

# WELLACRE

18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Principal's Update~18th November 2022

I hope this letter finds you well. Despite the very heavy rain this week, there are still many highlights to report.

### This week's highlights

On Monday, many students wore odd socks in recognition of **Anti-Bullying Week**, celebrating what makes us all different and unique.

A number of Year 11 students had the first of several sessions with **GM Higher 'Mission HE'**. The partnership is part of the Uni Connect programme, which delivers a nationally coordinated approach to working with schools, universities, and colleges to help people access higher education. The aim is to improve the provision of information, advice and guidance about progression routes to higher education (HE), alongside offering a menu of activities to raise the aspirations of young people in Greater Manchester. Feedback was very positive.

Thursday was a busy day despite the torrential rain! To mark Parliament Week, Urmston Councillors held a **Local Democracy Event** at Urmston Library which was attended by our Student Executive Council members and the House Captains. The students confidently engaged in a non-party political QA session on the role of local councillors, alongside students from Flixton Girls and Urmston Grammar Sixth Form.

Heat 1 of the **Trafford Schools Partnership Primary Sportshall Athletics** also took place at BeActive Urmston. Our Sports Leaders officiated, and did a superb job as always, with Our Lady of the Rosary winning the heat. Well done boys!

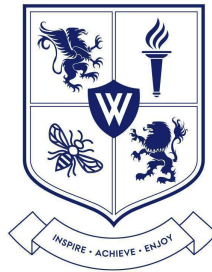
We also welcomed Year 5 students from **Flixton Primary School** who learned some Science and Geography in the Eco lab and biodomes. The students enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mr Toogood and Mrs Siddall for their help.

### Remembrance

The CCF participated in the Urmston remembrance parade on Sunday with our own SSI Ward acting as Parade lead. **Thank you to all those who attended for representing Wellacre with such pride in the local community.**

### World Cup

All students will have the opportunity in classrooms to watch the **opening England fixture** of the World Cup on Monday afternoon. However, work will be provided for all those students who would rather not watch.



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We will be collecting donations for **The Proud Trust** throughout the World Cup. The Proud Trust is a Manchester based LGBT+ organisation that supports LGBT+ young people through youth groups, peer support, mentoring programs and the Proud Connections chat service. Please donate if you can.

We will also be helping students to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the **controversies around Qatar hosting the World Cup** through Tutor Time activities.

## Careers Education: Xello

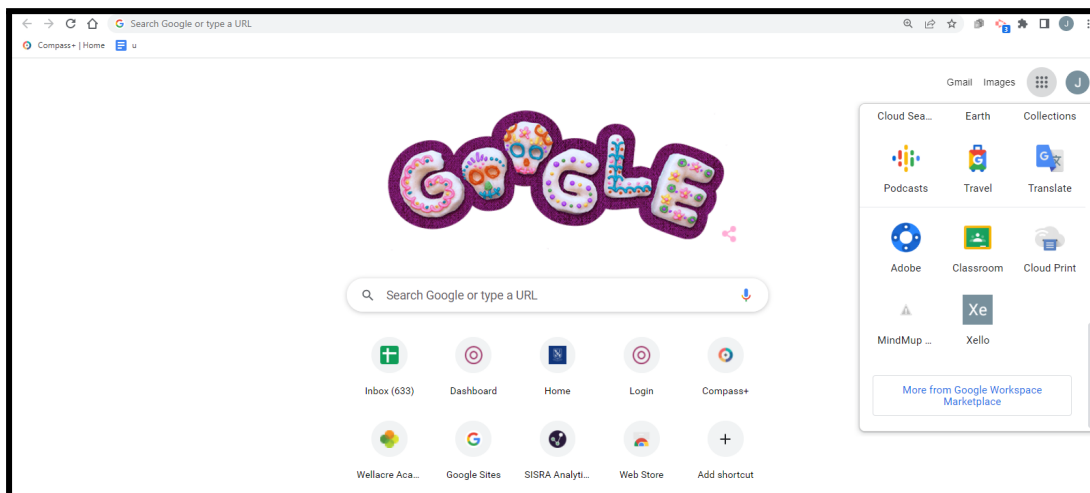
The software Xello puts the student at the centre of their **career planning experience**. Students build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences. Please take the time to watch this short video.

 Xello For Families

Students need to ensure that they have all logged on to their Xello account using the link below.

<https://auth.xello.co.uk/SAML/Student/bb3b43b0-430d-4d40-b0b7-f4b1558b322b>

Students can access their Xello account via the google app - no need to login due to single login functionality. They can find Xello via the Google apps 9 dot icon as below.



Mr Duffy, who is our Careers Lead, will introduce Xello to all students in assemblies next week. Here are some more useful links for students.

## [Explore your Future with Xello](#)

### [Introduction to Xello 3-5](#)

## Prime

Unfortunately, there have been a couple of issues in school with the Prime hydration drink. Please can I ask that **Prime is not brought into school at all**. If students need a drink, there are water fountains available free of charge. Please encourage your son to bring a plastic recyclable drinks bottle to school for refills.



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## Student Voice

All students will be given the opportunity to complete the student voice survey next week. We gather students' views in this view twice yearly and their views help us to shape our policies and practices.

## Christmas Card Competition

Each year Wellacre sends out over 200 Christmas cards to friends and partners in the local community. This year we are supporting Cyril Flint Befrienders again and each of their clients will also receive a Christmas card, along with a small gift through our Reserve Advent Appeal.

We are looking for a winning Christmas card design for 2022! The theme reflected in the winning design should be around togetherness/companionship at Christmas. The design must be:

- A5 size on white paper or a digital design saved as a pdf or jpeg
- Bold colours in pen or paint if on paper

Entries should be dropped off at the Office and digital entries can be submitted to [tquinn@wellacre.org](mailto:tquinn@wellacre.org) by the deadline of Monday 28th November 2022.

The winning entry will be printed as the Wellacre Christmas Card for 2022 and the student will receive a £10 voucher.

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

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal