

WPS School Report



Welcome to our new half termly newsletter—this is a chance to catch up on the events and trips we have organised over the half-term—we hope you enjoy reading it!

Our Ambassadors



WPS is constantly seeking to ensure that the overall educational experience your children receive whilst in our care, is of the highest quality, preparing them for life beyond Wilmslow Prep and developing essential skills for their futures.

This term we have introduced a brand new system which is designed to enhance, extend and structure the Form 6 roles and responsibilities, enabling each and every pupil to contribute fully to the life of the School. All of our talented Form 6 children have been awarded the role of WPS Ambassador; there are four categories of Ambassador and each comes with a job description, clearly setting out what the role involves and listing specific events at which the children will be expected to play a key part during the year.

In addition to undertaking one of these roles, we have one 'Senior Ambassador' who undertakes the additional responsibility of directly supporting Mrs Hughes and liaising between all the Ambassadors and Mrs Rigby on a regular basis. The Senior Ambassador is also responsible for delivering a weekly report to the whole School in assembly.

Our amazing Ambassadors this year are:

WPS Ambassadors for Sport	Isabella and Olivia
WPS Children's Ambassadors	Ali, Georgia and Yuika
WPS Community Ambassadors	Amelia and Milly
WPS Ambassadors for Learning	Hallie, Sophie and Ruby
WPS Senior Ambassador	Hallie

The role of House Captains will stand apart from the above roles, with all Form 6 pupils actively involved in supporting and/or leading our fabulous House events.

The Ambassadors have already had a busy start to the year and have undertaken their roles and responsibilities admirably! You will have the opportunity to see them at many events during the School year and I am sure you will join us in congratulating all of the children, wishing them every success for the year ahead.

Welcome to Kindergarten



Our Kindergarten children have all settled in to life at WPS very well indeed and have made a super start to the year!

WPS School Council



Our active WPS School Council, led by our Community Ambassadors, meets every Thursday lunchtime. This half term, they have already helped to organise and coordinate our successful Jeans for Genes Day and Harvest Festival. They are currently actively promoting the importance of recycling and are busy discussing ideas for Children in Need Day!

WPS Celebrates 107th Birthday!

On 23rd September, Wilmslow Prep School celebrated it's 107th birthday!

Miss Mead & Miss Barber opened their new enterprise, Wilmslow Preparatory School in 1909. They introduced their new school as a private academic establishment, whose intention was to provide the children of gentlefolk with a sound, well rounded education that would prepare the little ones for life.

It is tradition to mark the event with cards, which the children make and, of course, a cake.

Our picture shows the F6 Ambassadors with our oldest pupils in the centre and some of our youngest children at the front.

We all sang Happy Birthday at our special birthday assembly and enjoyed a delicious slice of cake with our lunch!



JEANS FOR GENES DAY

A big 'Thank You' to the children and staff for participating in the Jeans for Genes Day held on Friday, 23rd September. By wearing denim and entering our Collage and Picture Competition, your combined donations have raised the fantastic sum of £165 for the Jeans for Genes Charity, which will benefit greatly from your support.



What's On Next Week

Monday 31st October

12.35pm Chess Club
12.35pm Violin/Recorders Group
3.30-4.15pm Mad Science
4.00-5.00pm F3-F6 Orchestra

Tuesday 1st November

8.00am Maths Club
12.35pm Spanish Club
2.30-3.00pm Stretch 'N Grow
4.00-5.00pm F3 & F4 Zumba
4.00-5.00pm F5 & F6 Sports Club
6.00-8.00pm F6 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 2nd November

EYFS Trip

10.30am F3 - F6 Library Club
12.35pm Chamber Choir
2.30-3.00pm KG Ballet
3.30-4.00pm Rec-F2 Ballet

Thursday 3rd November

8.00am F3-F6 Fencing
12.35pm School Council
2.30-3.00pm KG Football
3.30-4.15pm F1 & F2 Library Club
4.00-5.00pm F3 & F4 Sports Club

Friday 4th November

9.00am Parents' Committee Meeting
12.35pm Rec-F2 Puzzle Club
12.35pm Book Review Club
3.30-4.15pm Rec-F2 Football
4.15-5.00pm F3-F6 Football



Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th November

Open Morning - 10.00am to 12 noon

Thursday 17th November

Art Exhibition 3.30 - 4.30pm and 6.00 - 7.00pm

Friday 18th November

Children in Need (info to follow)

Saturday 19th November

Parents' Committee Winter Fair



Many Happy Returns to the following children who celebrated their birthday this week or will celebrate in the half term holiday.

Amelia F6 Sarah F4 Ameerah F4

Sophia F3 Isabella F2 Daisy F1

Nancy Rec Harrison Rec Holly Rec

Evie Rec Lyla-Skye KG

ISA National Art Competition 2016

Every year Wilmslow Prep puts forward entries for the Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Art competition. It provides schools, such as ours, with a wonderful opportunity to showcase our children's art work and for teachers to share best practice and ideas.

We are delighted to announce the results of the ISA Art competition for the North region. All first prize winners in each category will now go onto the national final, which will be judged mid November 2016.

In total Wilmslow Prep were awarded a staggering 6 first prizes across EYFS, KS1 and KS2; 2 second prizes and 2 'Highly Commended' prizes.

These are as follows:

Category	Age Group	First prize
2D Art	EYFS	'Our Queen'- Catherine
2D Art	KS1	'Sunflowers'- Louis
3D Art	KS2	'In the style of Henry Moore'- Lilia
3D Art (Group piece)	KS2	'Art in Words' – F6
Textiles	EYFS & KS1	'Character Puppet'- Sophia
Drawing	KS2	'Tools'- Imogen

Category	Age Group	Second Prize
2D Art	KS2	'It's all about me!'- Sophie
3D Art	EYFS & KS1	'Bird Sculpture'- Elspeth
Textiles (Group piece)	KS2	'Indian Rangoli batik'- F4

Category	Age Group	Highly Commended prize
2D (Group piece)	KS1	'Van Gogh's Flower garden'- F1
Textiles	KS2	'Tudor Rose'- Ruby F5

Please note the majority of this work was completed in the last academic year, so pupils' age groups are reflective of this.

We will inform you of the final results of the national competition as soon as the results are through in late November.

Many thanks to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Milne for their hard work in helping the children to develop their artistic skills.



Reception , F1 & F2 Trip to Etihad Stadium



In September the children in the Infant department were offered the opportunity to go and train at The Etihad Stadium Campus in Manchester.

They were put through their paces by the Manchester City football coaches and finished their trip with a small round robin tournament against the other schools who had also been invited. This was a great way to show off the skills they had learnt during the session.

Many thanks to the Parents' Committee for sponsoring the transport to facilitate this wonderful footballing experience.

Harvest Festival



Form 6 with their beautiful Harvest Baskets

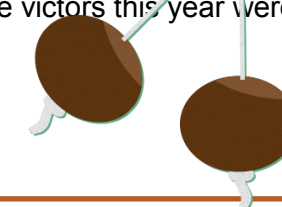
We were delighted to welcome Rev. Paul Smith to lead our Harvest Assembly again this year, where the children shared some wonderful Harvest songs, poems and readings. Thank you to all our WPS families for the very generous Harvest gifts which were donated to the local Food Friend initiative.



Annual Conker Championship



After a heart felt battle amongst the Houses, the victors this year were Tatton!



Run for Fun

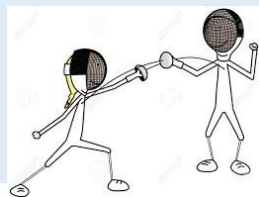
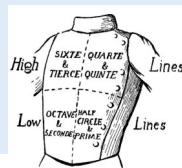


On Monday 3rd October 16 children in the Juniors competed in the Annual Run for Fun held at WRFC. There were some great individual performances, with Emily in Form 4 finishing in an impressive 4th position against a strong field of fellow cross country runners. This is a good opportunity for the children to try their hand at cross country running in readiness for the ISA Cross Country Championships which take place in the Spring Term.

En Garde!

On Thursday morning, children from F3 to F6 enjoy learning the basics of fencing with our expert from JF Education.

Fencing is an Olympic Sport and is ideal for athletic development at the fundamental stage.



Author Visit

Jacqueline Harvey is one of Australia's most popular children's authors and she makes just one trip a year to the UK. We were delighted that she was able to visit WPS.

Jacqueline is a very engaging speaker; before becoming a writer she worked for many years as a teacher. She talked to the children about life as an author, answered their questions, introduced her two series of books, and was kind enough to sign some of them for the children too. Many thanks to Sue Steele at Simply Books for organising this event.



EYFS Visit to the Fire Station



On Wednesday, 12th October our Kindergarten and Reception Classes visited Wilmslow Fire Station as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic. The children had fun watching Mrs Paton trying on a Firefighter's uniform and helmet. They climbed aboard a Fire Engine and sat in the cab.

Fire Officers Chris and Andrew were there to tell us all about fire prevention, the role of the Fire Service and what kind of jobs they carry out. The children really enjoyed seeing the equipment, operating the hose, hearing about how fires are put out and stories about rescuing people and animals.

Thank you to the Fire Officers, staff and volunteers and particularly to the children who were very well behaved and a credit to WPS.

Orchestra

Our WPS Orchestra meets every Monday evening.

This term we are delighted that there are 22 children from Forms 3-6 in the orchestra! Between them they play quite an array of instruments, including violin, 'cello, recorder, clarinet, bassoon, flute, oboe and percussion.

This half term we have been learning to play "I wanna be like you" from Jungle Book, "Razza Sazza", and "Yellow Bird". Next half term we look forward to preparing some festive items! Well done to all the children who take part!



Spanish Club



Linguakidz Spanish Club takes place every Tuesday lunchtime and supports the children's Modern Foreign Languages lessons with fun activities and songs. The club is run by native Spanish speaker Mrs Brassington and is greatly enjoyed by all who take part.

Spanish is the second largest spoken language in the world.