

WELLACRE

2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~2nd December 2022

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The Christmas holidays are fast approaching and we are certainly starting to feel festive with the trees and decorations up in school.

Some of this week's highlights

On Monday, Mr Pemberton and I met the **Student Executive Council** led by George, Head Boy. The discussions were wide ranging and the representatives summarised the feedback from their House councils and their Executive remits with confidence. Points raised for consideration included;

- Arbor rewards and achievement points-students have been asked to consider what else they would like as rewards (not sweets or chocolate!)
- Recording Arbor homework submissions-we will continue to work with Arbor to resolve these issues
- Library opening at breaks and lunches
- Some students would like more opportunities to do Extended projects
- Some students would like more enrichment activities like visits to the theatre
- Breakfast options- students would like more choice.
- More benches/seating around the Astro-we will look into this for the Summer.

We had such fantastic **Christmas card designs** for our competition that we have chosen two winners who will both receive a £10 gift voucher. Well done to:

- Cyril Flint's Christmas card - **Alfie O 8.1**
- Wellacre's Christmas card - **Evan DP 10.5**

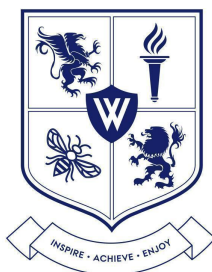
Thank you to all the boys who entered. It was an absolute pleasure to see your work.

On Wednesday, some students took part in the **Trafford Swimming Gala**. In Year 7, Dylan Z, Fareed A, Ethan C and Will swam strongly. Huge congratulations to the Year 9 team who won their competition; **James F, Devon FK, Oliver C and William P**. Well done boys.

On Thursday, the Wellacre PE department and Sports leaders organised a very successful **Trafford Cross Country Event**. On a cold and crisp afternoon the students showed resilience and we are all proud of their efforts.

The year 7 team won their overall team competition. Well done to **Cian B, Jack H, Jacob W, Lewis P and Jack M, Will A, Adam A and Jack S**. Notable individual performances as part of that winning team include;

- **Will A 3rd place**
- **Adam A 4th place**



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- **Jack S 10th place**

In the Year 8/9 race, well done to **Dylan K in Year 8** who achieved 11th place and to Year 10 **Seb A** who achieved a magnificent 5th place in the Year 10/11 race..

Thank you to our Student Stewards and to Mr Linton, Mr Duffy, Mr Whitehead and Mr Ward for their efforts.

Over 100 students continue to attend after school clubs and activities which is fantastic. Please encourage your son to get involved.

Christmas events

Christmas dinner will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Please see the attached posters which outline our Christmas events at Wellacre.

📄 Christmas Events at Wellacre 2022 (1).pdf

📄 Christmas Celebration Day 2022.pdf

SEND Forum

The SEND forum will take place in school on **Monday 12th December from 2-4pm**. All parents/carers of students with SEND will be sent an invitation via Arbor. There will be no requirement to book a time slot but we will be asking you to confirm your attendance so that we can make adequate arrangements for accommodation and refreshment. The forum will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, feed into their Pupil Passport and ask any questions you might have. Teaching assistants and Mr Casey, our SENDCo, will be in attendance.

Year 11 Lego Robotics

Mathew, George and Nicky in Y11 are very keen to raise some money for charity and invite all interested students to take part in a **lego robotics session** in S3 at lunchtime on Wednesday 7th December and Monday 12th December. They are asking for a £1 contribution to charity 'on the door' and will be supported by Mr Asha. If your son would like to take part, please provide him with a £1 donation. I commend the boys' efforts to support a worthy cause.

Flu Vaccination

Please read this letter from the School Nursing team.

📄 Childhood Flu vaccination letter to parents carers final Dec 2022.pdf



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Year 11 Progress Evening-a reminder

Year 11 parents and carers are reminded that this event is on **Thursday 9th December 2022 from 4.30pm to 7pm. The facility to make appointments will close at 1pm on 8th December.** Please make sure that you access School Cloud before then <https://wellacreacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Visibility for our cyclists

Please can I remind all our cyclists that they must have white front and red rear lights lit, and their bike must also be fitted with a red rear reflector and amber pedal reflectors. We want all our boys to be safe on what are busy roads locally.

Reverse Advent

Thank you for your support with our ongoing appeal. **Please see the poster below for information about how everyone can get involved in bringing much needed Christmas cheer to our elderly community.** Please also note the size of the donations we are looking for so we can fit them in the gift bags.

Reverse Advent Poster 2022.pdf

Vaping

Nationally, there is an increase in the use of e-cigarettes (vapes) amongst young people. I have previously written to you about this and urged you to be proactive in looking out for vapes at home. Please find more information below from Trafford Public Health. Our Behaviour for Learning policy is very clear that **e-cigarettes are banned items** on school site and we will continue to educate our students as to the dangers of vaping. Please support us with this.

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Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all well for the week ahead. As always, we are here at admin@wellacre.org if you need any support and we will always do our best to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal