

# INSPIRE



February 2022

Bringing out the *best* in boys

## SPORTING LIFE AT WELLACRE A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN



Sporting life at Wellacre involves many opportunities for students to participate and thrive, instilling a sense of pride and recognition of individual talents and success!

At the **Trafford Schools Swimming Gala**, the Year 9 team swam to victory with the Year 7 team enjoying their first meet!

Toby, Year 9, earned his **1st Dan and black belt in Karate** after training tirelessly for 8 weeks and a 3-hour grading assessment.

At the **Trafford Schools Cross County Championships**, the Year 7 team won their overall competition with commendable performances from many students!

We congratulated Sam, Year 11, when he was awarded **Player of the Year at the Salford Roosters U15 Presentation Evening** by Victor Radley and Tom Burgess.

It was game, set and match for Oliver, Year 10, at an **U16 tennis tournament**, which he won in two straight sets!

Ben in Year 11 is a talented all round eventer and **Equestrian competition** winner with his horse, Harri.

Oscar, Year 8, won Gold at the **Re-Org Jiu Jitsu Open**, where he also met the Re-Org Ambassador and Hollywood star Tom Hardy!

Year 7 Lewis was top of the podium when he competed in the **British Indoor Karting Championships**; his driving prowess means he qualifies to compete in further events.

Wellacre's KS3 rugby teams have kicked off the season with some outstanding performances as well as a visit to Salford Reds to watch England v France in the **Rugby League World Cup**.

Now they have an **official rugby kit** to boot! Our first ever official match kit has arrived in school and we would like to thank Slater Heelis Law for sponsoring the kit and supporting our rugby teams. **We welcome enquiries from companies willing to sponsor our team kits. Please contact us at [admin@wellacre.org](mailto:admin@wellacre.org) if you can help.**

## SPRING 2023 UPCOMING DATES

**Monday 23rd January -  
Friday 3rd February 2023**  
Yr 11 Internal Assessments

**Thursday 26th January 2023**  
Holocaust Memorial Service,  
Sale

**Thursday 26th January 2023**  
Active in Minds Workshop  
with boxer, Courtney Fry

**Monday 6th - Friday 10th  
February 2023**  
National Apprenticeship  
Week

**Tuesday 7th and Wednesday  
8th February 2023**  
The Jungle Book Production

**Thursday 9th February 2023**  
Yr 10 Progress Evening

**Friday 10th February 2023**  
School closes for half term

**Friday 10th - Friday 16th  
February 2023**  
Ski trip to Austria

**Monday 10th February 2023**  
School re-opens for Spring 2  
term

**Friday 24th February 2023**  
Year 11 RWE Mosque Visit

**Saturday 4th March 2023**  
CCF Orienteering Activity,  
Worsley Woods



# WELLACRE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Wellacre newsletter.

It is full of wonderful examples of students' efforts, achievements and community endeavours.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the varied opportunities Wellacre offers its students; providing the platform for young people to thrive.

Happy reading!

**Mrs Sharrock, Principal**

Wellacre proudly presents ...

# The Jungle Book

Join us for performances on...

**Tuesday 7th and Wednesday  
8th February 2023, 7.30pm**

Doors open at 6.30pm for guests to  
enjoy refreshments

Tickets: £3 each

Please send cash in a sealed envelope  
F.A.O Mrs K Tickle, stating pupil name, performance  
date and number of tickets. For ticket enquiries,  
please email: [ktickle@wellacre.org](mailto:ktickle@wellacre.org)



# POLITICS & DEMOCRACY

## TRAFFORD YOUTH CONFERENCE

**Wellacre students were pleased to attend the annual Trafford Youth Conference again, delivered by the Trafford Youth Cabinet for secondary school students.**

Members of Wellacre's Executive Council attended the day and participated in workshops on fast fashion, jobs and finance, and invisible disabilities and sexism in schools.

Conference attendees worked in teams split across schools and the forum was open to questions and discussion. Each team worked together to create their own political party and manifesto to highlight their key priorities for Trafford, the UK and the world!

Evan and Jack, both in Year 10, expressed an interest in joining the Trafford Youth Cabinet and will be invited to meetings both online and in person.

Evan, Lowry's House Captain and in Year 10, said:

*"This is the second time I've attended and it's a great experience. I would advise anyone who has the opportunity to come along. It's a good way to learn about issues affecting young people and to offer your opinions. It helps you build your confidence and people skills. There's an opportunity to become part of the Youth Cabinet and see your opinions be taken further in Youth Parliament."*

Evan has been an active member of Wellacre's Executive School Council since Year 8. He adds:

*"Being a member of the Executive Council has felt like I've had some power and influence at school to voice my opinion and help shape decisions and change."*



## UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

Wellacre students, including our Student Leadership Team and House Captains, accepted an invitation to attend a Local Democracy event at Urmston Library. The event was held as part of UK Parliament Week, a national celebration that aims to inspire interest in parliament, politics and democracy.

Local Councillors Catherine Hynes and Joanne Harding welcomed students to discuss their roles, responsibilities and current issues and improvement plans in the area, as well as answer questions posed to them.

Students developed their knowledge of the Council structure, budgets and spending, improving the community, poverty and much more. They enjoyed the opportunity to get involved in community discussions, and have a voice in the issues that matter to them.

Year 11 Anthony said: *"We gained an understanding about how local councils prioritise initiatives and how they decide on their priorities - it was a good event."*

Fellow Year 11 George added: *"I asked what plans were in place to tackle anti-social behaviour in the community. They told us crime rates were low at the moment but that the council are always working on initiatives to help."*

# WELLACRE

Wellacre's Ambassadors embody our core values of Honesty, Pride, Respect, Aspiration, and Resilience, and strive to lead and support their peers.



## WELLACRE CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS

**Wellacre's Choir enjoyed an energetic tour of the local community with a run of festive performances in the lead up to Christmas.**

Their commitment, resilience and passion for singing was evident as they brought a host of Christmas tunes to the residents of De Brook Lodge care home as part of Wellacre's Co-Curricular programme, as well as the congregation at Wellacre's Carol Concert and community members attending 'Christmas at the Venue' in Urmston.

## COMMUNITY STARS

**Principal Mrs Sharrock and staff take great pleasure when community members and families take the time to contact us about our students.** We are always so proud of students who display Wellacre values so beautifully both in and outside of school:

"If your son is in Year 7 at Wellacre and walked home this evening via Davyhulme Park, I just wanted to say what lovely, well-mannered, kind boys you are raising!"

**M41ers Facebook Group Member**

"My son has had the most amazingly positive experience at Wellacre. There are not enough words to say how thankful we are to your staff and school."

**Parent of a 2022 Year 11 Leaver**

"We are bursting with pride to see some of our ex-pupils doing great work in the local community."

**Acre Hall Primary School**

"Noah and Isaac volunteered their time to raise funds for the Royal British Legion in their local supermarket. It was greatly appreciated by all residents and local veterans."

**Parent of a Year 8 Student**

## SPORT LEADERS SUCCESS



**Wellacre's Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders continue to exceed in their role, with a shared responsibility and commitment to inspire and encourage children to participate in sport.**

They have earned fantastic feedback from the Trafford Schools Sport Partnership this academic year already, following recent primary and secondary events.

At the Primary Sportshall Athletics, Wellacre's Sport Leaders did a superb job organising and officiating a range of events for Year 6 children across Trafford.

They also showcased their fantastic skills once more when they co-ordinated the Trafford Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships.

# AMBASSADORS

Our Ambassadors continue to represent our school as role models and work hard to make a difference in the wider community.

## PEER LEADERSHIP TRAINING



House Leaders have successfully delivered training to their student teams, using everything learned in September's Student Leadership Conference. The conference encouraged students to reflect on their roles and the opportunity to affect positive change in school; their first task was to create and deliver leadership training to their House Form representatives.

Turing House team were the first to gather, with the Pankhurst and Lowry teams following suit. Turing House Captain Jack, Year 10, opened the session with a presentation and discussion about leadership qualities and prioritising them to achieve the best results.

Vice House Captain Luke, Year 8, assisted by fellow Vice House Captain Tom, Year 10, asked leaders to pinpoint their best leadership qualities and encouraged them to look at improving those which they weren't as confident about.

Sports Captains Ethan, Year 9, and Jack, Year 10, then led an interactive task of building paper aeroplanes and writing school improvements ideas on them. The planes were all launched into the air and the ideas read out!

All students then headed outside for a fun team building exercise on Wellacre's 3-man skis.

Principal, Mrs Sharrock, said: *"This was a fantastic opportunity for all our Student Leaders to pass on their knowledge and skills, and build a House identity. They have all performed exceptionally well and their peers have taken on board the key messages about leadership, confidence, communication and teamwork."*

## WELLACRE REMEMBERS



Every year Wellacre joins the national Remembrance Day commemorations in recognition of those who have died in the service of Britain during times of war. As well as joining the nation in a two minute silence, we held a reflective whole school assembly and a Remembrance ceremony in school led by Wellacre's CCF Cadet unit.

We were also delighted to welcome residents from the De Brook Lodge care home, who made the trip across the road to join Wellacre's commemorations.

Our Cadets also proudly marched alongside other contingents in the Urmston Remembrance Parade at Davyhulme Circle.

Cadet Zac said: *"I have waited a whole year to join the CCF for this reason; so I could pay my respects."*



We were proud of Wellacre's Cadets supporting The Poppy Appeal by selling poppies, bands and more in school. Noah and Isaac, Year 8, also fundraised for the Royal British Legion in the community alongside the 2nd Irlam Scouts.

# COMPETITION & SUCCESS



Team spirit is at its very best when Wellacre hosts House Competitions. Autumn highlights were Basketball, Welly Wanging, our Spelling Bee and a Christmas Quiz!

The atmosphere was electric in the Wellacre gyms for **House Basketball** and all the matches were extremely hard-fought. Well done to our winners and teams, both on and off court, for their sportsmanship and support.

It was Lowry who were the bees' knees at Wellacre's **House Spelling Bee** competition. The word which stumped the most students was 'onomatopoeia'. Congratulations to all the champion spellers!

## BASKETBALL

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| Year 7  |  |  |  |
| Year 8  |  |  |  |
| Year 9  |  |  |  |
| Year 10 |  |  |  |
| Year 11 |  |  |  |

## WELLY WANGING

| 1st                                                                                 | 2nd                                                                                 | 3rd                                                                                 |
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## SPELLING BEE

| 1st                                                                                 | 2nd                                                                                  | 3rd                                                                                   |
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## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

| 1st                                                                                   | 2nd                                                                                   | 3rd                                                                                   |
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## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Wellacre's KS3 competition inspired Christmas cards designs from around the world celebrating the festive traditions and languages of France, Greece, Egypt and more.

Categories for winning entries recognised creativity, cultural interest and research in students' designs. Congratulations to the overall winner, Alfie 8.3P.

Prizes were also awarded to Nathan, Hayder, and Harley, Year 7, and Jackson, Sam and Luke, Year 8.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Every year Wellacre supports Anti-Bullying Week and the theme, 'Reach Out', reminded everyone to show each other the support we all need.

Our competition to design a football shirt or poster to raise awareness of Anti-bullying Week received lots of entries.

Students reflected the key messages about anti-bullying, inclusion and support. Congratulations to our winners: Brady, Miles and Jack, Year 7, Finley, Year 8, and Jaidyn and Billy, Year 9.

# House Rewards Assemblies

Wellacre's half-termly House Reward assemblies celebrate student successes including attendance, personal progress and achievement.

The prestigious Head of House Awards were won by Devon, Year 9 in Pankhurst, Ben, Year 9 in Lowry and Oliver, Year 9 in Turing. Well done to this trio of students for standing out for their exceptional effort including representing the school in swimming, showcasing their talents, helping others in class and building their confidence!



## Presentation Evening

Wellacre welcomed the Class of 2022, alongside family and staff, to recognise their achievements, not only in their GCSEs, but also for those standing out for their personal qualities.

Subject awards were presented as well as special awards for those who had made significant contributions to Wellacre. Nominations included:

- \* *Carrington Shield for excellent GCSE results* - Oliver W
- \* *Academic Excellence Award for Overall Academic Performance* - Freddie B
- \* *Sam Wilkinson Memorial Shield for Significant Achievement* - Joseph L
- \* *Ray Howell Award for Dedication and Commitment to Studies* - Harry C
- \* *Year 11 Learning Director Award* - Noah L
- \* *The Governor's Award - The Ambassador Cup* - Harry M
- \* *Principal's Award* - Adam W



# COMMUNITY REVERSE ADVENT



Last year, we introduced the Wellacre community to Cyril Flint Befrienders. The charity works in Trafford to ensure regular visits for elderly people in their home.

We wanted to support Cyril Flint again this year in our annual Reverse Advent and provide gifts to make a difference to their clients at Christmas once more.

Wellacre students, families and staff donated items including mugs, tea, coffee and hot chocolate, as well as biscuits and chocolates. Thanks also to Celebrate 365 in Flixton who kindly supported us by supplying the gift bags.

Mrs Irwin's P6 Mindfulness Club added some special touches including Christmas baubles and handwritten Christmas cards for each bag.

The Christmas card was designed by Wellacre student Alfie, Year 8, who won the school competition to find a winning card to use for the Reverse Advent Appeal.

Over 70 gift bags were hand delivered to lonely or isolated elderly community members.

Rose, a Cyril Flint Befriender said: *"I wanted to let you all know how delighted the lady I visit was with your thoughtful card and kind gifts. What a brilliant thing to do! Huge thanks."*



Befriendee Carol added: *"I'd like to drop a message of appreciation and thanks to Wellacre for the gift that the Befrienders delivered just before Christmas. It was a very pleasant treat and your thoughtfulness was a lovely surprise."*

# TRANSITION Primary Visits



## Year 6 Primary Day

Over 250 local primary school children experienced a day in the life of Wellacre secondary school students when they visited for an inspiring Primary Transition Day.

Pupils took part in a wide variety of activities to navigate the school, get a taste of curriculum lessons and to support them with their transition from Year 6 into secondary school.



## Primary Science Workshop

Wellacre hosted Year 5 from Flixton Primary School in our Eco Centre lab and bio domes for an exciting Science workshop. They enjoyed a tour, learned about desert bio dome plants and leaf litter, as well as extracting medicine from rosemary!