



We wish you all a happy Easter holiday  
and look forward to seeing you all  
again very soon.

Take care  
From  
Everyone at WPS



# WPS School Report

April 2020



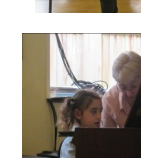
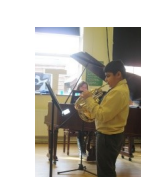
## A Spotlight on....Music



We are incredibly proud of all our children at WPS; they all work exceptionally hard each and every week in the wide variety of lessons and extra curricular activities provided for them. Our School calendar is packed with exciting opportunities for the children to engage with across the School year with quite a number of these being music-based events such as Form plays, Music exams, Festival performances, Carol Services, Nativities, Choir concerts and the House Music Competition to name just a few. Here, in our 'A Spotlight on...' feature, we will show you some of the marvellous musical activities our young people have taken part in this term.

### House Music Competition

With 55 children taking part in 70 individual music lessons each week, our House Music Competition is a much anticipated event. The children who choose to take part perform their piece in front of an audience of their peers, teachers, parents and an independent adjudicator. Each performance is awarded points which are totalled up at the end of the event to decide which House wins the much coveted House Music Trophy. Congratulations to this year's winners Moreton! Well done to everyone who took part



### Easter Preparations



We had lots of fun preparing for Easter performances: During a special assembly last week Reception sang '5 Shiny Eggs' and, along with F1, performed 'Hot Cross Bunny' and 'Easter Bunny'. All EYFS and KS1 sang 'Spring Chicken' loudly, with actions! KS2 sang 'New Life Has Begun' with beautiful flute playing from Alliya, F6.

Forms 2 & 3 have worked really hard on two songs called 'Minibeasts' and 'Recycle' which hopefully they will perform for us soon.

Forms 3 & 4 have been rehearsing for their play 'This Is Our World' which we hope will be on the stage for audience's enjoyment soon.



### Regular Rehearsals

In addition to the weekly music lessons each class has timetabled, many of our pupils take part in weekly rehearsals with our orchestra, string group, Chamber choir and KS2 choir.

### Music Exams

As the children progress in their individual music lessons they are offered the chance of taking a formal exam with a nationally recognised exam board. This term, 8 of our superb musicians took an ABRSM exam and all 8 did brilliantly!

Singing Prep: Kyle F3

Singing Grade 1: Ellie F4, Darcie F4, Holly F3.

Singing Grade 3: Ariana F5

Piano Grade 1: Ruby F4

Piano Grade 3: Alliya F6

Euphonium Grade 2: Sulayman F5

Well done, everyone!

### Hazel Grove Festival of Music

Several of our very talented pupils entered the Hazel Grove Festival of Music during the half term holiday with some great results. Scarlett, F6, was awarded a 1st place in the 11-12yrs non-musicals song and a 3rd place in the 11-12yrs musicals song. Ariana, F5, was awarded 2nd place in 9-10yrs non-musicals song and 2nd place in 9-10yrs musicals song. Louis, F5, was awarded 2nd place for in the woodwind class for his piece played on the bassoon. Scarlett was invited back to sing as part of the closing celebration. Well done to everyone who took part!



All this on top of each Form's weekly lessons! We think our Music Department and all the children deserve a standing ovation!



## World Book Day

On 6th March, we all enjoyed World Book Day 2020. The children brought in their favourite books to share with their class. It was wonderful to see such a wide variety of books with all the children excited and keen to read. One child from each Form was chosen to share their book with the School in our special World Book Day assembly. Here are some pictures of some of our Kindergarten children sharing their favourite books.



## Science Week

This year's Science Week had the theme Our Diverse Planet. Mrs Connolly taught special Science lessons to Forms 1 - 6 during the week, with the children carrying out specific experiments linked with the theme. Form 1 looked at plants and planted seeds. Form 2 experimented with materials and their properties. Form 3's topic was 'Ourselves' and they looked at how we all differ. Form 4 investigated thermal insulators. Forms 5 & 6 experimented with what kind of tasters they each were.



The children were also set Science homework to complete a STEM experiment and bring a photo into School. All the photographs were shared in a special Science assembly during which Mrs Connolly did some experiments which wowed everyone! We hope Science Week inspired you to perhaps do some more Science experiments safely at home as a family.



## What's On ?



With the current situation, we have decided to leave the bulletin for the Summer Term until nearer the time. Keep checking your emails for the latest updates which will be sent as soon as they are available.

## Bag2School

It might seem like months ago, but it was just 3 weeks ago we had our Spring Term Bag2School collection. A small mountain of bags was collected by the charity that morning. These weighed in at an amazing 220kg, raising a fabulous £88! Thank you to everyone who donated items and thank you also to our wonderful Parents' Committee for organising this super fundraiser.



## NSPCC Talk

On 12th March we were visited by a representative from the NSPCC who came to talk to the children in Forms 1 - 6 about their Speak Out, Stay Safe campaign. Each Form took part in an age appropriate talk and Forms 5 & 6 also participated in a workshop. It was an enjoyable and informative day for all.



## Internet Safety

Following the Internet Safety Talk which was held in School especially for parents, we also held an Internet Safety Day for the pupils.

On 27th February, PC Jane Cummins visited School and spoke with our KS2 pupils about staying safe online. She discussed with them ways they could be sure they stayed safe and what to do if they felt unhappy with anything online. The children enjoyed the talk and asked some interesting questions.



## Flashback to Christmas

Whilst Christmas is a distant memory, we have received notification this term of the total monies raised from our Santa Patrol. We are delighted to inform you that we raised an amazing £1207.60 for the East Cheshire Hospice. Well done to everyone who took part!



## Spring Term Sports Report



The children at WPS have had a busy sporting calendar this Spring Term, starting with a Form 5 & 6 netball game against Withington. Despite lots of shots by Raffi and Pietro, the WGS team were worthy winners in a hard fought contest.



We then travelled to Scarisbrick Hall School to take part in the ISA Junior Cross Country Championship. Having walked the course beforehand, the competitors were confident of coming home in good positions. Liv finished the highest in 42<sup>nd</sup> place; a tough race in tough conditions with many runners losing a shoe or two in the mud!

Clarendon Cottage came to visit us back in February and we played a round robin game of Tag Rugby. Lots of tries and running with ball in hands for the boys and girls in Forms 3 & 4. Noah scored a brace of well taken tries as did Holly in Form 4.

We then had our return football fixture against Pownall Hall School. Our boys played some exceptional football but this time Pownall were the winners. We also went to the Etihad for a Football Festival where the children played some excellent football showing off their passing skills. Back to netball, we played against Greenbank and Pownall Hall, with lots of fun had during both matches, and plenty of after-match refreshments consumed.



We finished our sport for the Spring Term with the annual ISA High 5 tournament. With a selected team of children in Forms 5 & 6 we went into the first round where we won all our games with some exceptional shooting from Pietro and Hattie. This put us into the Premier Division against some tough opposition. We played another 3 games, winning 1 and narrowly losing the other two. These results put us in overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the North of England – an absolutely fantastic result!

The rest of our planned fixtures were unfortunately curtailed due to ongoing Covid-19 situation but that didn't stop the children making the most of their PE lessons. They were keen to hone their skills for when we are back on a full fixture list again sometime soon.



A great term of sport played in high spirits and with lots of grit and determination. Onwards Team WPS!



## Stars of the Week



24th February



6th March



20th March

