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A well done to George in Y6 who earned a rather large trophy for winning the OPIDF (open platform Irish dancing federation) World championships in Folkestone on 30th September.

George was up against 15 under 9s beginner championships and achieved the highest score 300/300 coming 1st!

Congratulations George, what a wonderful achievement!



Y12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP

Mrs Clarke

On Monday 17th July the Year 12 Geographers had an exciting day completing fieldwork techniques in preparations for their NEA Independent Investigations.

They completed a number of different human and physical data collection methods across a range of locations within Northampton. This included; environmental quality surveys, carbon content analysis as well as some more abstract smell and sound mapping techniques! The learners enjoyed their day and now feel prepared for their own geographical investigations.



TECHNICAL THEATRE COMPANY

by Ms Blain

As part of the programme of extracurricular opportunities at WPS, I have been running a Technical Theatre Company on a Friday at lunch time.

Learners have been working on entries for the Shoe Box Theatre competition ran by the We Teach Drama company both individually and within the club. We received brilliant news that Wootton Park Schools' Technical Theatre Company won the competition and two, of our now Year 10, learners had a special commendation for their individual entry.

Here is the blog announcing the winner and the special commendation: Winner Announced for [Outstanding Model Box \(weteachdrama.com\)](https://weteachdrama.com).

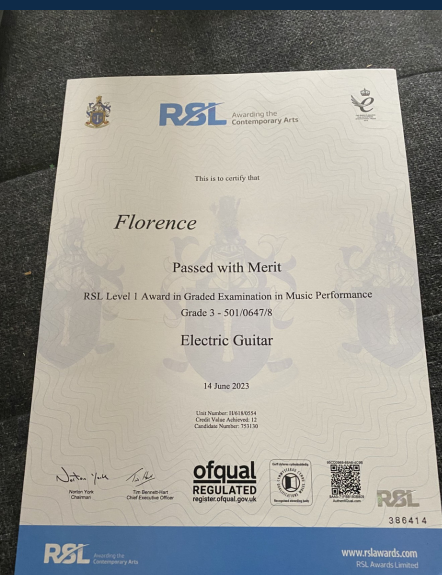
This is obviously lovely recognition for Wootton Park School, Drama as a subject and for our learners within the Technical Theatre group and individually. It will also promote learners understanding of technical theatre and hopefully build opportunities for those who are interested in the technical side of drama and theatre too.

LEARNER ACHEIVEMENT

A big well done to Florence in Y7 who has recently had a bout of musical success.

Florence has passed her Grade 1 in Music Production and her Grade 3 in Electric Guitar. She's worked so hard for both of these, only starting Music Production lessons in January and achieving her Grade 1 in a few short months!

Congratulations Florence!



BOOK OF THE MONTH

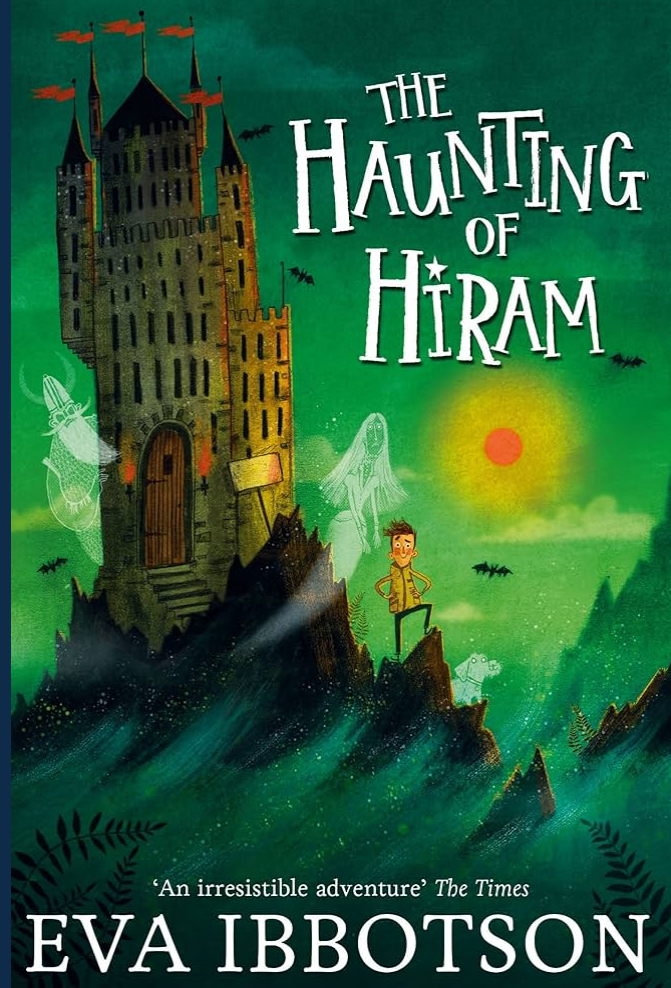
by Mrs Jones & Mrs Collard

You don't know anything, Jilly P! - Alex Gino

Alex MacBuff can't afford to keep his beloved Castle Carra, and an American millionaire has made him an offer he can't refuse.

The castle is shipped all the way to Texas, but its ghostly inhabitants, including Krok the Viking warrior and a hell-hound called Cyril, follow their home across the Atlantic.

How can Alex stop them haunting Hiram and also save the millionaire's daughter from an evil ransom plot?



LINKTOHOPE SCHOOL BOX APPEAL 2023

by Dr Rautenberg

Linktohope is a charity organisation that works to combat poverty and give humanitarian aid to disadvantaged families across the world. Linktohope's Family Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and has delivered smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years.

In fact, they have sent over 700,000 shoeboxes to hundreds of different locations. It's a campaign that thousands of schools and other organisations from across the UK get involved with between the September and November each year.

At Wootton Park School we have a longstanding partnership with the initiative and over the years we have sent hundreds of shoe boxes to disadvantaged families across Eastern Europe. Charity activities like the Linktohope School Box Appeal also provide our learners an opportunity to improve their wider personal development too.

We would like learners and adults to wrap and pack shoeboxes with a range of gifts and bring their shoe box into school on or before Friday 3rd November. All shoe boxes need to be taken to the main office where we will display these before delivering them to our local drop off point.

A flyer is attached containing guidance and instructions of how to pack the boxes and suggested items to include can be found at www.linktohope.co.uk.

Our aim is to donate as many boxes as possible to this worthy cause and we would like as many of you as possible to help us achieve this.

Please help us make another family's Christmas a happy one.



HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

by Mrs Clarke

Last term from 12th June to 19th June we celebrated Healthy Living Week, where learners took part in a range of activities to gain a better understanding about the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. Within the primary phase, each year group took part in a different activity including fruit tasting, sports competition, boot camp fitness sessions and sporting trips.

EYFS Fruit Tasting – The learners in EYFS were given the opportunity to try a range of fruits including passion fruit, pomegranate, melon and mangos. The children loved having the opportunity to try all the different fruits, with many of them trying new fruits for the first time!

Inter-House Sport Festivals – On Monday 12th June, year 1 and year 3 took part in some inter-house sports festivals. The Year 1 festival was organised and run by our year 5 Play Leaders, and the year 3 festival was run by our year 9 Sport leaders. The learners represented their school house in a number of sporting activities. The leaders did an amazing job explaining all the activities and recording results. Congratulations to Gold House that won the Year 1 Festival and Red House that won the year 3 Festival.

Year 4 Trip to the Pinnacle Centre – Year 4 went to the Pinnacle Centre on Tuesday 13th June to take part in climbing and caving activities. They had a great time, and for many of the learners it was their first time trying these activities. It was lovely to see the learners encouraging and supporting one another. Their confidence definitely increased over the course of the session.

Year 5/6 Athletics Competition – A small team of learners from Year 5/6 represented WPS in an athletics competition at Moulton College on Wednesday 14th June. They competed in a range of field and track events. There were a total of 27 schools competing and our team came 4th overall, just missing out on progressing to the County finals. In addition to this, Lula in year 6 came 1st overall individually for the girls! What an amazing achievement! We are so proud.

Mini Warriors Bootcamp – All of our Year 5/6 learners took part in a bootcamp style fitness session on the Friday of Healthy Living Week. The session, designed specifically for schools, focussed on a combination of physical activity and important lessons in health, life and wellbeing. The learners had to work together using teamwork, communication and leadership skills to complete a range of fitness challenges. It was brilliant to see the children pushing themselves to complete all the challenges thrown at them!

Year 2 Trip to Northampton Saints – We took the whole of Year 2 to Northampton Saints on Monday 19th June. During the morning they took part in rugby themed activity sessions, and then during the afternoon they enjoyed a tour of the grounds, stadium and changing rooms. The learners had a fantastic and inspiring day! They even spotted a few Saints players over the course of the day! A special thank you to the parent volunteers that gave up their day to come along to support.



LORD LIEUTENANT OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S CORONATION ART COMPETITION

by Ms Lyne

I am very pleased to announce that a number of learners have been shortlisted for the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire's Coronation Art Competition. We had a large number of learners submit their amazing designs for the competition and we are very proud to see so many pieces make it to this stage.

Presentation of prizes by the Lord Lieutenant will take place on the 26th October, so fingers crossed for; Cameron C, Charlie T, Hettie C, Daisy W, Dalia M and Charlie L.

An exhibition of work will take place at The Carriage House, Lamport House daily from 10am to 4pm, Fri 27th and Sat 28th October. Sunday opening 10am – 3pm.



FOREST SCHOOL

by Mrs Green

Year One are thoroughly enjoying their weekly Forest School sessions. Term One brought lots of exciting opportunities with a focus on the change of seasons. The rustling leaves, crisp air, and earthy scents provided a rich tapestry for our little learners to explore. Over time, we noticed the forest floor turning yellow, orange and red with fallen leaves and the large horse chestnut tree brought us an abundance of conkers.

Learners foraged for natural resources to make autumn crafts and learnt about the harvest moon, tasting vegetable soup whilst sitting around the log circle. We learnt about the shift in temperature and migration of birds, making bird feeders for those left behind. Lots of learning and fun beyond the classroom walls this autumn!

The Woodland Trust have created a list of outdoor autumn activities to keep children busy this October Half Term. Click [here](#) to view.



SIXTH FORM 2024 OPEN EVENINGS

by Sixth Form

Thank you for everyone that has already registered to attend our sixth form open event for 2024 intake!

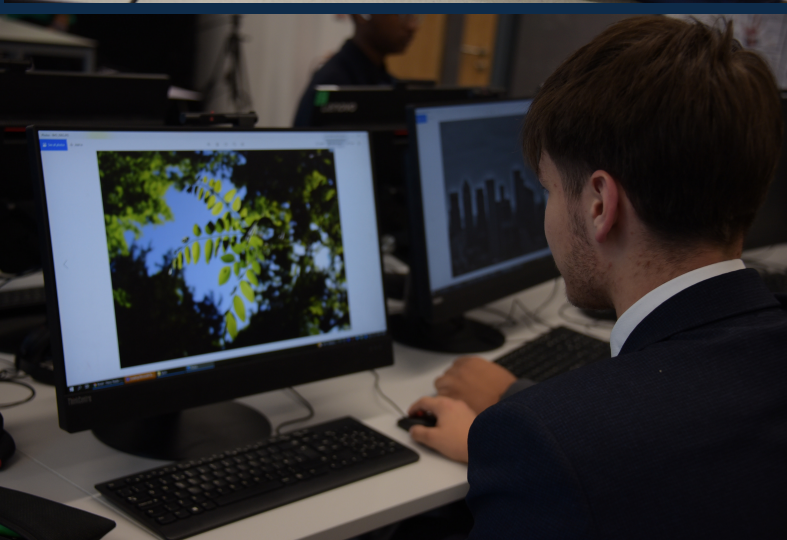
To book a place please visit us [here](#).

2nd November
22nd November

Presentations at:

5.15pm
6.15pm

We can't wait to meet you!



LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to our Year 7 learner, Rose, who competed in the Midlands Regional Para Swimming Championships over the weekend.

She came away with a gold medals in the 100m free, 50m fly and 400m free and won the silver medal in 100m breast stroke!

What a fantastic achievement!

PARENT REMINDERS

by Front Office

Half Day

Please be advised that Wednesday 20th December 2023 will be a half day. Timings will be confirmed soon.

Traffic & Parking

We are still getting numerous concerns from our emergency service neighbors in regards to members of our school community not adhering to parking and traffic rules. Please can we remind you once again to please use the allocated car parking spaces, do not drop let learners out of the car while waiting in traffic and please adhere to road safety rules regarding rights of way.

Borrowed Uniform

Please can we ask that any borrowed uniform items including green ties are returned to the main reception. Failing to do so may result in a charge on your parent pay account.

Collecting Learners

Please be reminded that Primary club pick ups are at 4pm, secondary at 4.30pm. Use of the disabled bays during this time are still **only** permitted for blue badge holders, please refrain from parking in the staff car park while waiting for your learner.

School Photos

A reminder that all primary learners, Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 are required to come to school in their full school uniform on **Wednesday 1st November 2023** for their school photos. If your child has PE on this day please bring this in a separate bag for them to change into. Sibling photos will take place on **Thursday 2nd November** for those of you that have requested them. Full school uniform will also be required to be worn on this day.



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