English, we have explored lots of grammatical techniques including: use of punctuation, exploring word classes, consolidating understanding of conjunctions and reviewing progressive tenses. We have also begun our new writing unit based on the model text 'Fowler's Yard', which is a tale of fear! The children got into role with drama work - it was great fun!

The children have also particularly enjoyed looking at a range of non-fiction texts in Guided Reading.



In Maths, we have reviewed reasoning techniques, developed a further understanding of the four operations and tackled some tricky data problems.

We hope that you have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

## Year 6 Residential

Please can we give you a **final reminder** that all outstanding payments for the Year 6 residential, taking place during the week commencing the 16th of May, must be paid by the deadline of the 2nd of May.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.