

WELLACRE

11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~11th November 2022

I hope this letter finds you well. The students have returned from the half term break with a positive mindset this week. **They look smart, are well equipped and have demonstrated real focus in their lessons.** Thank you for your support with this.

House assemblies have focussed on the core value of respect this week, with some excellent examples of **acts of kindness** within the Wellacre community shared with all students.

Pankhurst students' appreciation slips were also warmly received by staff. There are some examples on the Wellacre Facebook and Twitter feeds if you follow us.

This week's highlights

Spelling Bee results

1st Lowry: 46

2nd Pankhurst: 36

3rd Turing: 39

Best score was 10.2 with 10/10. Well done to their 'bees'.

Numeracy Superstars

All students in Year 7 and Year 8 do Numeracy Ninja work weekly. Results from Autumn 1 have just been published

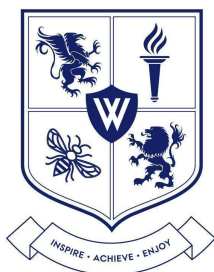
Year 7 and 8 (Ninjas) Best Forms:

7.1 Turing (Highest scores) and 7.3 Pankhurst (Most black belts)

8.1 Turing (Highest scores) and 8.3 Pankhurst (Most black belts)

Staff Winner: Miss Harrison

Years 9 and 10 do Maths Box numeracy activities in weekly Tutor Time. The Top Five students were:



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Thomas P, Riley F, Oliver G, Oliver B, Kenzie S. Well done boys!

Remembrance

All KS3 students attended a remembrance assembly on Friday morning led by Mrs O'Neill. Students were encouraged to reflect on the sacrifices made by others and exemplified our values of pride and respect in their exemplary conduct. The whole school observed the national silence at 11am in a ceremony led by our CCF contingent. We also hosted visitors from De Brook Lodge. Thank you to Mr Baker, Mr Ward, Miss Harvey and the CCF contingent for their hard work. **The CCF will also participate in the Urmston remembrance parade on Sunday if any of you are planning to attend.** Thank you also to Mr Jackson who returned to play The Last Post for us.


Anti-Bullying Week

Students and staff are encouraged to **wear bright 'odd socks' on Monday 14th November** to celebrate diversity and differences in support of Anti-Bullying Week.

 [ODDSOCKS_POSTER_2022.pdf](#)

Recruitment of new 'Wellacre Buddies' will take place this week. Application forms, available from Mr Dougherty In The Hub, should be returned to him by Wednesday 16th November. Buddies will be Peer Mentors, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Key messages around gender and sexuality will be reinforced in Tutor Time.

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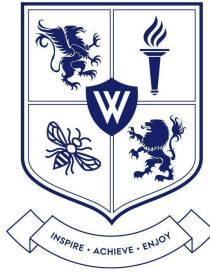
Students will also renew their commitment to our Anti-Bullying Charter in Tutor Time and display the Charter on the Tutor Group Notice Board.

Muddy Boots

Please could students **bring a boot bag or recyclable carrier bag** in which to put their muddy boots and trainers after PE lessons. Some of them are putting them into their school bags which is far from ideal. Thank you for your support with this.

Phone System

Thank you for your patience as staff have adjusted to the new system. **We are now up and running.**



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Progress Evening Feedback

Thank you to those parents and carers who provided feedback via the google form shared on 21st October. The majority of you want to continue with remote meetings this year. The main reasons you gave for this were:

- It is a more efficient use of your time
- It is easier with childcare/family commitments
- It is easier with work commitments
- The appointments stick to time
- Avoids lengthy queues on the night.

We will therefore continue with remote Progress Evenings using School Cloud software this year. The strongest reason for those who wanted to return to 'in-person' evenings was meeting the teacher and feeling a connection with Wellacre.

We completely understand this and would like to point out that parents/carers are encouraged to contact school at any time during the school year if they have any questions or concerns. The email addresses of all Tutors went out in the House letters in September. **Please do not wait for Progress Evening to raise concerns.** If you feel there is an issue which has not been resolved, a face to face meeting with a member of staff can be arranged and perhaps this would involve the Head of House. We also have **tours of the school (by arrangement) which take place every fortnight** and we would welcome any parent/carer who felt they wanted to find out more about what goes on during a typical day. Please contact Mr Thomson on mthomson@wellacre.org if you would like to visit us.

Parents and carers are also warmly invited to our next **school event**, the Carol Service, at St John's on Monday 12th December at 7pm. Parents and carers of students with SEND also have the termly SEND Forum, EHCP reviews and linked Teaching Assistants to provide feedback on progress. The first **progress reports** of the year are also due to be sent to all parents and carers before Christmas.

We are appreciative of 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