Wellington Primary School

Working Together, Achieving Together

Newsletter 13: Tuesday 20th May 2025

A message from the Headteacher

Because Easter was so late, the first half of the summer term has been very short - we are rapidly approaching the Spring Bank Holiday. The children will be on holiday for a week and two days, but teachers will be busy in school on 1st and 2nd June, which are staff training days.

On Friday 23rd May, when school closes for the holiday, Miss Gemma Tonge begins her maternity leave – we send our good wishes to her and look forward to news of the new arrival. Miss Tonge is a Y2 class teacher and the leader of Key Stage 1, so Mrs Sarah Fearnley will assume responsibility for 2T until the end of the school year and Mrs Claire Lower has been promoted to Key Stage 1 leader until Miss Tonge returns to work.

It is sometimes tricky to find the right person to take over a class part way through the year. However, on this occasion things have worked out brilliantly. Sarah Fearnley, previously a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at Wellington, has been training to achieve qualified teacher status on an apprenticeship scheme, while employed at school. The training has been rigorous and robust, delivered by an accredited training provider, Bradford Birth to 19 SCITT / Apprenticeship Academy. The training began in May 2024 and has just been successfully completed. Perfect timing!

We are all thrilled that Sarah Fearnley has achieved such notable success in her chosen career. To study for a degree and then to train to become a fully qualified teacher is by no means easy. To achieve these qualifications while working fulltime and bringing up a family is worthy of the greatest respect. I congratulate Sarah on all that she has achieved. Wellington is lucky to have her; it means that continuity for 2T will be guaranteed and that the wellbeing of the children in 2T will be in safe hands.

We all send our good wishes to you and to your families for a happy half term holiday. Let's hope the warm and sunny weather continues!

Kindest regards

Joy Wood

Diary dates

Tuesday 19th May	Y5 STEM ambassador workshop
Friday 23rd May	Full payment due for Y5 residential to Nell Bank
Friday 23rd May	School closes, end of Summer 1 half term
Monday 2nd June	School closed, training day
Tuesday 3rd June	School closed, training day
Wednesday 4th June	Eid in the Park
Wednesday 4th June to Friday 13th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check, please ensure your child is in school.
Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check, please ensure your child is in school.
Wednesday 18th June	Summer term open morning
Wednesday 9th July to Friday 11th July	Y5 Nell Bank residential
Wednesday 16th July	Y2 trip to Nell Bank
Tuesday 22nd July	School closes, end of Summer 2 half term / academic year

Our Wellington rules

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Half term assembly focus

Inspirational people / Stories with a message / Anti-Racism

Check us out online

Keep up to date with all our news, see photos from your child's class and check out events and key information by looking on our new, updated website or following us on X (previously Twitter).

Website: www.wellingtonprimaryschool.co.uk X (previously Twitter): @WellingtonPSBD2

Celebration certificates

Congratulations to all the children who have received certificates in assembly – we are so proud of you!

w/c 05th May 2025	
Rec	RB Liyana, RD Haniya
Year 1	1L -, 1M -
Year 2	2M Ayaan, 2T Haadi
Year 3	3M Inaaya, 3C Lamees
Year 4	4I Zayyan, 4H Elliot
Year 5	5KH Janaid, 5RH Zachariya
Year 6	6LO Sara, 6C Waniya

w/c 12th May 2025	
Rec	RB -, RD -
Year 1	1L -, 1M -
Year 2	2M -, 2T -
Year 3	3M Bethan, 3C Madiha
Year 4	4I Eliza, 4H Anaya
Year 5	5KH Inaaya, Ayrah, Meerab, 5RH Safiyyah
Year 6	6LO whole class, 6C whole class

Attendance

Congratulations to our attendance winners in EYFS / KS1 and KS2. The winning classes each receive a £5 reward which they can spend or save to buy a class treat!

w/c 05th May 2025			
RB	90.00	**4H**	97.92
RD	94.58	**4I**	92.24
1L	93.33	**5RH**	96.12
1P	97.92	**5KH**	91.25
2M	97.84	**6LO**	95.83
2T	95.42	**6C**	95.00
3M	92.50	**Whole school**	93.97
3C	92.50		
EYFS/KS1 Attendance Award Winner: 1P KS2 Attendance Award Winner: 4H			

w/c 12th May 2025			
RB	95.00	**4H**	97.67
RD	91.67	**4I**	95.86
1L	96.33	**5RH**	94.14
1P	96.67	**5KH**	98.33
2M	88.97	**6LO**	98.89
2T	97.00	**6C**	99.33
3M	91.67	**Whole school**	94.43
3C	95.00		
EYFS/KS1 Attendance Award Winner: 2T KS2 Attendance Award Winner: 6C			

Our Wellington Community

A huge congratulations to Husna who won Bradford Council's Eid card competition. Husna and her family attended a ceremony at City Hall where her winning design was showcased.









If you would like to share with us something you do outside of school that you are proud of, let us know by contacting the School Office.

Go Team Wellington!

Nursery

The children in Nursery have really enjoyed the sun last week. We have had lots of fun in the water play outside. The children have particularly enjoyed Sam squirting them with the hose pipe. Also, the children are trying very hard to write their names in preparation for Reception.





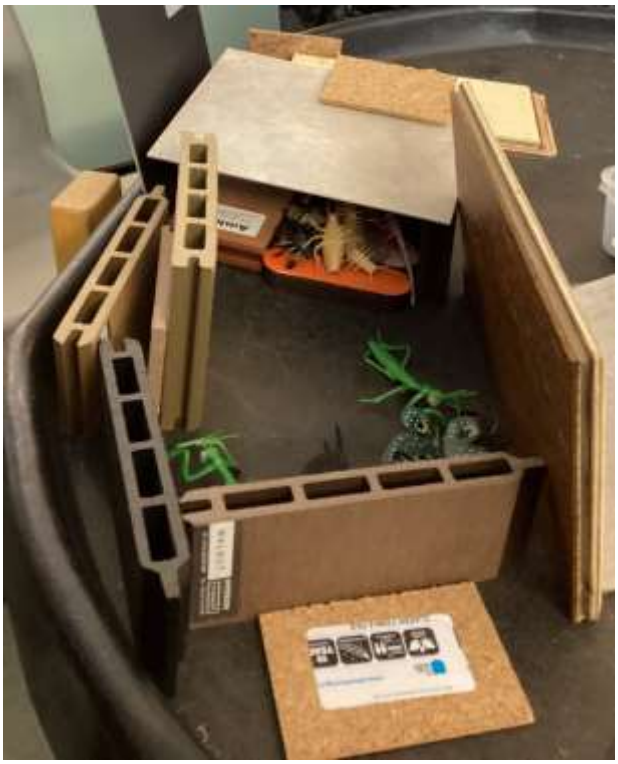


Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at ladybirds and other beetles in our minibeast topic - the puppet theatre proved very popular last week and has been repurposed as 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' to be our retelling story of the week. The children are also learning about minibeast habitats and have been exploring how to create minibeast hotels with the loose parts in provision. With the lovely weather we have been getting outside more than usual: the water station is always very busy and the children are enjoying experimenting with the new 'road planks' for the cars that we have recently made.












The Bad-Tempered Ladybird
Eric Carle



Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Eureka! The children really enjoyed exploring the museum; including a Science show all about our senses.

























Year 1 have been focusing their writing recently on the book 'We're going on a lion hunt'. As our hook, we took them out into the playground on their very own lion hunt. While the teachers read the story, the class listened and acted out each of the movements - pretending that they were 'splish splashing' through the lake and tip toeing through a dark cave, finding a lion and then making their way home.



Year 1 have welcomed Guinea Pigs, Biscuit (the ginger one) and Milo (the colourful one), to their year group.





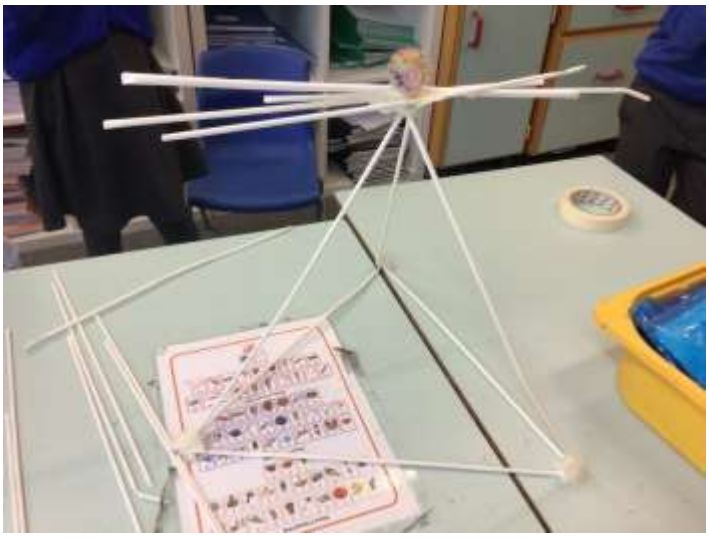






Year 2

In Science, we have been learning about materials and their properties. Last week, we had to find the strongest material for Traction Man to make his new arm. This week, we have been looking at which material is best to make a tower to guard Traction Man's precious jewel. We used a variety of materials to see which one would be strong enough, sturdy enough in the wind and it had to be freestanding. Look at our towers and see what we found out.









Year 3

This half term, the children in Year 3 have been learning to play rounders in their PE lessons. The children have worked hard to improve their batting and fielding skills and they have started to grasp a better understanding of how to score a rounder without being run out! Miss Clarke and I have been impressed with the children's competitive spirit, teamwork skills and enthusiasm for the game. Well done Year 3!











Year 4

Year 4 have started making sculptures in the style of the swiss sculptor, Giacometti. They have twisted metal wire into the shape of bodies and starting applying modroc over the top. Next time, we will be making a clay stand and covering everything in metallic paint.











Year 5

Over the last half term, we have been working hard in Design Technology (DT) making fairground rides. The ride included an electrical circuit, a motor and a switch. It was quite tricky and frustrating at times, especially when the elastic band kept flying off but we preserved and got there in the end! We will now use these models in Computing adding in code to make them move – we can't wait!
















Hydrate











Year 6

SATs are over!

Year 6 worked tremendously hard last week as they completed their SAT tests in English and Maths. We were so proud of the effort the children put in and just how mature they were throughout the week. Well done to everyone!

Once the tests were over, the children enjoyed a well-deserved day of fun and relaxation. One of the highlights was a kindness picnic. We were amazed at the kind donations of food and drink that were sent in. The children loved sharing what they had brought. The weather was kind and we were able to play with the parachute and other playtime games.

Whilst there's still a lot of work to complete before the end of the year, we very much look forward to enjoying some wonderful activities over the last half term at Wellington.









