

National ISA Art Winners!

Back in September, we entered pieces of artwork into the ISA Art Competition and were delighted to win 1st place in 5 categories at the North Regional Competition. These entries then made their way to the National Competition.

The results are in!

1st - 3D group 'Sammy Shark' - EYFS

1st - 3D Individual 'Bobbing Bird'- Molly, P3

2nd - 2D Group 'Book Art'- Darcie, Noah and Liv, P6

Highly Commended - 2D Individual 'Under the Sea'- Seraphina, Reception

Congratulations to everyone!



Remembrance Day

This year, we did something extra special for to pay our respects on Remembrance Day. Following the ideas and instruction of Mrs Broome and Mrs Milne, all the children worked together to produce a large art installation which was then displayed outside our main entrance.

On 11th November, we all gathered outside to pay our respects and observe the 2 minute's silence. Residents from Canterbury Grange came out to join us. After the Silence we planted some of our handmade poppies next to the memorial plaque for Captain Sir Tom Moore.



WPS Does Strictly

In the last week of term we were treated to another fabulous WPS Does Strictly. For this House Competition, the children volunteered to do a dance either on their own or with friends. The event was hosted by 'Claudia Winkleman' (Mrs Broome) & 'Tess Daley' (Mrs Pierce) with the judging panel of 'Shirley Ballas' (Mme Webb), 'Darcey Bussell' (Mrs Milne) and 'Craig Revel Horwood' (Mr Lavagna-Slater).

The show opened with a performance from the WPS Staff before the floor was handed over to our true stars of the day. The children who performed really did wow the crowds with their routines! We had a super range of talent from ballet, to breakdancing and everything in between. The many high scores from the judges were a clear demonstration of the talent the WPS children have. The overall winner was Holly in P6 with 29 points! Well done Holly and everyone else who took part.



WPS

School Report

December 2021



A Message from Mr Lavagna-Slater

What a truly wonderful Autumn Term we have had here at WPS! It has been genuinely delightful to see the children thoroughly enjoying and engaging in their lessons, and to hear from their teachers about the tremendous progress our pupils make. Your children are awe-inspiring and we are fortunate to witness a huge number of magic moments in School each and every day. This report highlights just a few of these.

The Carol Service this week was a personal highlight for me: to come together as a whole school after all the challenges of the past 18 months was very special, and even more so at this time of year, which for many, is heavily focussed on family gatherings. It was deeply moving to watch all the children, from our young Reception pupils all the way up to our seasoned performers in Prep 6, take to the stage to perform: to see at first hand the progression our children make across the year groups made us all immensely proud. Furthermore, the children's happiness was clearly evident which was both heart-warming and a real boost to the Christmas spirit!

We have been blessed this term with some amazing opportunities: we have paid our respects to fallen soldiers with our inspirational art installation, we have met Pudsey Bear as well as Father Christmas, been on a Jingle Bell Jaunt and sung Carols for the Canterbury Grange residents. We have played various sporting fixtures, taken part in WPS Does Strictly and raised money for numerous charities. We reaped a bumper Harvest for Wilmslow Food Friend, our School celebrated its 112th birthday, and children throughout the School have had the opportunity to take part in an average of 22 clubs a week! This list just highlights some of our activities, experiences and achievements: for a small school we certainly punch above our weight.

In November we also had our ISI Compliance Inspection which was a fantastic opportunity to show the Independent School's Inspectorate how WPS excels in all areas: the Inspectors were highly impressed by everything they saw, and rightly so. All in all, Autumn 2021 has been a very busy and successful term with so very many memorable moments. All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Carol Service

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to the Carol Service on Wednesday, which was a fantastic show of the talent at WPS. We were welcomed in by our awesome orchestra and were treated to beautiful songs from the children in all year groups with spectacular solos from some of our talented Prep 6 pupils. We also heard poems and readings from children across the School before being led in prayer by our Learning Ambassadors. It was a truly special evening which brought festive cheer and a tear to the eye. Thank you all for your generous donations to our retiring collection for East Cheshire Hospice; we raised a fantastic £286.85!



Christmas Extravaganza!

Our School Hall was alive with the sound of Christmas as our younger pupils took to the stage to perform two fabulous Christmas plays for their parents!

Our EYFS pupils took part in 'Our Christmas Nativity', which wowed the audience at each performance. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and were very confident on stage. Everyone spoke their lines well and sang beautifully - their performance caused a few tears in the audience!

Our KS1 children performed 'Hooray in a Manger' absolutely brilliantly. It was superb to see them all in their costumes taking to the stage to deliver their lines and sing their songs with confidence and obvious enjoyment.

Well done to all the children who took part in the performances! Thank you must be said to the parents who helped the children learn their lines and provided their costumes and also to the staff who have worked very hard to ensure the performances were at such a great standard.



Merit & Courtesy Awards

Well done to the following children for earning their Bronze Awards this term

Bronze Merit:

Rec—Agnes, Beatrice, Seraphina, Serena, Emmeline

P1—Freya, Harry, Theo, Bodie, Lewis, Beatrix, Quincy

P3—Deen, Caleb, Molly

Bronze Courtesy:

Rec—Emilia, Ethan, Oscar D, Ophelia, Oscar H-B, Ruhaan, Darrah

P1—Freya, Quincy, Beatrix, Harry, Lewis, Bodie, Lorena, Abrianna, Eric

P3—Lexi, Lara, Molly

Parents' Committee Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Wilmslow Preparatory School Parents' Committee with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wilmslowprep/?invite=86NWL4%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

End of Term Cups

Congratulations to the children awarded our End of Term Cups.

Maths - Soorena, P5.

Reading - Liv, P6.

Music - Maddie, P6.

Speech & Drama -
Evalyn, P5.

PE - Ed, P4.

House Cup was won by Capesthorne!



Why does everyone love Frosty the Snowman?

Because he's cool!



What's On ?

Clubs in green ARE running

Clubs in red are NOT running

Monday 3rd January

Christmas holiday

Tuesday 4th January

Christmas holiday

Wednesday 5th January

Christmas holiday

Thursday 6th January

Term Commences

8.00 - 8.45am Preps 3 - 6 Football Club

3.30 - 4.10pm Reception Drama Club

4.00 - 5.00pm Prep 4, 5 & 6 Orchestra

Friday 7th January

8.00 - 8.45am P5 11+ Preparation Club

8.00 - 8.45am P5 Reasoning Club

12.35pm Reception, P1-6 School Council

* - Provided by external agency



Bauble Competition

Congratulations to Harry P1, Sophia P2 & Evalyn P5 on winning the Bauble Competition. Well done to everyone who entered - all the baubles were amazing!

Carol Singing at Canterbury Grange

Our Chamber Choir delighted the residents of Canterbury Grange recently with some fabulous Carol singing. The Choir performed outside the main entrance of Canterbury Grange whilst residents watched from their windows or donned a warm coat to join in the festivities outside. We took some of our delicious mince pies (courtesy of Ms Byrne's sister at Mobberley Village Bakery) for the residents to enjoy also. We were very touched when they handed us a donation of £48.90 which will go to East Cheshire Hospice.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many Happy Returns to the following children who celebrated their birthday this week or will celebrate during the holiday

Torin P4

Millie P4

Bertie P3

Emilia Rec

Tabitha KG

Freddie KG

Elise P6

Safa P5

Aanya KG

Haris KG

Denzel P5

Sophia P2

Adam P5

Emily P4



Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying

We had a super start to Anti-Bullying Week when we all came to School in odd socks. This highlighted how everyone is unique and opened up some fabulous discussions about inclusion. We raised a wonderful £98.55 for the charity to help with their excellent work.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you all for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised a fabulous £248.42 for this very worthy cause.



Children in Need 2021

We had a fabulous day on 19th November when we held Feel Good Friday in aid of Children in Need. Everyone came to School in clothes which made them feel good. We had a special assembly all about Children in Need and danced to music at playtime. The day was made even more special when we received a visit from Pudsey Bear. He popped in to see us as he had heard about our fundraising. We were very pleased to be able to let him know that we had raised an astounding £422.21!