

Welcome Newsletter

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Wellington
Primary Academy

A WARM WELCOME TO THE WELLINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

I am very excited to be Head Teacher at the Wellington Primary Academy. I want you to be assured I feel privileged to be working with you and your children so I will be investing all my energies into the school's success. The main priority we will be working on this year will be to maintain the excellent progress made by children in KS1 and EYFS but maintain this progress at KS2 especially focusing on maths. I was involved with appointments of key members of new staff in the summer term and I was very impressed with the quality of staff coming into the school. I am confident you will agree! I have enjoyed welcoming new pupils into Reception and children new to the school in other years groups. Above all, I recognise that your children are your most precious possessions and I want you to be assured of my commitment to them. I'm looking forward to the year ahead! We are all very proud of our school and would be delighted to show you around so that you can see first hand what we do best.

Mr Peter Eccles
Head Teacher



I would like to welcome 27 new Barn Owls to Wellington Primary Academy. We have had a busy first few mornings learning the routines and getting to know each other. It has been a wonderful start to the term. As we move through the term we will be introduced to lunchtimes and then start staying for the whole day. We will be learning about Fairy Tales this term.

We hope you've had a lovely time over the summer and that the children are ready to start the new school year. We'd like to welcome you and your child/children to Year 1!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child/children and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 offers.

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences and learning characteristics that children have had in Reception. To enable a smoother transition to the Year 1 curriculum, play based learning will take place in the first week but will begin to blend into more formal learning thereafter. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher with any questions or concerns. We will be holding an information evening early next term. Details to be announced.

Your child will be given a set book and a reading diary to bring home. Your child's/children's book can be changed on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday (if put in the book box). We encourage your child to read the book following the 3 step format which we will explain at the information evening. The children will have lots of opportunity to read and enjoy books throughout the week that will not always involve their home reading book.

Each Friday morning we will be holding a celebration assembly where we celebrate the children's successes in the week. Individuals who have most demonstrated the learning attitude of the week will be chosen. There will also be a behaviour bear for each class that will go home with one child who has shown exceptional behaviour that week. This is for the children only.

Mrs Pooley (Kestrels) and Mrs Ridley Anderson (Kites)

Robin Class have had a very good start to the year. We are busy learning all about 'Place Value' in Maths and learning the 'Three Little Pigs' story in English. We will have PE on Monday and Wednesday so please make sure PE kits are in school all week. We are looking forward to a busy half term!

Year 6 Open Days and Evening



Thursday 13th September 6.30–9pm

14th & 18th September 9am–12pm | 28th September 1pm–3pm



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Welcome to Goldfinches class. I am Mrs Rooke, the new year 2 class teacher. We are supported in this class by Mrs Hart, our teaching assistant. We are looking forward to getting to know each of your children.

I am looking forward to an exciting year and am sure you will look forward to hearing your child talk about the things they have been learning in class.

Please feel free to talk to me if you have any concerns about your child either by making an appointment at the office or after the school day ends.

Hawks Newsletter:

Hawks have had a very positive first week back to school getting to know Key Stage 2, their new classroom, classmates and teachers.

The first few days were filled with fun activities designed around introducing ourselves, deciding on class rules and setting expectations for the classrooms. Everyone produced a self-portrait which will be going on display.

Maths this week has been all about place value and we are focusing on working with three digit numbers for the few weeks. This will be important for improving adding, subtraction, counting and multiplication.

This term the theme is 'Once Upon a Time' and Hawks have been getting to know their class book, Sleeping Beauty, in English. This will also feed into our history lessons when we look at Georgian Britain, and in music when we compose a soundtrack to accompany the story.

Overall it's been a really good first week, and we are all looking forward to the rest of the year.



Our Multi Use Games Area was officially opened last term and is available to hire outside of school hours.

If you wish to take advantage of this fabulous facility then please call Olawale Olufunwa on 01264 405060 or email olawaleolufunwa@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk

In Ospreys class we will be learning through the topic 'Once Upon a Time..' we will be focusing on fairytales, myths and legends both old and new. The children will learn the use of these stories and how the morals can help us as part of PSHE. In R.E we will be focused on the stories used in Hinduism. We will be reading and watching various fairytale stories and writing our own within our English lessons. In Maths we will be learning about number and the importance of place value. We look forward to having lots of fun learning through this creative topic!





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Hello, parents of Harriers! This year has already been off to a magnificent start and I am so excited to see what the rest of the year holds. We have a brilliant and bright class and I know some amazing learning will take place in our room this year.

So far, we have ventured into place value in Maths. The children have grasped the concept quickly and are exceeding my expectations. They can represent numbers in various ways and can identify the place value of numbers up to one million! I encourage you to point out numbers to your child at home and ask them about the place value of said numbers.

We will soon begin our study on ancient myths, legends, fables, and fairy tales in Literacy. The students have begun this study with a look at the Ancient Greeks and their myths that have stood the test of time.

Keeping up with the Ancient Greeks, our history and geography study is all about what the Greeks contributed to the ancient world and how those contributions affect us today. They have learned to write their names using the Greek alphabet, have studied the life of Ancient Greeks, and are currently researching on Greek gods and goddesses. I am so proud of their hard work.

The students can now greet one another in Spanish in the mornings. This week we will learn a Portuguese greeting as well. Ask your child to teach you these greetings at home!

Harriers have proven to be brilliant listeners and eager to learn all week. Their willingness to help new students and guide one another to make good decisions is noteworthy. I am so proud of them and can't wait to see all of the work they will produce this week.

Keep it up, Harriers!

Kingfisher Newsletter

A warm hello from Kingfishers! We had a fantastic first couple of days especially looking at all the exciting learning we are going to do in year 5.

We begun on Wednesday getting to know each other (especially a new teacher!) this included some names games and most importantly creating out wishes for the year ahead. In English we also looked closely at using punctuation in our writing and we completed the week doing our first BIG WRITE about our interesting summers.

In Maths we begun to show what we know about place value and especially it's importance in helping us understand the value of a number, crucial for adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing and giving reasons to our answers. Lots of us managed to show how we can work mathematically, as well, with never, sometimes and always questions. Ask me about prime numbers – are they always odd?

In PE we have been showing our skills with controlling balls, whether dribbling using our hands or feet, and showing that we can work well in teams. This is key as it helps us build good relationships with our friends and gets us ready for learning key team sports like netball, basketball and football.

We are most looking forward in this term to learning all the about the Ancient Greeks in Art and History where we will be creating sculptures, mosaics and sketch work in the style of Greek work. Lastly we are feeling ambitious in our writing and cant wait to get started writing narratives in the styles of Myths, Legends, Fables and Fairytales.

Overall a very positive week :)

Falcons started working really hard straight away with preparation for their SATs in a very short week. Our theme of Once upon a time will cover all areas of the curriculum; we have researched the history of fairy tales to support our learning. Mr Bruce has been impressed with the reading and hopes this will continue to improve due to reading at school and home. In PE, Year 6 combined all their skills to play handball. A new game to most, involving teamwork and fast reactions. I good first attempt with improvements during the lesson. To start the term, they are using their knowledge to create a series of training circuits in the hall. A good start to the term.

Harrisons Catering continue to create wonderful, nutritious meals for our pupils (and staff!).

You can take a look at their monthly recipes for inspiration at <http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/our-recipes>

Bon appétit.