



# Wellesley Park Primary School

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## Headteacher's Comment



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this rather historic edition of our Wellesley Park newsletter - which celebrates the life and reflects upon the loss, of our dutiful Queen Elizabeth II.

I am sure that you, like myself and many others, spent at least some time on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, watching the funeral ceremony. It really was something to behold and to remember forever, and yet another huge event to add to our memories list for the years (2020-2022). They certainly have not been in any way dull or predictable!

The children in school have had another couple of superb weeks - I have received lots of smiles and hugs on my walkarounds, with children keen to show me their learning books and to talk to me about what they are enjoying. Children in Year 5 were really lucky to receive a very special visitor this week - a real Astrophysicist no less - how lucky were they!

I would like to give a special mention this week to our newly appointed Year 6 House Captains:

Mendip	Exmoor	Blackdown	Quantock
Lacey	Nicole	Reiniel	Ruby
Zara	Koby	Megan	Alfie

And also, to our newly appointed Year 5 Librarians:

Mason	Isabel	Erin	Sienna
Henoch	James C	Darcey	Freddie C

I know that all of these children will do a fantastic job and take their roles and responsibilities very seriously and I look forward to seeing the difference that they each make - well done everyone!

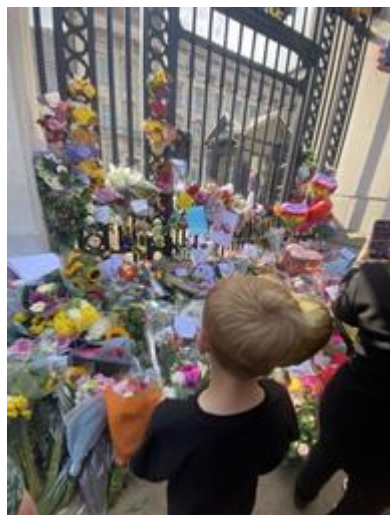
I hope that you all have a restful weekend,

Best wishes

**Emmie Hartley-Criddle**

Head of School/DSL/SENDCo

## Paying respects to the Queen



We know some of you travelled to London to lay flowers and to pay your respects to the Queen. Here are some very touching pictures of Harley in Year 3, who went to Buckingham Palace last Sunday.



## Outdoor Classroom

We are so lucky to now have a brand-new outdoor learning classroom and storage shed, which we are very much appreciating as the outdoor classroom provides much needed shelter from the heat of the sun and the now ever-increasing, rainy showers!

The children are definitely enjoying having somewhere to sit, instead of upon wobbly tree stumps - and the amazing firepit will definitely keep us warm as the days become cooler; we can't wait to light it!

It is also brilliant to now have a special shed for tidying all of our equipment into and safely away.

Thank you to the PTA, who kindly helped to fund this and thanks again to Wellington Sheds and Garden Buildings.



## Dukes Club—Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Allocation for the rest of the academic year will be available to book on Magicbooking from 9am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

<https://wellesleyparkschool.magicbooking.co.uk/>

Full details of the booking process can be found on our website [Wellesley Park Primary School \(wellesleyparkschool.co.uk\)](https://wellesleyparkschool.co.uk/)

Mrs J Lilley  
Business Manager

## National Poetry Day



This year's National Poetry Day is on Thursday 6 October 2022 and we are very much looking forward to celebrating it throughout Wellesley Park.

Each class will be learning a poem and performing it in a National Poetry Day celebration. The poems come from a huge range of poets including: Michael Rosen, Dennis Lee, Lewis Carroll, William Blake, and many more. On top of poetry performances, teachers will be sharing their favourite poems and each child will even have a go at writing their very own!

We would love for children to bring in their own favourite poem or poetry book (if they have one) to share with their class. You could even have a go at learning a poem as a family- something you will all remember forever!

## If I Were King

By A.A Milne

I often wish I were a King,  
And then I could do anything.

If only I were King of Spain,  
I'd take my hat off in the rain.

If only I were King of France,  
I wouldn't brush my hair for  
aunts.

I think, if I were King of Greece,  
I'd push things off the mantel-  
piece.

If I were King of Norrway,  
I'd ask an elephant to stay.

If I were King of Babylon,  
I'd leave my button gloves un-  
done.

If I were King of Timbuctoo,  
I'd think of lovely things to do.

If I were King of anything,  
I'd tell the soldiers, "I'm the  
King!"



## Job Vacancies

We currently have the following job vacancies:

Admin Assistant & 1:1 Teaching Assistants – Direct to website

[Vacancies \(wellesleyparkschool.co.uk\)](http://wellesleyparkschool.co.uk)

## Newsletter Attachments

Attached are some really helpful resource posters from The National Online safety hub. These have been created especially for parents and carers with reference to the tricky 'online' world that is so important to most of our young children.

Please do have a read through these, as it is really important to keep ourselves as up to date as possible regarding the threats to our children's safety and mental wellbeing.

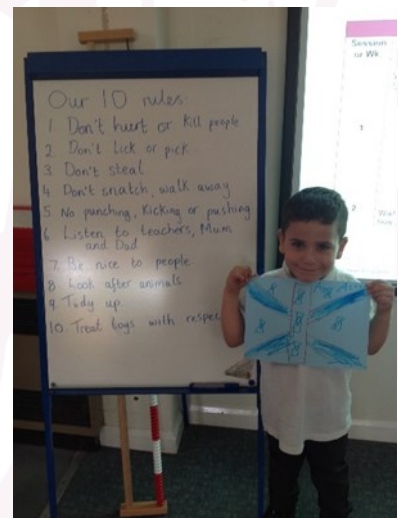
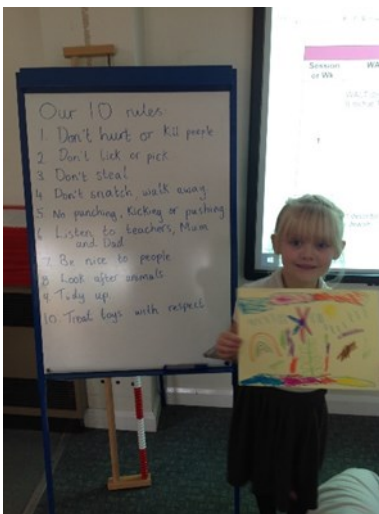
**Remember, that as parents and carers, it is our responsibility to monitor and secure our children's access to appropriate online content / and for appropriate, limited, amounts of time - in order to ensure they are kept healthy and safe from harm.**

## Reception/Year 1

What a fantastic fortnight we have had in Jasper and Gruffalo classes!! Our reception children completed their first week of eating in the school hall and also stayed for their very first full day – all with big smiles and lots of fun! Our Year 1 children have been extremely helpful in showing them what to do and have set a great example for them with our school rules and routines.

We were very excited and a little confused when we noticed that some of our toy animals had escaped from the classroom and got stuck at the bottom of a hole in our outside area! We thought about all the different ways in which we could help them get out and are looking forward to learning our new Talk 4 Writing text, 'Stuck in the mud'.

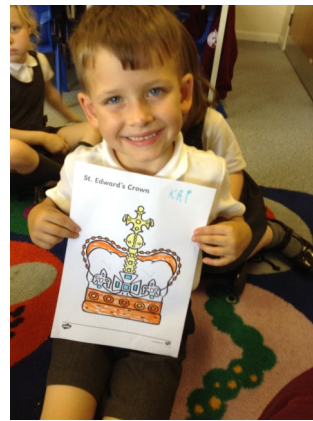
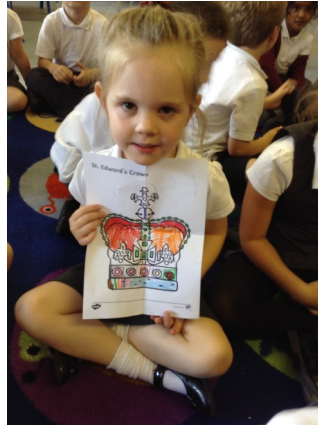
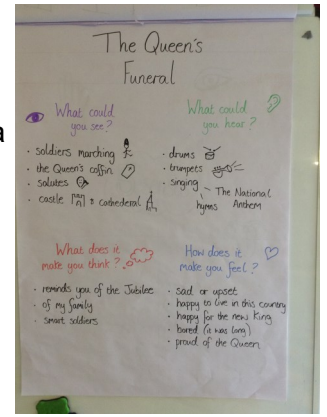
Our Year 1 History topic this term is very poignant, as it is all about comparing the life of Queen Elizabeth II to Queen Victoria. We spoke with our Year 1 children about what a Queen's job is, and how she helps decide on rules to keep the country safe. The children came up with their own rules that they felt were important and then designed their own flags that they would have if they got to be the ruler of their very own country.



## Year 1/Year 2

The children in Year 1 and 2 have made a fantastic start in their Talk For Writing sequence: Jack and the Beanstalk. As part of our writing unit, we have looked at using adventurous vocabulary, creating noun phrases and using the five senses to describe a setting.

After her majesty's funeral on Monday, we thought about how we can use these skills to describe historic events too. During the funeral we could see 'smart soldiers marching' and 'an enormous castle' and we could hear 'loud drums' and 'beautiful singing'. Take a look at some of our colouring too.

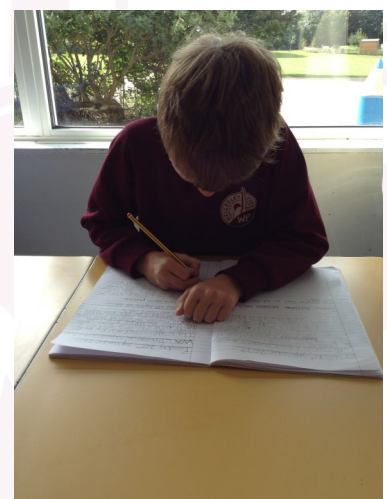
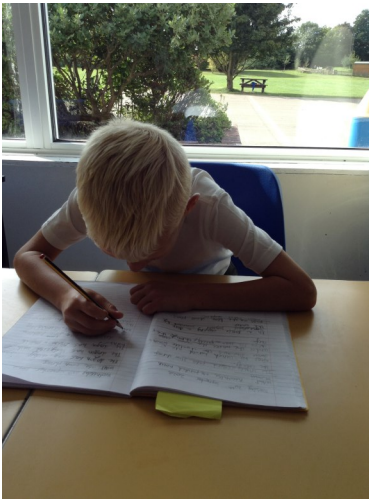


## Year 3

In light of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, Year 3 has talked about her importance to the country and the Commonwealth. We looked at her family tree to see who will be our future kings and discussed who reigned before her. We also had a think about when and how she has had to overcome change throughout her 70 years of reign and reflected in our own lives on how we could support others to overcome change in their lives, such as moving to a new school or moving house.

Year 3 have had an excellent week starting our new topic of forces and magnets in Science and continuing our work of place values in Maths.

In English, we have started to look at character descriptions and how can use expanded noun phrases to make our writing more interesting.





## Year 4

The sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and her subsequent funeral was well respected within our Year 4 classes. It has given us the opportunity to discuss how we can help to support others when they may have to overcome changes in their lives. Many pupils discussed how the recent events brought back memories of loved ones. We discussed the importance of making space in the day for thinking about important people in our lives and how our learning can also provide a welcome distraction from these thoughts.

In Year 4, we have managed to fit in lots of new learning opportunities around the Bank Holiday. Exploring 'Voices in the Park' and gaining an understanding of different people's perceptions on the same event has been a highlight this week. We are now writing a sequel.

In Maths, we have continued to explore the important concept of place value and we have all continued to enjoy our ukulele lessons!



## Year 5

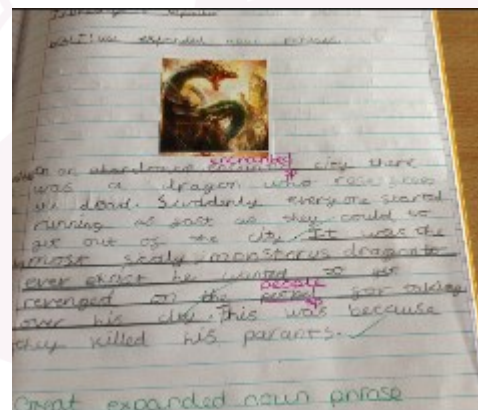
What a start to Year 5, we have been super busy and it has been fantastic getting to know you all.

Hearing the sad news in regards to the Queen's passing on 8/09/2022, we have, as a cohort, had various discussions about the Queen's reign, as well as discussing what mourning means and how King Charles III will transition to King. The children have enjoyed learning about this, and have contributed to our discussions in a mature manner.

In English, we have made a start on our quest and journey tale. This week, the children have looked at relative pronouns and the importance of using 'show not tell' in our writing. The children have then used these important language features to write their own short burst and we have been blown away.

In Maths, we carry on with our place value unit and we have been working with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children have shown resilience towards this unit and produced some fantastic work.

In Science, we have begun to look at Space. We had a very exciting visitor this week from Doctor David Wilkinson, who is an Astrophysics Scientist. He spoke to us about all things space, including lots about Galaxies, The Black Hole and all the stars around. We were all fascinated and it gave us a lot of knowledge and answered lots of our questions.



## Year 6

Following on from the death and funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, we have been exploring the theme of loss and change in Year 6. They have come up with some thoughtful and caring advice for those dealing with big changes in life:

Our Year 6 children showed tremendous resilience and determination towards their assessments last week; we are really impressed by their overall attitude to learning.

In Maths, we have been developing an in depth understanding of Place Value and will be moving onto the Four Operations next week. I

n English, we are identifying and using a range of features within suspense writing; the children have enjoyed using figurative language - personification and pathetic fallacy - to enhance their writing and build tension for the reader. We will be moving onto the innovate stage of our Hansel and Gretel text this week. We are currently reading 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell as part of Guided Reading, the children are making fantastic predictions and inferences about the characters. We have been able to understand a range of new vocabulary and investigate a wide range of collective nouns - see if your children can remember any of these.

In Science, we are continuing to investigate the heart and circulatory system. The children were particularly interested by the chambers and the four main components of blood including their role within the body.

Our Victorian History work has involved understanding the key changes in crime and punishment throughout the ages.

Finally, the children have created some amazing artwork based on Picasso for our Year 6 display boards.

