

Wellington News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Upcoming events

Friday 24th January

Teacher training day 4, school closed for children

Week beginning 27th January

Theme week: Crash, Create and Count

Tuesday 11th February

Theme day: Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

School closes for half-term

Monday 24th February

School opens

Friday 7th March

KS1 and KS2 reports go out to parents

Thursday 13th and Tuesday 18th March

KS1 and KS2 parent conferences

Tuesday 18th March

Foundation Stage open afternoon



A note from the Headteacher...

Welcome back after the holidays and to 2014. I hope you all had a very happy new year!

This term

This is a very busy term. As we are expecting cold weather, please make sure your children come to school dressed appropriately. They need to have a warm jacket and proper shoes suitable for wet and icy weather. Please also ensure all items of clothing are marked clearly with your child's name in a way that won't wash off. Please check names regularly to ensure they are still easy to read. Lost property is kept in the large red container in the foyer. If your child loses anything, please check in here.

Thank you

On behalf of everyone at Wellington, I would like to say thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and food we received at the end of last term.





Breakfast club

Our breakfast club was very busy in November and December! During friendship week, the children read stories with each other in the learning zone during breakfast club. Later in the term, in December, we visited Morgan Stanley bank in Canary Wharf where the Magic Breakfast volunteers hosted us for a special breakfast. We also had the opportunity to tour the bank and to video conference with a bank in Dublin! To show our gratitude for our Magic Breakfast volunteers, we held a special Christmas celebration breakfast at the end of term.

Clubs

This term we are continuing to offer a wide range of after school clubs. We are lucky enough to have specialist coaches coming in to take some of the clubs, such as judo, cheerleading and jewellery design, and hope that as many of you as possible take up the opportunity to take part in these sessions.

Christmas card competition

Every year, our business partners, Shearman & Sterling, run a Christmas card competition in our school. The winning design is then sent around the world as Shearman & Sterling's official card to all their clients. It is sent as an e-card and all the money saved on printing and postage is donated to Wellington. This money helps us to pay for our pantomime trip and goes towards our school journeys to Gorsefield and Gillwell Park.

This year's winner was Alisha Khan in Y6. Her card was sent all around the world and will be Wellington's Christmas Card next year. The runners up were Thahmida Akthar in Y6 and Anisa Hoque in Y1.

School development plan

This term, as well as continuing our work on writing, we are working on priority 2.

Priority 2 - Maths development

Maths skills: Pupils become more confident and able mathematicians, using and applying mathematic skills accurately in a range of situations with curiosity and enjoyment.

PE and jewellery

All children regularly take part in physical activity. PE sessions range from gymnastics, games and dance to swimming and athletics. Games sessions take place outside and are taught by our PE teacher, Mr Rantall.

All children should have their PE kit in school every day. These should be brought in on Mondays and taken home to wash on Fridays. During the winter, children can wear plain black leggings or jogging bottoms when doing outdoor PE.

Other than watches and stud ear-rings, please remember that jewellery is not allowed in school. There are some children who wear hoop and stud ear-rings which are not safe for school, particularly when children are playing and taking part in PE.

Also, children should not bring **anything** of value to school. Things sometimes get lost or go missing, and school cannot be held responsible when this happens.

Supporting charities

During the Autumn term, we supported a number of different charities. For the Poppy Appeal, we raised £165 selling poppies every morning.

We supported the Whitechapel Mission who were very grateful for our donations of food and we also raised £175 for Save the Children by taking part in their Christmas Jumper Day.

Attendance and punctuality

Our attendance has been good so far this year - for Y1 to Y6, attendance is above 97%!

Unfortunately, attendance in Reception is lower at 94% and in Nursery is only 93%!

Some children have already had really poor attendance at 85% and below.

You can help your child's learning by sending them to school every day, even if they have a slight cough or cold. The only time you should keep your child at home is when they are really ill with a high temperature or have a diarrhoea and vomiting bug.

Please remember that holidays during term time are never authorised and you will be fined.

Not only do we expect all our children to come to school every day, we also expect them to be in school on time. Remember the gates open at 8:45am, and children need to be in their line when the bell goes at 8:55am.

Remember every day matters, every minute counts.

Parent sessions

We run a parents' workshop every Wednesday morning in the Bottom Hall at 9am.

There are other events, meetings and courses which take place at other times. Please look out for information on the board and in newsletters.

The parent sessions running this term are:

Wednesday 8th January - Healthy Eating

Attend the final session of the healthy eating sessions, where you will get the opportunity to make healthy snacks and explore healthy ways of using up leftovers.

Wednesday 15th January - Dental screening

Information about the forthcoming dental screening for Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

Wednesday 22nd January - Money Management

The Bromley-by-Bow Centre will be running this interactive session for parents sharing ideas on how to better manage your money and prioritising your needs when working with a tight budget.

Wednesday 29th January - Money Management

The second session run by the Bromley-by-Bow Centre.

Wednesday 5th February - Shearman & Sterling Community Legal Clinic

Qualified lawyers will be available to provide confidential advice on legal problems you may be facing in your everyday life.

Wednesday 12th February - Internet safety

A session informing parents about internet safety and how to make sure your child is safe when using the web.

For more information on any of these sessions, please speak to Mr Ahmed.

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Wishing you and your family a very happy 2014!

Martin Grant

Headteacher