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INSPIRE

June 2022

Bringing out the ***best*** in boys

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE







It has been just over 12 months since Mrs Sharrock joined Wellacre as Principal. In that time, she has focused on developments to ensure a thriving school environment, including over a quarter of a million pounds of investment in capital, ICT and facilities projects.

Capital Projects: **New roofing**, subsidised by a Department for Education grant, **skylights** and **gym floors**.

Inspiring Spaces: Updated classrooms with **new sets of furniture** and **branded, consistent displays**.

ICT: A significant investment in a comprehensive four year infrastructure development strategy.

Library Growth: A continuous investment on **new books** and **furniture** inspires a love of reading. Students have been involved in new book and topic suggestions and also in sponsored readathons. A 'New Chapter' book wishlist invites parental contributions, which boosts new books further.

Eco Centre Developments: Student involvement has been encouraged through several P6 groups. New and existing areas cleared for **seasonal planting,** with **path and access repairs, biodomes cleaned** and **picnic benches** procured and installed for staff wellbeing, as well as outdoor learning for students.

Mini-bus: Students proudly represent their school at events and trips in a **new mini-bus**, funded by school alongside significant parental contributions.

Bike Shed: Our goal is to enable students to be more environmentally conscious and independent, and we will soon be installing a **new bike shed** funded by Wellacre's School Lottery and a Transport for Greater Manchester grant.

Reflection Room: As Wellacre continues to enhance our provision to support wellbeing, we recently opened our **Reflection Room**. The space is for staff and students to use for prayer, reflection, mindfulness or quiet time for wellbeing.

Mr Andy Young, Chair of the Governing Board: ***"The governors are always keen to support the Principal in continuing to invest in the right areas, to support the students and staff. We are proud of the work achieved to develop Wellacre's environment this year and look forward to our regular visits to see Wellacre 'at work'."***

SUMMER 2022 UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 29th June 2022
New Year 7 Welcome to Wellacre - Parents, carers and students

Thursday 30th June 2022
New year 7 Intake SEND Forum

Friday 1st July 2022
Sports Day

Mon 4th – Tues 5th July 2022
Year 7 Bushcraft Residential

Mon 4th—Fri 8th July 2022
Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 6th July 2022
KS3 Take Your Son to Work Day

Wednesday 6th July 2022
INSET Day—School closed

Thursday 7th July 2022
New Year 7 Intake Day at Wellacre

Friday 8th July 2022
Year 7 - 9 Co-Curricular Day

Thursday 21st July 2022
School closes for Summer

Thursday 25th August 2022
GCSE Results Day

WELLACRE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Summer edition of our INSPIRE newsletter. Wellacre is a community in which students and staff thrive. The rich and varied articles in this newsletter give you a sense of the range of opportunities for all students to get involved in.

Whether it be House competitions, Computing clubs and challenges, sport, music, reading, academic pursuits, Community campaigns, CCF expeditions, and supporting the partnerships with our primary schools, this is a school which is committed to the personal development of all our students.

If you would like to find out more about our work, please contact admin@wellacre.org and we will be in touch.

Happy reading!
Mrs Sharrock, Principal

House Competition











RESULTS

Wellacre students have competed together in a wide range of curriculum, sporting and simply entertaining House events and we look forward to announcing the winner at the end of the school year!

In House Rugby, Years 7, 8 and 10 in **Pankhurst** were victorious and in House Table Tennis, **Turing** and **Pankhurst** took the top spots across the year groups.

Maths held Pi Day, Twosday and National Numeracy Day competitions with students showcasing their skills to win House points and prizes.

Wellacre's World Book Day Readathon saw **Turing** take the 'most read' and 'most raised' titles.

MFL challenged students in a Carnival Mask competition with top marks in all Houses.

Finally, who can forget our House Pancake competition with **Turing** scoring the highest number of pancake flips!

COMPUTING

Wellacre students have been proudly showcasing their passion for computing in through our curriculum, clubs and competitions.

Mission Zero



For the first time ever, Wellacre students' work has been launched into space!

Year 9 and 10 students jumped at the chance to take part in the Astro Pi: Mission Zero challenge to write a computing program, which will run on the International Space Station (ISS).

The team worked together to design programs to measure moisture, humidity and temperature on board using the new Mark II Astro Pi computer's Sense HAT.

All team members will receive a unique certificate with their name and the exact co-ordinates of the ISS at the time their program ran.

Tom, Year 9, said:

"It's really cool that we will be running code on the most expensive single structure ever!"

Miss Lunn, Leader of Computing, added:

"This was an exciting opportunity for students to use their programming and Raspberry Pi skills to design functional and efficient programs for the ISS and it's space travellers!"



Computing Ambassadors

Wellacre's Computing Ambassadors co-ordinated and delivered break and lunchtime clubs on Robotics, Raspberry Pi and Microbits for their peers. They have shared their skills, knowledge and teaching resources, which they created themselves, with their peers. Their teamwork and leadership has been commendable.



iDEA Success

Congratulations to Jake in Year 8 who has successfully completed both the Bronze and Silver Inspiring Digital Enterprise Awards. This is an outstanding achievement!

3D Modelling



In Year 8, students learned about 3D modelling using Blender software. They enjoyed the challenge of creating a snow scene, complete with a snowman and using their animation skills to throw a snowball to knock the snowman's head off!

CELEBRATING



Year 7 Play at Salford Reds

Wellacre's Year 7 rugby team have relished the opportunity to play under the lights at the Salford Red Devils Stadium twice this year.

It was an incredible opportunity to play and triumph against St. Joseph's during the half-time break of the Salford Reds and Leeds Rhinos game!

This year the team have competed and won in three tournaments coordinated by the Salfords Red Foundation, against schools from Salford, Trafford, Bolton and Stockport.

Mr Whitehead, Teacher of PE, said:
"We are super proud of the Year 7 rugby team and their top class performances at the AJ Bell Stadium."



Harry Takes to the Stage

Harry, Year 10, has been pursuing his love of music with a series of gigs at some of the biggest and best live music venues in Manchester.

Harry was invited to join former Wellacre students Harry and Oscar, at a gig at Night and Day, for the official launch of their contemporary indie and 70s rock album.

He also had the opportunity to play alongside his friend and frontman Alex at a pre-match gig at the Etihad stadium, playing iconic rock and roll music.

Harry said: ***"The dream is to make a career out of playing guitar and to play live music at lots of massive festivals and gigs. One of the best things is playing at lots of the greatest venues around Manchester."***

Medal Winners



Year 7 Oscar is a two-times champion in Brazilian jujitsu following his gold medal win at the British Championships.



Year 8 Toby emerged victorious at the Yanagi Kai Karate competition to win Gold in the team Kata.



Year 8 Oliver joined his Flixton Swim Team at the Trafford Metro competition, and won a silver medal in the 100m backstroke and Bronze in 50m backstroke.

SUCCESS



First Class Achievement

Year 7 and 8 students in The Scholars Programme celebrated an outstanding set of results at a graduation ceremony held at the University of Manchester.

The Scholars Programme, run by The Brilliant Club, supports students in developing skills for university. Working alongside a PhD tutor, each student submitted a challenging final assignment on "Gender and Peace."

Students toured the campus and met university students before attending the celebration. Ben and Jayden, Year 8, both took to the stage to speak about their experience.

Ben said:

"The Scholars Programme assignment greatly expanded my knowledge of the world and helped me see things in a new light."

The results were the best ever at Wellacre with Year 7 students Harry, Jackson and Robert, alongside Year 8 Matthew achieving a 1st. Fellow Year 7s Aaron, Lewis, Oliver and Year 8s Christian, Joshua, Benjamin, Jayden and Leonard all receiving a 2:1 grade.



Active Travel Dragon's Den

Wellacre's Youth Travel Ambassadors (YTA) attended The Friend's Meeting House in Manchester to make an exciting Dragon's Den pitch to judges from TfGM, Living Streets, Modeshift and Greater Sports.

As part of the YTA co-curricular programme, the students have been working on an Active Travel campaign. The event was an opportunity to secure £500 for Wellacre to fund their plans to encourage more stduents, staff and parents to choose active travel, instead of the car.

Wellacre's ambassadors gave a persuasive pitch, summarising their survey findings, outlining the issues faced the school with regards to congestion and road safety, and presented their solutions to the judges in a clear and confident way.

The team successfully secured the funding and will launch their Active Travel campaign in September '22.



A round of applause for **Year 11 Michael** who performed in the **Urmston Musical Theatre's** production of 'Little Shop of Horrors."



We are proud of our **Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires**! Well done to **Lucas, Charlie and Serge, Year 7**, and **Theo, Year 8.** Special mention for **Oscar, Year 7,** who is an amazing Double World Millionaire!

WELLACRE'S CCF

New Leading Hands and Promotions in Cadets



We have celebrated new rankings in Wellacre's Combined Cadet Force (CCF). With Year 11 moving on, the CCF made new selections for Leading Hands from the group. Leading Hands are the top cadets, who have made their way from beginners to peer group instructors.

Wellacre's CCF Navy Unit new Leading Hands are: Luca, Max, Matthew (Year 10) and Jack (Year 9).

After weeks of selection processes including running drill, assessments and lessons including afloat training, SSI Ward and SLt Baker were able to officially select the new group leaders. With all cadets following the proficiency scheme, all have promoted to 1,2 and 3 Star rankings.

SLt Baker said:

"We are proud of the cadets' achievements and their commitment to the unit. Our new Leading Hands will make excellent leaders and I'm sure will welcome new recruits as we continue to grow the group."







AFLOAT TRAINING

Wellacre's CCF cadets travelled to the Waterside Lodge in Southport to take to the water and learn to sail a small boat.

The cadets enjoyed an introduction to the key controls followed by basic instructions including steering by handling the sail and side-to-side balance.

They then took to the water in pairs to put all their learning into practice, and great fun was had by all!

SSI Mr Ward said: ***"Everyone had a fantastic day completing the afloat training and made the most of the opportunity and experience. The cadets' confidence improved throughout the day and they showed exceptional teamwork and communication skills."***

Wellacre cadet Jud, Year 8, added: ***'This was brilliant and I really enjoyed the day. It was great to be learning new skills and being involved in teamwork."***

HMS EXCELLENT

HMS Excellent in Portsmouth welcomed CCF cadets for a Royal Navy experience and opportunity to expand their naval history knowledge.

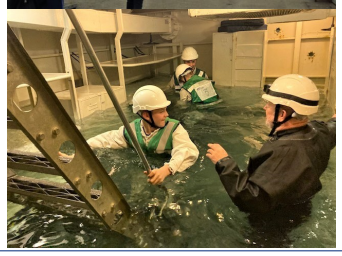
Cadets made a visit to the National Museum of the Royal Navy museum and explored the historic dockyard as well as naval battleships HMS Victory and HMS Warrior.



They also experienced thrilling, hands-on naval training in extinguishing fires on-board a ship, as well as spending time on the facility's DRIU (Damage Repair Instruction Unit.)



The unit was flooded before cadets took part in an exciting emergency damage control drill, using outstanding teamwork and communication!



TRANSITION

CSI CHALLENGE

Wellacre hosted a special CSI workshop for Year 5 Trafford primary pupils in celebration of British Science Week.

Pupils visited the 'crime scene' to solve the mystery of the stolen House Trophy. They undertook a series of investigations to eliminate the Wellacre suspects from clues.

Wellacre's Science Ambassadors were on hand to help investigate the clues, lead all the experiments and explain the science behind each result.

The investigations included extracting DNA, comparing the chemical properties of powders, analysing fingerprints, and using chromatography to separate pen pigments.

Well done to all the budding scientists who successfully revealed the thief and returned Wellacre's House trophy to its rightful place - the Pankhurst trophy cabinet.





Hear From Year 7 Students

Year 7 students have enjoyed their first year at Wellacre and made the most of every opportunity! Here's their view of joining the Wellacre family:

On the first day of school, I had mixed emotions of being excited and nervous. To settle my nerves I remembered everyone's in the same boat and I wouldn't be the only nervous one. I made a lot of new friends from my form group and classes.

ZAKARY

Before I joined Wellacre, my Dad and I rode to school on our bikes so I could get used to the journey. I was really nervous on my first day but I felt welcomed by all the teachers. I made new friends by saying hello to people and asking their name!

I enjoy PE the most because I have found a new sport. I love Rugby now and my greatest achievement is playing with the school team and winning a tournament at half time in the Salford Reds AJ Bell stadium!

OLIVER S

My House is Lowry and my greatest achievement is winning the Head of House award. I've also entered House competitions. We came 2nd in Table Tennis and 3rd in Pancake Flipping - it was lots of fun!

NOAH

You can ask your teachers if you need help and if you need to find your way round school you can ask anyone and they will tell you.

HARRY

We do an extra lesson on Wednesdays, which we choose. My favourite has been science because the teacher set bubbles on fire on her hand without hurting herself and we made exploding **volcanoes**

JOSHUA W

WELLACRE WELCOMES CYRIL FLINT BEFRIENDERS

Wellacre's Creative Arts Department welcomed Cyril Flint Befrienders for an afternoon devised by students in our co-curricular P6 programme.



Drama students performed a theatrical piece called 'Reflections' about loneliness and companionship. This was followed by a lively music show including piano, trombone, flute and samba drum performances.

Those in Art gifted specially designed Mindfulness booklets to visitors full of puzzles and colouring. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and cakes from Year 10 Food and Nutrition students, and spent a wonderful afternoon together.







Urmston in Bloom

We are pleased to be partnering with Urmston in Bloom again this year on their town centre planters.

All students in Wellacre's P6 Eco groups have been working together to sow seedlings and tend to the planters weekly to ensure Urmston is pretty in bloom!



Community Rescue

Wellacre values shone when students worked together to assist a local resident in need.

On their way home from school, Year 7 and 8 students spotted a car that had come off the road near Irlam Locks.

Displaying Wellacre's values, as well as kindness and maturity, the group helped the elderly driver by supporting her until help arrived.

Principal Mrs Sharrock said:

"These Year 7 students demonstrated the kindness and consideration we value so much at school. They provided comfort and reassurance to an elderly lady in distress. We are really proud of them. Well done boys for your community spirit."



