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## RECYCLE!

*by Miss Bloxham*

For part of Recycling week, Primary got involved in a very exciting competition.

Learners were asked to create eye-catching posters that promoted the importance of recycling and encouraged other learners to participate.

We had some fantastic entries and we were very impressed with the effort put into their posters. However, one learner in particular stood out to us: Rose in Year 2.

Rose's poster was not only intriguing and engaging but also very informative. Her poster will be proudly displayed in the Knowledge Hub for all to see.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*by Mr Rosser*

A big thank you to parents/carers and learners for their support with following our control measures.

Following the government briefing over the weekend in response to the Omicron variant the Department for Education (DfE) has released updated coronavirus guidance to schools -

Government updates include

- updated advice on tracing close contacts and isolation to reflect the change in measures for close contacts of suspected or confirmed Omicron cases. All close contacts of suspected or confirmed cases of the Omicron variant must self-isolate and book a PCR test, regardless of age or vaccination status. Contacts will be contacted by NHS test and trace.
- updated advice on face coverings to reflect the change in measures – they are now recommended by the government in communal areas in all schools for adults and for pupils from year 7 onwards (as is currently practised at WPS)
- Secondary schools should prepare to offer all pupils one Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test onsite at the beginning of the Spring term to help to identify positive cases of COVID19 and reduce transmission, particularly as increased social mixing is likely over the Christmas and New Year period.
- all travelers arriving into the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by ‘day two’ after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and isolation regime. All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine. Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child’s education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.

We will send further information regarding onsite lateral flow testing before the end of term.

Thank you as ever for your support.

## 3X3 BASKETBALL

*by Mr Cowdell*

This term some year 10 learners participated in the first 3x3 basketball tournament nationally in schools since the success of the Tokyo Olympics.

Both boys and girls played up a year group with the boys team making it to the final.

Players were: Angus, Jakub, Max and Keegan (With yr 12 Bobby assisting as coach). The girls were Sophie, Eloise, Rhianna and Ellie.



## LINK TO HOPE

*by Mr Cowdell*

This year Wootton Park School delivered a number of shoe boxes to the Link to Hope Charity.

The charity were overwhelmed with the amount of shoe boxes our staff, learners, parents and carers made for the charity.

They were extremely grateful for the school’s efforts.

# BOOK OF THE MONTH

*by Miss Brough*

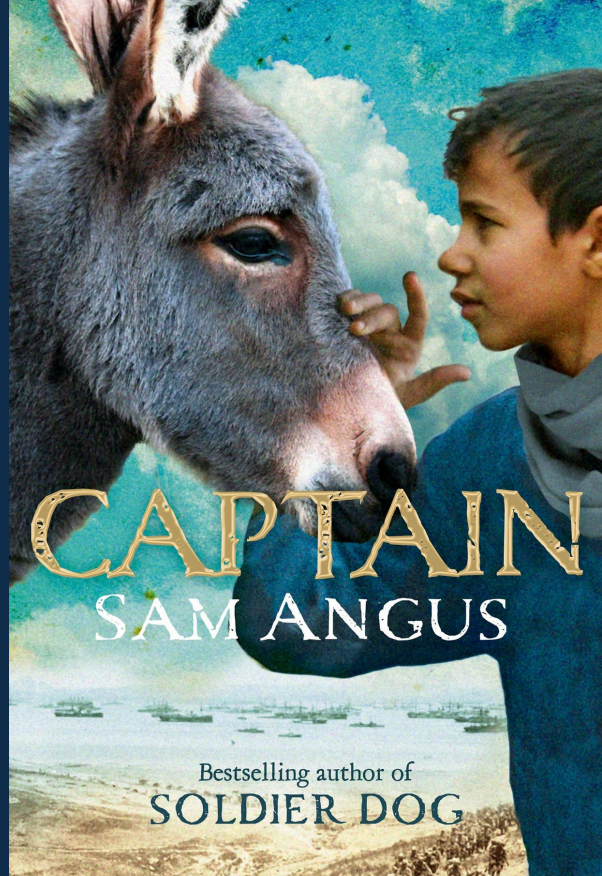
## Captain by Sam Angus

To commemorate the upcoming Remembrance Sunday events, this month's Book of the Month is based around the events of the First World War.

Captain tells the story of a 15-year-old named Billy who joins the British troops in 1915 sailing to Gallipoli. Billy is the youngest soldier in his platoon and is teased for not being old enough to drink or shave. The truth is, at 15 he's not old enough to be a soldier either, and he's terrified of the war he's about to fight.

Then he meets Captain, a refugee boy, and his donkey, Hey-ho. Together they teach Billy what it means to be brave, loyal and fearless, and above all what it means to be a friend.

This is a highly evocative read containing war descriptions and realistic characters. It is well pitched for learners in Year 7 and above.



## 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 neighbours. Please be kind and courteous, we are all role models to our learners.

### ParentPay

Please ensure to check your child's lunch account and top up accordingly and any adhoc fees are paid when required.

### Expired Medication

Reminder emails will have been sent for learners who's medication held in school has now expired. Please get in touch to advise us if your child no longer requires medication to be kept at school or if you wish to bring in date medication to us.

### 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.

### Christmas Jumper Day & Mufti Day

On Friday 10th December wearing their favourite Christmas Jumper for a small donation of £1.00. Learners will need to wear their usual school uniform and swap their jumper or cardigan for a funky festive Christmas jumper! Furthermore, on Friday 17th December the school will be holding a mufti-day where learners can come to school in their normal clothes for the day. Again, we invite all staff and learners to take part in this for a donation of £1.00 which will go to Northampton General Hospital Children's Ward to buy presents for children who will be in hospital over the Christmas period.



We are currently doing lots of work with our year 11 learners to support them in making plans for what they would like to do next year. On Thursday 21st October, all year 11 learners experienced a Sixth Form Taster Day to give them a feel of what Sixth Form is like. The day comprised of a presentation by Mr Rosser, subject taster lessons, a session about alternative post-16 pathways, and a subject stall carousel where they could collect further information and speak to subject teachers. The feedback from the day was really positive.

'I really enjoyed the taster and it really helpful with future decisions'

'Thank you for a brilliant, insightful day that will help me make an informed decision'

Mrs Rautenberg and Mr Kilcoyne, the Heads of Sixth Form, are now completing 1:1 meetings with every year 11 learner. The guidance meetings provide an opportunity to discuss their plans for September, as well as future career ideas they are considering. They are offered to all learners, regardless of whether they plan to remain at WPS or go elsewhere.

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

We are delighted to announce that applications are now open for anyone hoping to apply for a place in year 12 for September 2022. The application portal can be accessed via our [website](#).

Please note, the closing date for applications is 28th January 2022. Full information about our entry requirements and admissions criteria can be found on our website.

## WPSVI OPEN EVENTS

We have had some fantastic interest and feedback in our recent Sixth Form open events. A big thank you to everyone who attended and the staff who helped make it possible.

If you have any questions about WPS Sixth Form, please get in touch on 01604 931139 or [sixthform@woottonparkschool.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@woottonparkschool.org.uk).



## NETBALL

by Miss Percival

A big well done to the Year 9 learners who took part in their first Netball league match of the season against Duston and won 11-3!





# SCHOOL POLICIES

Our policies aim to support us to work together to do our best for all learners in our care. Our policies outline our approach regarding ethos, standards, behavior, and procedures and are reviewed by the school and/or governing body as part of a review cycle or when government guidelines require. We welcome parents and carers support with reinforcing expectations at home.

To view our policies, please visit our website [here](#). Policies will be updated at this webpage as required.

If you require a policy in a different format or you would like to view a policy not listed, please do contact the school office.

## ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS - 2023 INTAKE

*by Mrs Lake*

All admission authorities are required to formally consult if they want to make any changes to their schools' admission arrangements for the following school year.

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) co-ordinates an annual school admissions consultation on behalf of all schools in the council area, regardless of who the admission authority is, should they request to be included. The consultation on school admission arrangements for September 2023 is now open & closes on Friday 31 December 2021.

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/school-admissions/2023/>

Wootton Park School is consulting on:

- Reducing the published admissions number for Year 7 entry for 2023 to 60 external places (in addition to the 60 Year 6 primary phase learners who will transfer to Year 7 in 2023)
- Oversubscription Criteria: slight change in wording of criteria and clarification in relation to criterion 3 in line with School Admission Code (2021)

Should you wish to make any comments about any of the school admission arrangements, you can do so by email: [schooladmissionsconsultation.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissionsconsultation.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk), or by post:

Schools Admissions Manager  
West Northamptonshire Council  
One Angel Square  
Angel Street  
Northampton  
NN1 1ED

## SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

*by Miss Jones*

On Wednesday 24th November, secondary learners took part in the Northampton Town Cross Country championships against various secondary schools at Abington Park. Congratulations to Orla (Yr 8) who won the Yr 8 and 9 race and to Pola who came 6th in her Yr 7 race. Both Orla and Pola have qualified to compete in the upcoming county cross country competition. A big well done to everyone who took part in the races.

Orla also celebrates recent success at the English National Cross Country Relay Championships where she won a bronze medal in the U13 girls race with Marshall Milton Keynes athletes battling it out against Liverpool Harriers for the top honours.





# REMEMBRANCE DAY

by Mrs Batchelor

This year, we have again kindly been asked to take part in a community art project in collaboration with the East Hunsbury Parish Council.

The primary learners made poppies from plastic bottles and secondary learners learned the art of poppy origami. Lots of groups from the community helped assemble this project including The WI, Seniors group, various uniformed groups and crafters.

The Primary Learner Council were also invited to attend a small ceremony with children from Simon De Senlis School to commemorate the display.



## 2 MINUTES SILENCE

by Wootton Park School

Thank you  
In fields of red,  
It is where they bled.  
In years of old,  
Where this story will be told.  
For our protection they did fight,  
With all of their might.

In Flander's Fields they saved our lives,  
They fought with guns and with knives.  
Formed from mud the poppies grow,  
In the craters where explosions did blow.  
In fields of red,  
It is where they bled.  
Lest we Forget.

A poem by 7GO2.





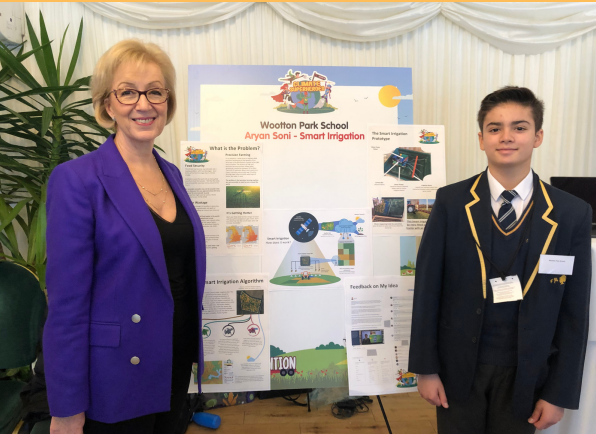
# KS3 BAKING CLUB

by Miss Jeffery

Our new club within the Design & Technology department has been incredibly popular this term with 16 enthusiastic learners attending each week and many more on the waiting list eagerly hoping to join!

We use the time each week to cook a variety of sweet and savory treats, such as bread, biscuits, cakes and tray bakes. The learners absolutely love cooking and all have huge enthusiasm for the club.

The club will be re-starting in January with a new group of KS3 learners. If you child is interested in joining us on a Wednesday 3.20pm-4.30pm, then do sign them up quickly when the club lists are released.



## CLIMATE SUPERHEROES

Congratulations to Aryan (Year 9), a winner of the NFU Farmvention Competition, who was invited to the House of Commons on 24th November to exhibit his winning entry design!

This year, the challenge was all about the problems that climate change creates for British farmers and how they are fighting it to become Climate Superheroes. Aryan's design of a smart irrigation system to reduce water usage was selected from thousands of entries.

The winners were invited to the House of Commons to exhibit their ideas and show MPs how they utilised their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills to develop practical tools for sustainable agriculture.

As part of Aryan's prize, he also won £1000 for Wootton Park School to spend on STEM related equipment.

Thank you Aryan! An amazing achievement!

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF) – WINTER 2021

by Miss Bennett

Please find below our school's unique code for the Holiday Activities and Food programme. This programme provides funded places for **eligible** children on activity camps over the Christmas school holiday period.

Name of school: Wootton Park School - Primary Phase  
CODE: LMTkGAGS21

Eligible children and young people are those who are entitled to benefits / income related free schools.

Activities can be booked from Monday 29th November on [www.holidayactivities.org](http://www.holidayactivities.org) website.





## NEW CLUBS!

Fun with Drama - Ms Davey - Wednesday 1:25pm til 2:15pm - Dance Studio

Warhammer Alliance - Mrs Sanderson - Friday 3:20pm til 4:20pm - Tech 1

### Fun WITH Drama

Boost your self confidence.

YEAR 7 - 11



- Look after your wellbeing
  - Learn new skills
  - Support your peers
  - Make new friends

We will be **playing crazy games** and **exploring the fun parts of drama styles** in **group activities**.



BY: Miss Davey  
 DAY: Wednesday  
 TIME: Lunchtime 1.25 - 2.15  
 ROOM: Dance Studio



## Do I need to keep my child off school?

### Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

### Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

### Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

### Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

### Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

### Scabies

Until after first treatment

### Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

### Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

### Flu

Until recovered

### Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

# TRIOLOGY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

## SWIM CRASH COURSES 20-23 December

- Beginners
- Try Stage 2
- Introduction to Deep Water
- Frontcrawl Breathing
- Breaststroke Improvers
- Butterfly Improvers
- Water Fun
- Personal Survival
- Mermaid School

Improve confidence and ability in the water with Trilogy Swim School 4 day crash courses at Cripps Recreation Centre, Danes Camp, Lings Forum and Mounts Baths

Booking available by calling 01604 838333 or in person at one of our centres 8 days in advance. Mermaid School £25, all other 4 day courses are free to Junior Active members and £22 for non members.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR COURSE TIMETABLES](#)

## TRIOLOGY HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

20-23 December - Duston Sports Centre & Lings Forum  
29-30 December - Lings Forum

Our OFSTED registered playschemes provide childcare for 5-13 year olds (5 year olds must have started Year 1 at school) throughout the Christmas holidays in a COVID secure way.

- Featuring a varied programme of activities guaranteed to keep your children busy all day.
- Available 8.30am-5.30pm.
- £20.40 per day for Junior Active members, £24.20 per day for non-members
- Call 01604 838333 to secure your child's place

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT OUR HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES](#)

## SANTA'S GROTTO AT BERZERK

15 and 16 December • £3 per child

Gift from Santa for every child  
No advance booking required, pay on the day when arriving to play



## KIDS SCREENS AT THE FORUM CINEMA THIS CHRISTMAS

- Encanto (PG)
- Ghostbusters: Afterlife (12A)
- West Side Story (12A)

Kids Screens are FREE to Junior Active members, £4.50 for junior non-members and £5.40 for adult non-members



[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT OUR SCREENING TIMES AND BOOK TICKETS](#)

**Junior Active Membership only £24.99 per month - See what's included**





# FREE!!

## MULTI-SPORTS SESSIONS

Go to the website <https://www.trilogyleisure.co.uk/junior-activities/street-sports-street-football/>

**In partnership with West Northamptonshire Council.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Briar Hill (MUGA) NN4 8US	Eastfield Park (MUGA) NN3 2AN	Kings Health (MUGA) NN5 7	Spencer (MUGA) NN5 7BU	Bellinge (MUGA) NN3 9BB
	Blackmore Community Centre NN4 0WP	Thorplands (MUGA) NN3 8UN	Far Cotton (MUGA) NN4 8NG	St Davids Church NN2 7QB
5:30- 6:30pm (8-12 years old)	5:30- 6:30pm (8-12 years old)	5:30- 6:30pm (8-12 years old)	5:30- 6:30pm (8-12 years old)	5:30- 6:30pm (8-12 years old)
6:30-7:30pm (13-18 years old)	6:30-7:30pm (13-18 years old)	6:30-7:30pm (13-18 years old)	6:30-7:30pm (13-18 years old)	6:30-7:30pm (13-18 years old)



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