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WPS TEST CENTRE

Wootton Park School has prided itself on keeping our students as safe as possible during this pandemic.

Our staff have gone above and beyond ensuring the learners we welcomed back to school have been tested in our pop up test centre.

Learners were fully supported and carefully guided through the experience while our lovely ladies in visors processed the samples.

We have been very proud of the learners that have come for tests, they have taken everything in their stride and shown great maturity every step of the way.

A very big thank you to all of our staff who volunteered to run and assist in the testing centre!



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Mr Rosser

I am immensely proud of how our learners have adapted since our recent full reopening. We are delighted that we can all be back together to learn and support each other. A big thank you to our families too for their support.

I am sure our learners will always remember their time at Wootton Park during this pandemic and look back at the important role they played in keeping their communities as safe as possible by following COVID guidelines. Thank you to our secondary phase learners that have participated in lateral flow testing recently. The uptake has been extremely high and we appreciate the learners taking steps to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Please be aware that the government has advised that lateral flow home testing for secondary learners should continue over the Easter break.

A reminder of the two-step process to report the results for lateral flow home tests please:

1. Please report using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
2. You will also need to tell the school the result of each test here:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HPQlAJ8lMUG9Dsn0I8M74GqXKkTfHJVOvfBTW_WCDiVUNUdLQkdXSDBETTczNklYMFpFOFB_LM1ZTRS4u

Further details can be found here: <https://www.woottonparkschool.org.uk/reopening-information>

Please also be reminded that lateral flow tests are for asymptomatic people only. Should your child have any coronavirus symptoms, the household should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test for the symptomatic person here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and follow national guidelines.

I wish you all a restful Easter break and I look forward to us all returning on Monday 12th April

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

A brand new lunch menu for Aspens is launching
on 1st April 2021!

Please see the school website for further details.

Primary phase parents, please book your meal
choices on Select as normal.

Aspens






Wootton Park School Challenge

A big well done to everyone who took part in the Wootton Park School Challenge!

This was a fantastic opportunity to keep the Wootton Park School spirit alive whilst learners were completing their home learning.

Our first challenge was to do something amazing with one hand on your hip. We saw some very creative and wonderful ideas from our learners while staying safe at home or out for their daily exercise.



BEST EFFORT AWARDS

A huge congratulations to the following primary phase learners!

Daisy
Ffion
Oliver
Erin
Reece
Freya
Daisy-Mai
Charlotte
Megan
Nevaeh
Reyun
Matilda-May
Amelie
Ayman
Georgia-Rose
Harry
Logan
Oliver
Sayani
Scarlett
Skyler
Thomas
Victoria
Aurora
Bree
Jacob
Jude
Kian
Samuel
Logan
Zana
Amy
Blyth
Ezra
Freyja
Layla
Marcos
Poppy
Thomas



CHARITY DAY FOR NORTHAMPTON GENERAL

A brilliant day had by all! The children got involved in a wonderful mufty day to raise money for our own Northampton General Hospital Childrens Ward.

We were over whelmed by the generosity and fantastic christmas spirit this year raising £1261.40 to buy toys & games for the children who were spending their christmas on the ward.

A big Wootton Park thank you to everyone who donated!

PLANET SUPER LEAGUE

by Miss Bennett

Wootton Pak School has been selected by Northampton Town F.C Community Trust to represent them in Planet Super League, an exciting football and sustainability project, and your child will be part of the team!

Children may take part in a weekly education session with Northampton Town F.C Community Trust for 6 weeks and will then lead their families at home to inspire small changes that can have a big impact on the environment.

Whilst doing this, you will be representing Northampton Town F.C Community Trust in a league table of 24 professional football clubs for points and prizes. Can you help Northampton Town F.C Community Trust win the league and lift the cup?!

The project is simple, go to <http://psl.football>, register your details and school from the pre-populated dropdown list and prepare for the big kick off on Saturday 27th March.

There will be a large selection of fun activities online which are simple to complete at home and can be done flexibly around your lives to make this easy, enjoyable and pressure-free for you and the family! The activities will help you save money, have fun as a family and be more sustainable, all whilst representing Northampton Town F.C Community Trust

The registration page is live from Monday 8th March, please sign up before the season kicks off on Saturday 27th March and be the leading family in your school's battle for the title!

SIGN UP NOW and be part of the team:

Visit: <http://psl.football>

Register: Come up with your family team name and share your details

Play: Kick off is 27th March. Loads of great prizes up for grabs!

See you on the pitch!

Damon Fox
Schools & Business Development Manager
Northampton Town F.C Community Trust

MEET OUR STAFF



MISS COXON

I graduated with a 2:1 BSc (Hons) in Mathematics and Philosophy from The University of Sheffield. After graduating, I spent a year working in a school teaching Maths which I loved so much I decided to train to be a Maths teacher. Outside of school, I enjoy travelling, seeing my friends and family and spending time with my dog, who is called Dottie.



MISS MAIN

I graduated with a First Class BSc (Hons) Maths degree from De Montfort University in July. I joined the school in September as a secondary Teaching Assistant and I am looking forward to all the opportunities this school has to offer. In my free time, I enjoy reading and spending time with friends (virtually during the pandemic).



MISS CAYTON

My name is Lauren Cayton and I am a Teaching Assistant here at Wootton Park. I studied Health and Social Care for 3 years at Northampton College, where I gained a Level 3 Extended Diploma. In my spare time I love to travel, spend time with my family and friends and going on walks with my dog Woody.



MISS FIELDS-DAVIS

My name is Miss Fields-Davis and I work in the front office. I have worked in schools for the past 3 years and really enjoy getting to know learners and helping with any questions or concerns they have so please feel free to come and say hello! In my spare time I enjoy travelling, being outdoors and spending time with my 2 little girls, friends and family.



MISS HUGHES

After graduating (albeit virtually) from The University of Northampton I am so excited to be back as part of the Wootton Park Family... this time, as a teacher! I love teaching across Year 1, and cannot wait until we can venture out on educational trips! In my spare time you will find me tucked up with a good book or catching up with family and friends.



MR SAXON

Hello,
I'm Oliver. I am a new member of the site maintenance team.

Prior to working at Wootton Park School I used to work on board cruise ships as a professional dancer. I am also a qualified exercise to music instructor.

MEET OUR STAFF



MR WILLIAMS

Peter studied at Queens University, Belfast, gaining a BEd (Hons) in Technology. He has spent the last 12 years leading Flagship Departments in two schools. One of his proudest career achievements is working with a team of learners to enter and go on to win a National MOBIE Design Challenge headed by George Clarke. Peter has recently gained his National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) based on his Creative Curriculum Projects, which gained national recognition and was highly praised by Sir David Carter (former National Schools Commissioner).



MISS KELLY

Hello! I am a primary teaching assistant. I currently work in year 3, and I love my job. I am so happy to be working in WPS and part of the new and ever-growing family. I am currently studying a MA degree in Education, and I will be training to be a primary school teacher in the near future.

A few things about me: I have a collie cross called Jarvis; he is the best boy. I also like chocolate and the autumn weather. My favourite place in the world is Australia as I have family over there and I once ate a crocodile whilst on a camel.



MRS DRURY

My name is Mrs Drury, I have been an English teacher for five years.

I have a first class degree in English Literature and Creative Writing that I received from the University of Chichester in 2010. I also received a triple distinction in BTEC Performing arts.

I previously worked as an English teacher and Third in Faculty for four years before starting at Wootton Park School.

Children's Mental Health

Supporting Parents Helpfinder (Young Minds)

Times are tough for many people right now. Parents find themselves pulled in many different direction and children may be struggling being in the house for so much longer than usual. A mixture of concern about covid, work from home and children at home, along with a possible financial impact make for a stressful household.

Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond). Find the help finder here:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Please copy this link to see Safeguarding Director, Sam Preston's 10 top tips for children's mental health.

[Childrens Mental Health - Top Ten Tips](#)





SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

by Miss Bennett

We believe that it is really important that learners feel they can share their thoughts, views and opinions, and know that they will be listened to here at Wootton Park. This continues to be true, even now when the majority of learners are remaining at home. This term we held our first virtual Learner Council meeting which took place on Microsoft Teams on Monday 1st February. We invited all members of the secondary learner leadership teams to attend.

The meeting was a real success, with over 30 learners from years 7 to 11 participating. The learners were able to discuss things that they feel are working well for them and things that they think could be improved, with the main focus on remote learning and wellbeing. They provided some really useful feedback which we are now using to help us plan ahead for next term.

Some of the main points included:

Learners have really enjoyed having some live lessons, but have also liked having the flexibility to do their work at a time that suits them (rather than having to stick to a rigid timetable)

- Learners shared the activities they are doing at home to help with their own wellbeing, with the most popular activities including going walk and getting some fresh air to break up their day. It was also great to hear that many learners are keeping in contact with their friends by calling them regularly.

- Mrs Wild reminded learners about the wellbeing support available. Sessions can be booked at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk> using booking code bky83.

- In a poll done during the meeting, 94% of the learners said they found virtual live assemblies useful.

- We discussed what additional activities we could organise moving forwards. One of the activities we are setting up is an inter-generational project with the East Hunsbury Seniors group. It will involve members of the seniors group and Wootton Park learners writing and sharing their experiences from the past year.

The learners also came up with lots of other fun ideas that could be incorporated into our enrichment activities next term. The next learner council meeting will take place next term.

If learners have any suggestions for agenda items, they can email them to Miss Bennett on a.bennett@woottonparkschool.org.uk.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

by Miss Brough

The Surface Breaks by Louise O'Neill

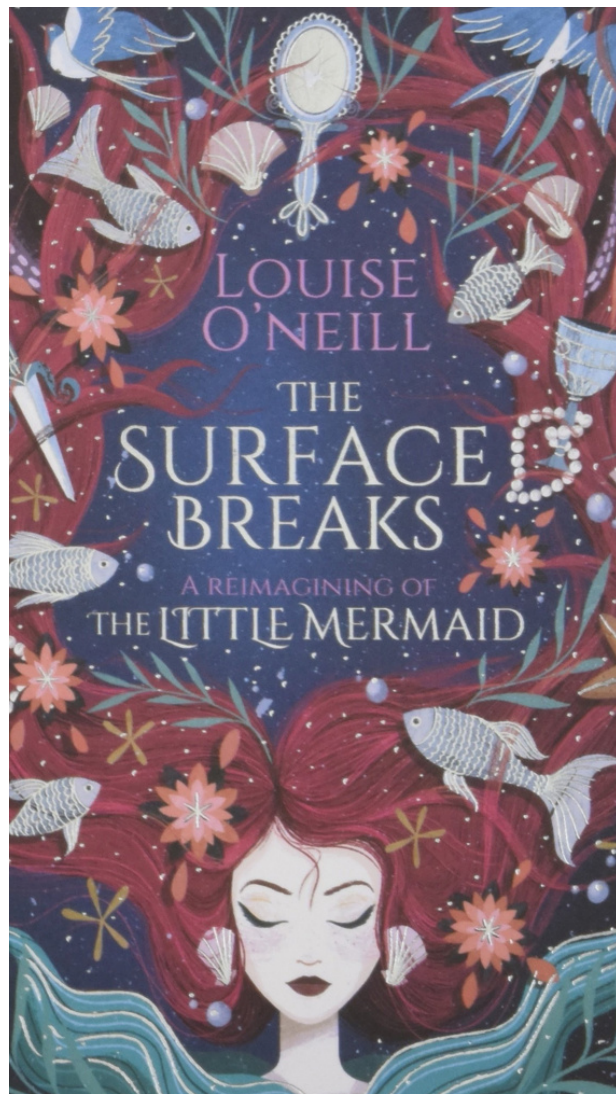
Finishing off Women's History Month, the book chosen this month has a strong feminist theme, perhaps more suited for our older learners (14+).

Deep beneath the sea, off the cold Irish coast, Gaia is a young mermaid who dreams of freedom from her controlling father. On her first swim to the surface, she is drawn towards a human boy.

She longs to join his carefree world, but how much will she have to sacrifice?

What will it take for the little mermaid to find her voice? Hans Christian Andersen's original fairy tale is reimagined through a searing feminist lens, with the stunning, scalpel-sharp writing and world building that has won Louise her legions of devoted fans.

A book with the darkest of undercurrents, full of rage and rallying cries: storytelling at its most spellbinding.



PARENT REMINDERS

by Front Office

Parent Pay

Please can we ask all parents to check their parent pay accounts to ensure any outstanding balances are settled.

Contact Information

Please do get in touch with our front office team should any of your contact information have changed. This includes address's and phone numbers.

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.

Leave of Absence Form

WOOTTON PARK SISTER SCHOOL

by Mr Rosser

Sister school to Wootton Park School approved to open in the Northampton area!

The Department for Education has announced that Northampton Free School Trust's application to open Wootton Park School (Hardingstone) has been given the green light to progress to the 'pre-opening phase' in this wave of free schools.

The school will help meet the significant and growing need for high-quality secondary places and will also increase parental choice and diversity of local secondary provision in this area of Northampton.

To find out more and to register your interest, visit us here!

<https://northamptonfreeschooltrust.co.uk/>



DREAM BIG

by Mr Williams

SD&T has been running its Dream BIG Challenge afterschool this term.

Each week, learners are given a different challenge to design and solve with family members being encouraged to join in with the challenges.

The challenges will lead to a Bake Off themed finale where the Dream BIG Winner will be crowned!

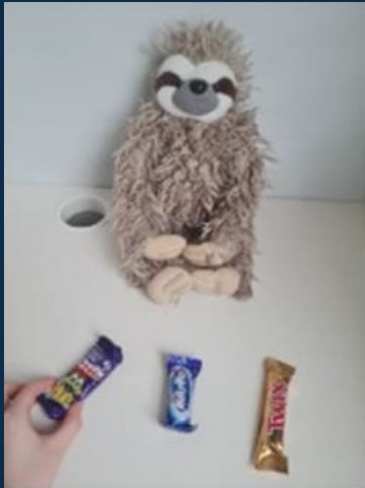
#dreamBIG



Effective Communication

Mr Sloth has recently had surgery regarding his throat so he is unable to speak temporarily and effectively communicate to others around him.

To help him I gave him a whiteboard to carry around with him and a pen so he can write anything he wants to communicate with other people.



Empowerment

Here I am clearly giving Mr Sloth the choice of what he wants to eat today.

This promotes independence and also empowers him by letting him make his own choices.

DEMONSTRATING CARE VALUES

by Mrs Lowdell

Despite learning remotely, the Health and Social Care learners are still able to demonstrate they care as part of their practical assessment.

Some of them are producing video role plays with their households and others are caring for their teddies (see to the side for Caitlin in year 11s example).

Dan and Hannah in Year 10 are in contact with the local care homes to arrange a 'pen pal' communication in the coming weeks.



Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal

A Big Thank You
to

**Wootton Park
School**

for helping us to deliver Christmas Shoeboxes to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe
Every box contained a smile from you to them.



20,768 Shoeboxes!

Link to Hope
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BN11 2AN

Tel: 01903 529333 • www.linktohope.co.uk
info@linktohope.co.uk

Reg. Charity No. 1069722

WOOTTON PARK SCHOOL UNIFORM

by Mrs Lowdell

At Wootton Park School, we are really proud of how smart our learners look in their uniform so I wanted to remind you of our uniform policy ready for Term 5.

You can find the policy on our website using the link below, but I particularly wanted to make you fully aware of our expectations surrounding hair and make-up.

Hair should be smart, of one natural colour and in line with traditional good standards of uniform. We ask that hairstyles are suitable for an office environment and there should be no obvious visible make up.

This includes tinted eyebrows and eyelash extensions so learners should not get these treatments.

Uniform Policy

If you have any questions please get in touch using info@woottonparkschool.org.uk

Easter Egg Competition

Fantastic job to the winners of the Apens Easter egg competition!

And a big well done to everyone who took part.

