

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

I hope that your child has had an enjoyable week at WPA, we've been busy with GCSE PE moderations, recovering from the PE Tour of Holland and the Primary Music event. I would also like to share a staffing update with you. Mrs Fry, our Spanish teacher will sadly be leaving us at the end of April. She has decided to take up another teaching role outside of Leicestershire. We thank her for her services this academic year and we wish her all the very best for the future. We are fortunate that we have secured two specialist MFL teachers: Mrs Ratcliffe, who is a very experienced MFL teacher joining us from a school in Hinckley will be starting in May, and the other is Mrs Waddington, a Spanish specialist, who will be starting her teaching career here in August.

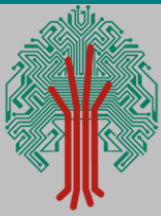
I am sure that you have seen the article in the Harborough Mail this week, featuring one of our own WPA students – Brooklyn. If you haven't, the article can be found [here](#). Brooklyn is a lovely Year 10 student who was born with a genetic disorder known as Ectodactyly, which means he has no right hand, and on his other he has a missing finger and two conjoined fingers. This obviously means that everyday activities many of us take for granted are extremely difficult for him. He now has the possibility for the same opportunities as others with the prospect of a new mechanical arm. However, the cost of such a device is significant, therefore as a school we are trying to support Brooklyn to raise as much money as possible to make this dream a reality. Therefore, we will be hosting a 'WONKA' themed movie night in our Octagonal Hall on **Friday 3rd May 2024**. We will be showing the latest blockbuster movie Wonka, where we aim to raise as much money as possible. Tickets will be available from the front office from **Monday 22nd April 2024**. I am also sharing the gofundme page, <https://gofund.me/a587d2b8>. I am sure any donations however small would be greatly received. In addition to this, we will be holding a donations box at the front office, where again should anyone wish to make a donation, this would be greatly received.



I am sure that you will join me in wishing Brooklyn and his family all the best in the monumental task they face in raising the staggering £20k target. As of today, they currently stand at £6945, which is an amazing achievement so far.

I hope that you all have a fabulous weekend.

Pete Leatherland—Principal



UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

NOBODY PUTS BABY IN THE CORNER!!!

Tonight is the night.....

This movie night is open to anyone—students, staff, friends, family etc so do please share the details.

Tickets are available from the front office or you can pay on the door.

You may bring your own refreshments.

An absolute classic of a film.



PROM 2024
Pudding Club
Quiz
And
Bingo

Come along for some quiz and bingo fun whilst eating as much cake and dessert as you can. All sweet things donated by local businesses or homemade by parents. You are welcome to bring your own drinks.

April 26th 2024
£5 per person
Tickets available from the front office

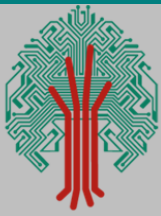
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DO YOU HAVE A SWEET TOOTH AND ENJOY QUIZZES AND BINGO???

If the answer is yes then this is the event for you.

Bring your own drink and an appetite for sweet things. There will be a large range of desserts to choose from.

Put the date in your diary!



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 22nd April 2024

	Monday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Indian	Saint Georges Day	Best of British	Eastern	Fun Friday
Option 1	Spicy Chicken Dhansak	Toad in the Hole & Apple crumble with custard	Lemon & herb chicken with sage & onion stuffing	Pork Souvlaki	Battered Chicken breast nuggets
Option 2	Creamy Cauliflower & green bean curry	Veggie Shepherd's pie	Sweet Potato Burger with BBQ sauce	Smokey Aubergine Tagine	Veggie Sausage
Sides	Nan bread / Kachumber	Cheesy parsley mash, honey roasted roots with rich gravy	Roast potatoes / cabbage & gravy	Pomegranate Cous Cous / Roasted Vegetables	Chips / Beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Our attendance this year so far is 93.4% and the national average is 91%. Well done everyone! Our school target is 96% so we are a little short of this.

Sometimes it is difficult to know when to keep your child off school if they are unwell. Please take some time to follow this link to see some excellent help and advice from the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child sometimes feels anxious to come into school, please be assured that this is normal and we have many Mental Health First Aid trained staff in school who will be able to offer support to your child. Please take the time to read this article with some expert tips on how to support your child to come into school where that can be safely educated and socialise with their peers. Remember we are here to help.

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/special-features/overcome-school-worries-expert-tips-28838747>



Workshops

Spring / Summer 2024

Upcoming



MARKET HARBOROUGH

The Cube, Symington Rec, St Mary's Rd,
LE16 7DS (behind EcoVillage)

Monday 8th April 10:00-12:00

Monday 13th May 10:00 - 12:00

Monday 10th June 10:00 - 12:00

Monday 8th July 10:00 - 12:00

GREAT GLEN

St Cuthbert's Church, LE8 9DW

Monday 15th April 1:30 - 3:00

Monday 20th May 1:30 - 3:00

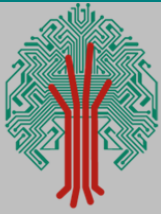
Monday 17th June 1:30 - 3:00

Monday 15th July 1:30 - 3:00

Our **FREE** monthly workshops provide space to connect with others and support you to improve your wellbeing. Sessions are relaxed and informative, facilitated by friendly approachable staff and volunteers. Session topics are based around the 5 Ways to Wellbeing (Active, Connect, Take Notice, Give and Learn). You can attend as many or as few as you like.

To book a **FREE** place call 01858 456 042 or email wellbeing@vasl.org.uk
Over 18s only





WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AUTISM?

Are you a family member, informal carer or personal assistant of an autistic person in the Midlands?

We offer FREE welcoming individual and group sessions on topics about autism like:

**Understanding behaviour | Education | Benefits & finance
Helping an anxious child | Navigating support, and more!**

All our sessions are delivered by people with lived experience of autism

To book a support session or find out more visit autismcentral.org.uk/midlands or email autismhubmidlands@contact.org.uk



WHO ARE AUTISM CENTRAL?

NHS England commissioned nine charities to provide high-quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers, co-delivered by autistic people, families and carers. In the Midlands, charities Contact & Ambitious about Autism run Autism Central's programmes.

CONTACT

Contact is the UK charity for families with disabled children. We give advice and information about any aspect of raising a disabled child, including help in the early years, finances, education, emotional and practical support.

contact.org.uk



Ambitious about Autism

Ambitious about Autism is the national charity standing with autistic children and young people. We believe every autistic child and young person has the right to be themselves and realise their ambitions.

ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk



Scan me to go find workshops and courses for you

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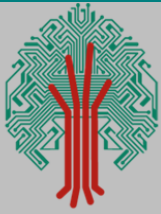


HYDRATE HYDRATE

We are hopeful that the warmer weather will start arriving soon so can we please ask that youngsters do have a water bottle in their school bag.

This is necessary when using the water fountains we have in school





PROM 2024

Time is flying by and it is now only 77 days to the Year 11 Prom.

We like to ensure that there are drinks on hand throughout the evening so we are starting to collect cans of drink and bottles of water.

If you can donate any please drop them into front reception.



We are also looking for donations of sunglasses.

If you have any old pairs lying around please can we have them?