



# Weekly Newsletter

Living to Learn, Learning to Live

## REACH FOR THE STARS

13.12.24

### KEY DATES

**17.12.24** - Grotto (EYFS and KS1 only)

**18.12.24** - Christmas Fair

**19.12.24** - Christmas Parties

**20.12.24 2pm** - Finish for Christmas

**06.01.25 8:45am** - Return to school for Spring Term

**14.01.25** - Y3 Trip to St Teresa's Church (Details to follow)

### Hello Parents and Carers!

Wow, what a busy week it has been in school!

We have held all our Christmas Performances this week. These were really well-attended and it was brilliant to see so many of you in school; thank you! The children did so well and we know you will be just as proud of them as you are! This afternoon during the final performance, we drew our Wellesbourne Raffle - winners will be posted on Arbor and parents contacted.

Next week we will be continuing with some Christmassy activities. On Tuesday, EYFS and KS1 will have the opportunity to visit Father Christmas at our Grotto! Please ensure you return the reply slip on the letter sent out this week if you would like your child to attend. We will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Wednesday, which children will get to visit across the course of the school day, and on Thursday we will be holding our class Christmas Parties. On Friday we will have our annual Christmas assembly, which is a lovely opportunity for the whole school to get together. Mrs Ryan will also be holding her half-termly visit to Costa for one lucky child from each class!

Enjoy the weekend!  
Miss Howard

### THIS WEEK IN PSHE

This week in assembly, we talked about the importance of school rules and how these are designed to keep us safe. We also talked about ways we can ask for help and support. In lessons, we have continued our focus on Relationships and have talked about our current school value, EFFORT.

Effort



Cooperate



#### Following the Rules Helps Us:

- ✓ Reach our full potential
- ✓ Increase productivity
- ✓ Enhance our focus
- ✓ Feel respected
- ✓ Learn effectively
- ✓ Improve our education
- ✓ Make class enjoyable



### Year One Phonics

#### This week in Phonics

This week Year 1 have been learning 'au' (pause, launch) and 'ey' (donkey, honey) and the split digraphs 'a\_e' (snake, game) and 'e\_e' (concrete, theme).

As split digraph is when two vowels (e.g. ee) are split by a consonant but continue to make the same sound - for example 'tree' and 'Steve'.

#### Can you read the following sentence?

I had cake and honey to eat at the haunted theme park.

Try creating your own sentence using these sounds!

### ATTENDANCE is one of our school values

As a school we are striving to achieve at least 97% attendance. We have not achieved this any day this week, with attendance particularly bad on Friday. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day.

#### OVERALL - 94.5%

Monday - 94.3%

Tuesday - 94.9%

Wednesday - 93.3%

Thursday - 92.8%

Friday - 89.7%

Attend



Well done to **2MB** and **6KJ** who had over 97% attendance this week. You will receive Champions Breakfast next week!



Honest



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### Design Technology (DT)

Here at Wellesbourne we teach Design Technology through a range of topics, including Textiles, Food, Electricity and Structures and Mechanisms. We aim to improve the children's ability to control materials, tools and techniques and to develop increasing confidence in the use of visual and tactile elements and materials. Children follow a five-step process to explore and develop their work (**research, practise, plan, make** and **evaluate**). This gives children the freedom to express themselves through their work and reflect upon their finished product.

This week, Year 2 made pizzas as part of their Food topic. After their visit to Pizza Express in Autumn 1, they were experts! They practised chopping vegetables safely and grating cheese before creating their pizzas and, of course, tasting them!



### Social Media Platforms

Please follow us on X (formerly Twitter)!



Reading Account - @WellesBooks  
Nursery - @WellesbourneNur  
Y1 - @WellesbourneYr1  
Y3 - @WellesbourneYr3  
Y5 - @WellesbourneYr5

Whole School Account - @WellesbourneSch  
Reception - @WellesbourneRec  
Y2 - @WellesYear2  
Y4 - @WellesbourneYr4  
Y6 - @Yr6Wellesbourne

We also have a Facebook Page, follow us at Wellesbourne Primary and Nursery School.



### TTRS AND NUMBOTS WINNERS THIS WEEK

#### TTRS

**Most correct answers:** Momen M Y4 - 7,109

**Most coins:** Nancy C Y4 - 32,090

**Improved speed:** Natalie D Y4 - Improved by 4.05 seconds

**Fastest current studio speed:** Luca E Y6 - 0.62 seconds

#### Numbots

**Most minutes played:** Jaxson J Y1 - 52 minutes

**Correct answers:** Jayden M Y6 - 794

**Most coins:** Jaxson J Y1 - 4,595

Respect



### CURRENTLY READING...

In school, every class dedicates 15 minutes a day to reading for pleasure from a carefully-crafted reading spine. This allows children to explore new worlds, builds imagination and develop a lifelong love for books!

**1PP recommend**  
**'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woollvin.**

"We love the drawing style and how Rapunzel is very smart. Did we like the ending? Oh yes indeed!"

