

A Note from the Principal ...

New Build Update ...

We expect planning permission to be granted next month which will enable us to start construction of our new school building. If you have yet to see the plans for our state-of-the-art new facilities, please do pop into reception to take a look. If you would like to support the progression of our plans through planning, then please do email the Case Officer at the Planning Department directly at ASmith@northampton.gov.uk sharing your support for the plans and why the school is needed.

Year 7 Residential Trip

It is not long until year 7 learners attend their residential trip.

Thank you to those families that were able to attend the residential meeting on Wednesday. A copy of the presentation from the evening will be emailed out for your reference. For those learners that are attending please return your off-site parental consent form and any medical forms to the school office as soon as possible.

School Uniform

We are now taking orders for September Uniform.

If you are thinking about uniform for September, we are now taking orders. Please complete an order form via our website or complete a paper copy from the office and return by **Monday 14th May**. This order will be ready for you to collect at our uniform collection days in August. Orders placed after this date are not guaranteed to be ready for September. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Whole School Wellbeing Day

Last Monday saw learners take part in a whole school wellbeing day.

On Monday 23rd April the whole school took part in our first Wellbeing Day. The theme for the day was GREAT (Give, Relate, Exercise, Appreciate, Try new things). Learners in both primary and secondary experienced yoga and meditation; secondary learners gained an understanding of stress and the way the brain works, as well as developing their teamwork skills in a Mascot Making session. Primary learners made ornaments and wrote letters to local care home residents, whilst secondary learners made pop up cards and friendship bracelets. These items will be sold at our summer fete, with all proceeds going towards the house charities. It was a fantastic day for all involved, with lots of happy learners and staff! Special thanks to Maja Kostrzewa for delivering an amazing yoga session to all learners, it was a highlight of the day and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



We would also like to thank all of the learners that donated dry food items for the local food bank on this day, we were overwhelmed with your generosity.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

On Tuesday 17th April, 14 secondary learners attended an Anti-Bullying training day, delivered by The Diana Award. This whole day event taught learners about bullying, how to spot the signs and how to help both victims and perpetrators. This work will form the basis of an exciting new project, created and delivered by the newly trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Over the coming months the learners who attended the training will meet regularly to discuss how we can prevent bullying at Wootton Park School, create action plans and then see them implemented. Their focus will be on how they can ensure all Wootton Park learners feel safe, comfortable and happy within school.



Leadership Conference

9 Learners took part in a Sports Leadership conference on Friday 20th April.

Nine secondary sports leaders took part in a leadership conference at Malcolm Arnold on Friday 20th April. The leaders learnt how to develop their leadership skills in either; Tennis, Cricket, Rugby or Basketball. Leaders had to work alongside leaders from other schools to devise a lesson plan in their sport ready to deliver to local primary schools in the afternoon. All leaders led part of their lesson to the primary schools with a number of teachers praising the sports leaders on their confidence and delivery to younger children.

Sports Leaders - Callum, Darren, Isaiah, Sam, Noel, Lucia, Amber, Emily and Tali



UKMT Team Maths Challenge

A group of four learners recently took part in the math challenge at Caroline Chisholm School

A group of four Year 8 learners took part in the UKMT Team maths challenge at Caroline Chisholm School on Friday 20th April. They managed to come 8th out of 22 teams, performing brilliantly across all rounds considering that it was our first time as a school that we have competed, especially against teams that had Year 9 learners.

Thank you to Pippa, Frankie, James and Miah for all your hard work.

UKMT Maths challenge in school

Members of 7D & 8D took part in a juniors maths challenge in school on Thursday 26th April.

64 learners took part in the maths challenge, which involved a variety of questions designed to test and stretch their understanding. All of the learners seemed to relish the opportunity to test their knowledge and skills in the subject and are eagerly awaiting their results to be marked externally by UKMT. Those that score well in these tests will receive certificates of differing levels, and even the opportunity to attend the Junior Mathematical Olympiad and selected learners will also have the opportunity to complete the Kangaroo challenge, which is by invitation only.



Easter Holiday Project

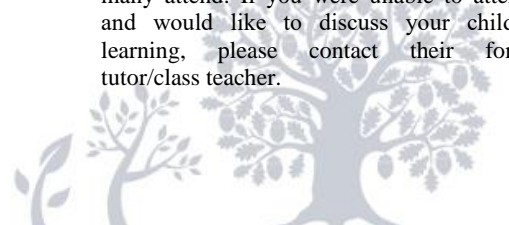
During the second week of the Easter holidays, a small group of secondary learners took part in an Easter project in conjunction with East Hunsbury Seniors and the Blackmore Community Centre. The learners spent a whole day baking, making sausage rolls, creating Easter themed crafts and setting tables. On the following day, we were joined by nearly 40 seniors who came for afternoon tea. The learners served them tea and coffee whilst keeping them company. It was a fantastic two-day event, with all Wootton Park learners involved making an excellent impression on all adults.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those that have been to parents' evening in the last two weeks.

We would like to thank all of the families that have attended parents' evening in the last two weeks; it has been lovely to see so many attend. If you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your child's learning, please contact their form tutor/class teacher.



Year 8 Rugby

Northampton International Academy 5 v 2 Wootton Park School

WPS played extremely well against a very strong NIA team. 2 tries from Jaidon put WPS back into the game at 3-2, however, NIA were too strong in the closing stages.

Notable performances from Jaydon and Jack in the scrum, Fin and Jaidon in the backs, as well as Year 7s Tyler and Max for both not looking out of place in a Year 8 fixture.

A lot of positives can be taken into next year - well done boys!

Squad - Wade, Keyaan, Ben, Jack, Ethan, Jaydon (Vice Captain), Corey, Tyler, Fin (Captain), Noel, Jaidon, Tennyson, Fahris, Max, Pierce.



Year 7 Girls are crowned COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Wootton Park School 2 v 1 Moulton School

After successes against Sponne School (Quarter-Finals) and Caroline Chisholm School (Semi-Finals) the Year 7 Girls football team travelled to Northampton School for Boys to play their final against Moulton School.

Playing with the wind in first half WPS pressured Moulton throughout the early stages without making any clear cut chances. Josie, Lillie and Lily-Ann in midfield were always trying to get on the football and pass and did a good job of trying to keep possession. Mia K and Hattie worked tirelessly in attack and it was Hattie who created the only chance of the first half. She pressured the Moulton defender into a mistake and made a quick pass to Josie who expertly finished into the bottom corner.

Managers Mr Cowdell and Mr Winchcombe made changes either side of half time and Elena and Jasmine played well as soon as they entered the game. Moulton came back into the game midway through the second half and scored an equaliser after a Rebecca had made a fantastic save.

The game looked like it was heading towards extra time but again WPS never gave up and some neat interchange between Josie and Lily-Ann released Elena on the right hand side. Elena whipped in a pin point cross for Lillie who smashed in Wootton Park's second goal.

The last 5 minutes WPS defended superbly with Celia and Mia C making a number of timely challenges. Phoebe as usual covered every part of the pitch and marshalled the Moulton strikers extremely well.

The final whistle went and WPS secured their first ever county cup. A fantastic performance from the girls and the school is very proud of them all. Well done!!

Squad; Rebecca, Celia, Phoebe (Captain), Mia C, Lillie, Josie (Vice Captain), Lily-Ann, Hattie, Mia K, Jasmine and Elena.

Absence Request Forms

Absences are sometimes unavoidable; if you know your child needs to be collected from school please fill in an absence request form.

Attendance is important for your child, but we understand that there are times that an appointment for the dentist, doctor or optician may have to be made in school hours. We ask that you do your best to book these for after school but should you need to book during school time you need to ensure that an absence request form is filled in. These can be collected from the school office or now found on the school website.

