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GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2022

by Miss Bennett

Wootton Park School pledged to take part in the 'Great British Spring Clean' which is taking place from 25th March to 10th April 2022.

Hundreds of thousands of people have all been joining forces, taking part in litter picks across the Country to help tidy up and look after our environment.

Primary and secondary learners have been getting involved by volunteering to take part in litter picks throughout the week. All volunteers were given equipment including hi-vis jackets, gloves, litter pickers and bags.

This equipment was donated to Wootton Park School last year by the East Hunsbury Parish Council.

Thank you to all the learners who took part, we are very proud to have so many young people in our school who are passionate about looking after our planet and keeping our local community free of litter



YEAR 4 INTER-HOUSE SPORT

by Miss Bennett

All year 4 learners participated in an Inter-House Sports morning on Thursday 24th March. They moved around 4 separate sports competitions, each with a different theme:

- Athletics – Focus on athletic performance & honesty
- Hockey – Focus on team work
- Tennis - Focus on personal best and determination
- Team Games - Focus on leadership and communication

The overall aim of the event was to give every learner the opportunity to succeed and have fun in a competitive environment. Points were awarded to teams who demonstrated the key values (such as teamwork, honesty, determination), not just for the best performance.

It was a beautiful sunny morning, and the learners all worked really hard throughout the event. Congratulations to Silver House who won the event overall.



YEAR 10 SPORT LEADERS

by Miss Bennett

A group of our year 10 learners were provided with some leadership training by Northamptonshire Sport to prepare them to run a 'Tri-Golf' competition for local primary schools.

The competition was held at Brampton Heath Golf Club on Wednesday 30th March. Our leaders showed amazing enthusiasm and encouragement to the primary children who attended the competition, and we received some wonderful feedback from staff who attended.

The leaders clearly explained and demonstrated each station at the event to the teams competing, and recorded all the results. There were a total of 15 schools who attended this competition. We are immensely proud of what they achieved.



LIBRARY DISPLAY

Our lovely new librarians Mrs Jones and Mrs Collard turned our library into a "Starbooks" for World Book Day!

Learners are encourage to pop by, say hello and see what other fantastic displays they come up with next!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

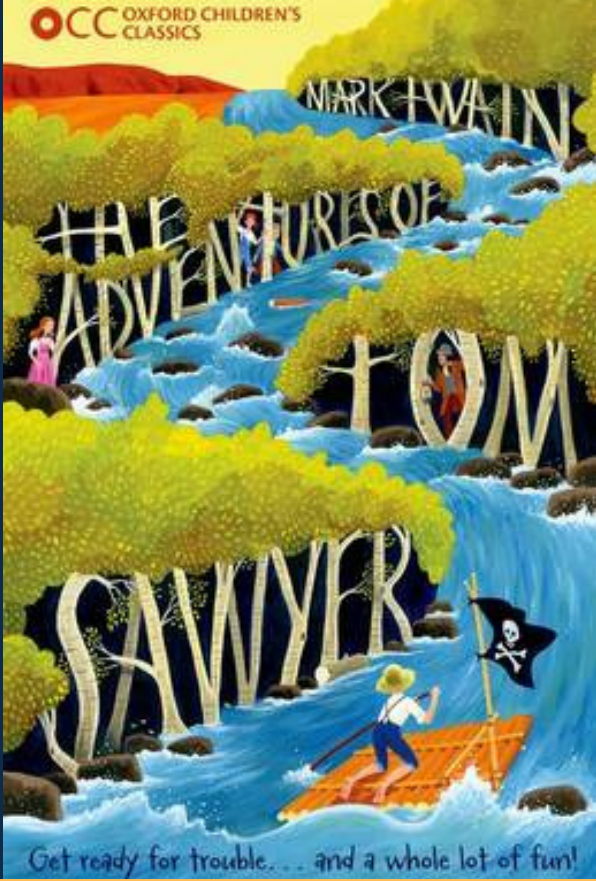
by Miss Brough

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

This 1876 novel is about a young boy growing up along the Mississippi River. The story is set in the fictional town of St. Petersburg, inspired by Hannibal, Missouri, where Twain lived. Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunt Polly and his half-brother Sid.

Tom dirties his clothes in a fight and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punishment. He cleverly persuades his friends to trade him small treasures for the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for Sunday School tickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses, redeeming them for a Bible, much to the surprise and bewilderment of the superintendent who thought "it was simply preposterous that this boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of Scriptural wisdom on his premises—a dozen would strain his capacity, without a doubt.

"Tom falls in love with Becky Thatcher, a new girl in town, and persuades her to get "engaged" by kissing him. But their romance collapses when she learns Tom has been "engaged" previously to Amy Lawrence. Shortly after Becky shuns him, he accompanies Huckleberry Finn to the graveyard at night, where they witness the murder of Dr. Robinson.



PARENT REMINDERS

by Front Office

Parking & Drop Off

Our learners' safety is of paramount importance please be reminded to use the pavilion car park. This is the correct and safest place so please ensure that this is used at all times. There is ample capacity for all parents to drop off and collect quickly and safely. Please be mindful of all our emergency services neighbors, learners should not be let out of cars down by the ambulance station traffic lights. We have also been informed of a handful of learners who are walking home and crossing the queen Eleanor roundabout and not using the underpasses/dedicated walkway. Please be kind and courteous, we are all role models to our learners, please also remind your children of road safety and to keep to the safest route.

Planned Absences

If your child requires time off school please ensure a leave of absence form is completed and returned into reception for approval. Where possible we do request that appointments are taken outside of school times. Please ensure that a Request for Absence form is completed before taking your child out of school. These can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Revale Machine

The revale machine located in the catering hall is no longer in use. All lunch/dinner monies for secondary learners can be uploaded via your ParentPay account. For those parents who have not yet activated their ParentPay account please contact the office for your login codes.

Vaccinations

A reminder to parents that Year 8 have their first HPV vaccinations on Friday 24th June 2022 and Year 9 have their second dose HPV vaccinations on Monday 23rd May 2022.

Primary Lunches

A reminder for parents to book next term lunches for their child/ren using your Aspens log on.



YEAR 7 NETBALL

by Miss Gibson

We have now come to the end of Netball season and would like to give a big well done to our Year 7 girls netball team who are currently undefeated!

Congratulations to everyone involved!

STRICTLY DANCING

by Miss Bloxham

Over the past few months, a group of learners from Years 3 and 4 have been practicing their Jive and Waltz for a Strictly Kids competition.

We had the competition on Saturday 19th March and Wootton Park did fantastically well. We were praised on our lovely smiles and superb outfits, we have even been asked to come back for the grand finale at The Derngate in June.



CONGRATULATIONS!

A big congratulations to Sienna (Year 7) along with 10 of her dance friends from Oncore Dance Academy in Northampton who have successfully been selected to represent Team England in The Dance World Cup 2022 in San Sebastian, Spain.

The Dance World Cup is the largest all-genre international dance competition for children and young adults in the world, each year over 20,000 dancers from 62 countries compete for a coveted place to compete at the World Finals.

Organisers are trying to raise funds to get these lucky girls to Spain with many fund raising events including raffles, cake sales and treat nights. If anyone is interested in donating funds or prizes please contact the front office.



WPS BAKE OFF

by Mrs Jeffery & Miss MacDougall

Our KS3 Bake Club learners finished off the term by bringing in their own bakes from home for a friendly competition to judge one another's creations.

Much fun was had tasting and rating each product on presentation, creativity, flavour and texture. The overall winner was Ava who created a fantastic vanilla cake topped with buttercream and marshmallows.

Check out our reel with highlights from the event on our Instagram page: 'dt_wps '



In Term 4 three more learners have achieved their Performing Arts Leadership Bronze Award.

Congratulations to Gracie, Alesha and Leah. Thank you to all of you for your continued commitment to the Performing Arts.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE CADET OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2022

At the beginning of the half term holidays Ryan (Y10) took part in the St John Ambulance Cadet of the Year Competition 2022. This involved competing against 36 other cadets from across the country in Team tasks, Interviews, presentations and First Aid scenarios.

We are delighted and incredibly proud that Ryan was named Cadet of the year for The East region (representing 3000 young people from Essex up to Lincolnshire). He will be part of a team of 6 winning cadets who will be working together to represent young people across the country at National events. This will include St John Day in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee party at Windsor Castle, Marching on the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, and the Young Achievers Reception with HRH the Princess Royal.

We are incredibly proud of Ryan and the hard work he has put into his cadet role.

STAGECOACH PERFORMING ARTS

Stagecoach Performing Arts Northampton is now enrolling!

At Stagecoach Performing Arts Northampton we offer a full and rounded education in the performing arts, from ages 4 years upwards. The life skills that we teach through performance build confidence and stretch imaginations through Singing, Acting and Dance classes. We provide a fun and relaxed environment where your children's creativity can flow, their confidence can grow and they will develop important techniques across a range of performing arts, physical awareness, communication and articulation - all taught by professional performers with experience in all aspects of the arts.

In keeping with our great relationship with Wootton Park School, we are pleased to offer a discounted rate for WPS students only. Contact us on 07472 917446 / Northampton@stagecoach.co.uk



CROSS COUNTRY

Orla (yr8) competed in the finals of the U15's English Schools Cross Country Championships which took place in Kent on 19th March.

A total of 368 girls raced from 46 counties and Orla finished 2nd for Northants and 135th overall.

Well done Orla!

PEER SUPPORTERS

Peer Supporters will be running next term - a small team of learners who have trained to be able to listen, chat to and give advice to secondary and primary learners and are part of the wellbeing ambassadors. They have been working hard to hone their listening skills and learn about how to safeguard and help learners out.

Their logo was designed by Julietta (Y10) and other members have been using their skills to work on their launch campaign.



FUNDRAISERS

A big Wootton Park thank you to everyone who donated and got involved with our recent Red Nose Day and Ukraine Appeal Fundraisers!

The totals are:

Red Nose Day: £1,345.78

Ukraine Appeal: £3,493.50



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAR IN A NATIONAL THEATRE
PLAY PERFORMED AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL?**

WOOTTON PARK YOUTH

Theatre

**AUDITIONS: LUNCHTIME ON WEDNESDAY 20TH AND
LUNCHTIME ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL**

LOCATION: DRAMA STUDIO

**OPEN TO YEARS 7-9 NO PREVIOUS ACTING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED AND
NO PREPARATION NEEDED FOR THE AUDITION!**