

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

What another amazing week for the students here at WPA. If you follow our school Facebook page, you will have seen some of the things our students have got up to this week. The Ski Trip looks to have been an absolute blast! Some of the photos and videos have been amazing, I'm sure those lucky students will have made some amazing memories. We look forward to their safe return on Saturday afternoon. Today, a number of Year 10 students are out of school attending an Oxford University trip, as part of the National Careers Week organised by Mrs Hix and Mr Askham. As well as a number of students who are representing the school debating team at WQE College in Leicester. We hope that they've all had a fabulous experience and also hope that the debate team can bring the trophy home again.



This week also saw the celebration of World Book Day, I'm sure you have seen the fabulous photos on our social media pages. This was a brilliant day, not only because of the incredible staff who participated in this event, but because of the most generous donations of books. The library was a hive of activity yesterday, with the hustle and bustle of students buying and swapping books. There were an incredible number of books donated and a number of students got some absolute bargains. It was lovely to see the passion for reading and books, especially in the modern world of computers and kindles etc. A special thank you to the English Dept., and Mrs Hix for arranging this event. It was certainly the talk of the school with students commenting on the staff costumes. For the record, I would like to say that Ghostbusters, despite being a great film franchise was in fact a novel too by Richard Mueller written in 1985, despite what Mr Mummery says!

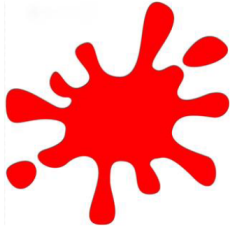
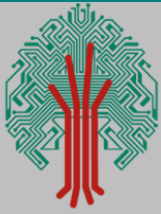
Next week we look forward to welcoming the German Exchange students, organised by Mrs Russell. I am excited to see the differences in culture our German colleagues and students will bring with them, it's always a pleasure to see how similar and different our experiences are. Also, next week is the deadline for Year 9 Options. All students have had the options link emailed to them. I know that some students have struggled to access the form. We strongly recommend that the form is accessed via a laptop or desktop computer rather than a tablet or smart phone. If anyone is experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We also made the news again this week, with the BBC coming into school to talk about our very successful Eco-Wardrobe. If you haven't heard the interview, it's well worth listening via BBC Sounds. Mrs Burgess, with the help of our fantastic students spoke very eloquently about the need for such initiatives. This is a great concept, totally the brain-child of Mrs Burgess, where we can support students to look amazing and attend such important events without breaking the bank and helping to save the planet too!

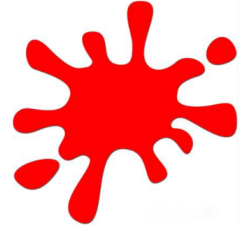
Finally, I'd like to congratulate our students in the sporting success we're enjoying once again. I managed to watch some of the Year 11 basketball County semi-final against Ashby, where unfortunately we came up short, but a gallant effort nonetheless. The Year 10/11 girls are already through to the County Finals, which I am told is a first for WPA girls' basketball.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Pete Leatherland—Principal



Gunge a teacher



During lunchtimes **Monday 11th – Thursday 14th March** come to **L5** and put your donations for Comic Relief in the pot of the teacher you most want to see gunged. (Any amounts welcome)

On **Friday 15th March** we will count the donations and the teacher who has received the most money will be gunged on the stage in the Octagonal Hall at lunchtime. (50p to go in and watch)



Thank you to all the teachers who have put themselves forward to raise money for a great cause.



Lock In tickets went on sale to Year 11 students last week.

This is a fantastic fundraising evening for the students which is great fun.

Tickets can be purchased from the front office each day.

Once a ticket has been purchased, students **MUST** return the accompanying letter signed by a

parent/carer. If this is not returned, payment will be refunded and the student will not be allowed to attend.



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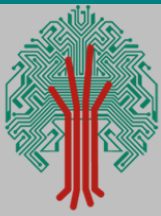


Back in November, many local primary school children took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge at Welland Park Academy. This national competition has become a regular event at the Academy for the best year 5 and 6 mathematicians in the area. This year 63,000 children took part cross the country with 4500 making it through to the bonus round.

Emma Aslett, teacher at the Academy and Ahead 4 Numbers business owner, organises the event and works with the children prior to the actual challenge.

Four of the children, all from Kibworth Primary scored highly enough to make it through to the bonus round with one of them securing a silver award.

Emma hopes more local schools will participate next year. She thanked Welland Park Academy for hosting and funding the event.



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 11 th March 2024					
Celebrating Pie Week		**Celebrating Pie Week**			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Indian	Pie of the Day	Best of British	Pie of the Day	Fun Friday
Option 1	Chicken Tikka Masala	Homemade Minced Beef & Onion Pie	Red Onion Sticky Sausages	Homemade Chicken Pie	Chicken Breast Nuggets
Option 2	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Rogan Josh	Homemade Roast Vegetable Pie	Veggie Bangers	Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie	Spicy Bean Burger
Sides	Yellow Rice Kachumber	Wedges / Broccoli	Cheesy Chive Mash Peas	Roasties / Roasted Roots	Chips Baked beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Cheese & Tomato Panini Jacket & Topping	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping

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