



# Wellesley Park Primary School

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## Headteacher's Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy, Sunny, Friday Everyone! The weather has been lovely this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed being active on the field for lunchtimes. Please can we remind parents and carers to apply sun-cream before children come to school and to make sure they have water bottles.

Our pupils have been working incredibly hard, and it's great to see such a positive attitude towards learning. As always, we encourage our pupils to continue working hard and to strive to be the best that they can be! Next half-term, our staff team will continue to enrich the learning and curriculum for our pupils with lots of planned tips and as well as our Sports day, Strawberry evening and rescheduled Colour Run!

## Staffing update

We are looking forward to Mrs White returning to Wellesley Park after half term, who has been greatly missed. Mrs White has spent some time this half term keeping in touch with Wellesley Park and getting to know the children in BFG. Miss Sweetland who has been covering Mrs White's maternity leave has agreed to stay with Wellesley Park for the rest of the academic year, to cover the absence of Mrs Hunt.

## Year 6 SATS

Our Year 6 were amazing during SATs week and they were all confident to show off what they have learnt here at Wellesley park over the last 7 years. They approached them with a calm confidence and should be proud of themselves for doing their very best. Some of the children have even told me that they've quite enjoyed them! We are so proud of each and every one of them! Well done Year 6! Also, a special thank you to our governors who came and invigorated the administration process.

## PTA Coronation Event

Firstly, a huge thank you to our amazing PTA, who work so hard to raise much needed funds to go towards a new library. We all really appreciate all of your efforts – you do an amazing job. Thank you to everyone that participated.

Whatever you have planned, we hope you have a good half term break!

Best wishes,  
*Mrs Wilkins*  
Headteacher

## Attendance - by class for this half-term

Gruffalo	96.13%	Matilda	91.07%	Galadriel	91.58%
Jasper	93.77%	BFG	95.57%	Thorin	91.50%
Mrs Tiggywinkle	94%	Hufflepuff	87.96%	Akela	94.89%
Peter Rabbit	93.55%	Gryffindor	95.37%	Bagheera	93.36%

**Well done to Gruffalo class for achieving the highest attendance this half-term.**

## Dukes - Reminder

Please remember to book your sessions if you require breakfast or afterschool club sessions next half-term. Bookings to be made through Magicbooking as soon as possible. All details can be found by following the link to our website:

[www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/parents/wrap-around-care.htm](http://www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/parents/wrap-around-care.htm)

Many thanks.

## Car Parking - Reminder

Please can we remind parents and carers that the school car park is for staff use only at all times. Please do not drive in to the school grounds, including for dropping off/collecting to and from breakfast and after school club.



There should also be no parking, under any circumstances, on the zig-zag lines at the entrance of the school. This could endanger the lives of children on their way to and from school. There have been incidents where children have run from vehicles in front of staff cars driving in through the school gates.

Many thanks.

## Best Books

As many of you know, for several years Wellesley Park have been putting together 'best' collections of children's learning at the end of each academic year. While these are wonderful keepsakes, they are incredibly time-consuming for our school staff to put together.

In order to ensure that we are maximising learning time, from the end of this year, we will be handing over the reins to our school families. This summer, all children will come home with their Wellesley Park Best Book. What we ask, is that you continue to fill its pages with memories, photos and highlights from the years to come.

We would love to see how these evolve over time.

## Policy Updates

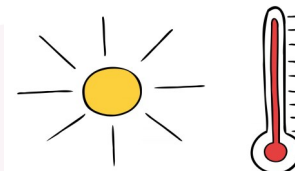
Please note following policies have been updated and can be found on our school website:

- Complaints Procedure
- Pupil IT Acceptable Use
- Children In Care
- Whistleblowing



## Warm Weather Safety

Please can all children come to school with a sun hat/cap and a named water bottle each day. Please can children also have sun cream applied before they come in to school.



## School Vacancies

Please see our school website for a list of our current job vacancies:

[Vacancies \(wellesleyparkschool.co.uk\)](http://www.wellesleyparkschool.co.uk)

## Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May, we had a wonderful day celebrating the Coronation. We were amazed by the incredible crowns the children made - they were all fit for a King! Congratulations to the 'Crown Winners'.

We sadly had to postpone the colour run due to the weather but we look forward to the event taking place on Sports Day. Congratulations also to Jack and Evie for raising the most sponsorship (highest amount raised in the boys/girls category). Jack raised £110 and Evie raised £166! All the money raised through sponsorship will be used to develop and improve our school library; creating an environment that inspires, promotes and encourages reading.

We were all spoilt for choice at the PTA Coronation cake sale! Thank you to Year 3 for all the delicious cakes, and thank you to everyone who took the time to enter our Coronation cupcake competition - they all looked amazing. Congratulations to Rebecca Kemp who won the competition with her incredible cupcakes.

Finally, a huge thank you to the PTA, all staff, children and families who contributed to the day, we couldn't do it without you!



## Preschool - Wellesley Park Explorers

This half-term, we have been little explorers over at pre-school, learning about space, dinosaurs, under the sea, transportation in the air and the King's Coronation. We have been very busy enjoying various arts and crafts, such as making our own planets and dinosaurs using our imagination along with our fine motor skills. There has also been lots of fish making with a beautiful mural painted by the children themselves.

We have been enjoying the warmer weather and taking our activities and interests outside. We enjoyed a teddy bears picnic for the King's Coronation and had fun trying some new foods - hummus and pittas. The children made their own crowns and had a little parade around the garden, pretending to be royals.

In Maths, we have focussed on 'big' and 'little', looking to identify objects in terms of size. We have also been using the scales to weigh natural materials and using language 'heavy' and 'light'.

In Literacy, our topic books included 'The Colour Monster', 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants', 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Whatever Next'. The children have loved engaging with these stories and have extended their knowledge and understanding by asking and answering lots of questions.

After half-term we will start our theme of 'Being Healthy' and there will be lots of different fruits to try during our first week back.





## Reception/Year 1

This half-term seem to have flown by and we cannot believe that we are entering our final half-term of the year! The children have grown, changed and progressed so much since the start of the year and have continued to have a great attitude towards their learning.

In Reception Phonics, we have been working on Phase 4 words and blending these fluently. We are trying to blend more and more frequently in our head to improve our fluent word reading. In Year 1, we have been particularly focussed on those phase 5 alternative sounds and applying these to both real and alien words, to assess phonetic understanding.

In Maths, Reception children have been thinking about numbers beyond 10, as well as introducing basic mathematical equations using addition and subtraction. We have also learnt a fun song to help us with counting in twos (on Supermovers if you want to practise at home!) In Year 1, the children have been looking at more complex numbers and using multiplication and division with these.

For English, Reception children have loved our latest story and have had so much fun innovating the characters to make their own versions, usually keeping the part where the troll gets pushed in the river though! It has been incredible to see so many children writing in sentences to tell their stories – when you think that it was only the start of this year that they learnt even the first sound, it's pretty impressive!

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we have been loving getting outside as much as possible. All children had a fantastic day celebrating the Coronation, even though the colour run was rained off! We have also been using our outside area to run scientific investigations, including examining plants and exploring the power of soap against germs (or pepper, to visually represent them!).

It has been another half-term full of fun and onwards to the last one. Keep up the good work everyone!



## Year 1/Year 2

Wow, what a half-term! Year 1 and 2 have blown us away with their incredible history learning, their enthusiasm in science, thoughtful RE discussions, fantastic phonics progress, amazing clay hedgehogs, Coronation Day fun and much more.

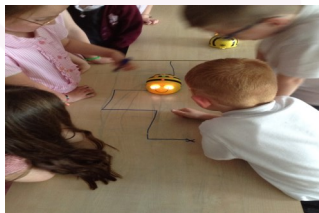
A firm favourite this term has been our Great Fire of London topic which has seen us explore the events of the fire in many immersive ways. We used our Outdoor Learning area to role-play life as a baker on Pudding Lane; we experienced passing water to extinguish 'flames'; dug a hole to bury our prize possessions (just like Samuel Pepys); built models of London before and after the fire and wrote diary entries imagining that we were there, experiencing the fire for ourselves.

Another highlight this term has been programming our floor robots (Beebots) to complete routes or challenges. We know that basic computer coding is creating a sequence of instructions, with a fixed outcome, to achieve a given task. It's also encouraged us to work as a team, to solve problems collaboratively.

The KS1 teachers would also like to say a massive WELL DONE to all of the Year 2 children who have worked so hard in completing their SATs booklets. You all did brilliantly. With the Phonics Screening Check happening soon after we return in June, it'll be the turn of Year 1 (and a few Year 2 children) to show-off their fantastic hard work. Keep practicing those

sounds, especially spotting those tricky split-digraphs.

Thank you for another wonderful half-term. We have so many exciting things planned for Summer 2, we can hardly wait.





## Year 3

It has been a very busy half-term for Year 3. In English, we have been writing our innovated tale inspired by the text 'Nail Soup'. Our focus has been developing our story openings and endings to really capture the reader. We have also begun our poetry unit, where we are becoming familiar with a range of poetry and practicing how these can be performed.

In Maths this term, we have been building on our fraction's knowledge, particularly adding and subtracting fractions. The children showed great understanding of the fraction's concepts learnt last term, enabling them to refine these skills and focus on problem solving skills. They have also been looking at how to add and subject money in order to calculate change.

Year 3 have created some fantastic art work with Mrs G using charcoal and drawing still images of flowers. Their concentration and eye for detail was outstanding. In PE they have been improving upon their throwing and catching skills whilst also getting a basic understanding for the rules of cricket. The children have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt including the processes of mummification and writing their names in hieroglyphics.



## Year 4

In English, we have enjoyed looking at many different openings for different books and picked out useful techniques for hooking the reader into our stories. Dramatic speech was one of their favourites and we have also had many great character profiles described brilliantly. They are building up their resilience and independence when editing their own work and they are making some excellent vocabulary choices.

In Maths, we have looked at Decimals, Money and Time together with daily times table practice. I think many children have surprised themselves at the speed at which they can recall these important facts. Please keep practising a little bit over half-term so that they all make progress in this important area.

In Science, we have continued to look at States of Matter with a particular focus on water and its transition between a liquid, a gas and a solid. Pupils have learnt what Evapotranspiration is and how this plays a vital part in water's journey around the water cycle.

The wonders of clouds and steam on a bathroom mirror can now be understood at a deeper level.

In PE, pupils have been learning how to hit a tennis ball and we have taken every opportunity to read and play outside when the weather has been nice. We are now looking forward to exploring a Shakespeare play and exploring some OpenAI concepts (as seen in the news recently) in Computing.





## Year 5

What a half-term! We are so proud of Year 5, with their fantastic attitude to learning as well as the manners and maturity they demonstrated when we took them on a trip to Taunton Museum. Which we must say, was a fantastic day!

This half-term has seen us learning about shape in Maths. The children have found this really interesting, as we have looked at angles, learning how to measure them, as well as understanding how to draw a shape accurately using a protractor and ruler.

In English, we have been learning about portal stories, which has seen us focusing on openings and endings. Our aim was to hook the reader in, to make them want to read on using various techniques.

In Guided Reading, we have come to the end of 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy. We absolutely loved this adventure book, and will definitely be starting the sequel after half-term! We have created our own sky skips, using retrieval from 'Brightstorm' to think about essentials we want to include to go on a mission across the world!

Have a lovely half term break!



## Year 6

What a busy term Year 6 have had!

Each and every member of Year 6 made us extremely proud during the KS2 SATs week. They showed a determined, mature and hardworking attitude towards every test, even when things got tricky. A huge well done to all!

Last week, we had an amazing time at the annual Mill on the Brue camp. The children completed a huge range of activities including: grass tobogganing, climbing, raft building, axe throwing, zip lining, tunnelling, canoeing, rifle shooting and many more!

The children in school also had a fantastic enrichment week investigating the best materials to protect an egg; researching, designing and building a new school playground and creating a scale model of the Titanic.

Next half-term, we will be focussing on lots of high-quality writing, transition to secondary school and our Year 6 performance of, 'I'm an 11-year-old get me out of here!'





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