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The newsletter for Wexham School

Be Fearless Be Kind Festival

BE FEARLESS BE KIND is Hasbro's new signature philanthropic initiative. It's designed to inspire and empower kids to have the compassion, empathy and courage to stand up for others and be inclusive throughout their lives.

Their call to action is simple: BE FEARLESS BE KIND. We know it's not always easy to be kind. It often takes courage to do the right thing. That's why they use the words BE FEARLESS BE KIND.

Our students were provided with the training and the opportunity to act as leaders in this amazing festival which promoted kindness with local primary students.

Hari-Anna winning a leadership medal for her efforts and support in the festival



British Values @wexham



The government has said that school children in England should be taught "fundamental British values" which it describes as "democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs". At Wexham recently 8 Luther King presented an assembly around the British value of tolerance. The tutor group presented how at Wexham some people have different beliefs to our own and that we should all be tolerant of other peoples beliefs and religion. Year 10's also lead assemblies around the theme of tolerance which was well received by their peers.

Year 11 Social Development

During their Social Development Lesson recently, the Year 11 students prepared and then cooked on the school barbecue. As you can see from the photographs they had a great time

whilst developing their life long learning in how to entertain and maintain food and hygiene standards.



Power League success

A huge congratulations to our year 7 football team who were successful in making the power league finals which were staged over at Slough and Eton School recently. The boys were committed to achieving their best result and narrowly lost out to the team from St. Bernard's school. A gallant effort and the boys are already back in training for their next fixture.



Volunteering project visits the Haven



Recently, a group of Year 12 and 13 students visited Langley Haven Dementia Care Home as a part of their Enrichment programme.

The members of the 6th Form were a credit to the Wexham school community and the residents enjoyed their company.

This will be an ongoing volunteering project for sixth form this year. The students relished the opportunity to support members of our local community.



Getting ready for the Berkshire School Games



Recently, three of our Year 10 girls attended a full day of leadership training hosted by the Slough School Sport Network at the Westgate School.

With diverse guest speakers and workshops this annual event is always a great experience for young people who are positive, keen to grow and develop. It will also allow them to volunteer at the hugely successful Berkshire School Games.

Congratulations to Sian, Magda and Abigail for stepping out of their comfort zone and investing in themselves.

Photo credit: Rob Pugh Photography.



Year 7 and 8 Instruction based training in computer science

Recently our students have been learning block based and instruction based programming using probotix software and microbits. This builds their logical skills and develops their computing concepts in an enjoyable way.

It is a fun way to learn and the results are rewarding. The feedback from our students has been extremely positive.



WEXHAM SCHOOL TWITTER

Our twitter account is: @Wexham_School

If you are keen to see the great work which takes place at Wexham on a weekly basis, why don't you follow us on twitter?

Inspiring exploration of Telefonica

Telefonica are the friendly voice and face of O2. Customers only get to see part of their business and there is a lot more going on behind the scenes at their Slough headquarters.

Our year 10 students had the opportunity to be inspired recently by exploring the business and meeting members from their HR, Marketing, Finance, Digital and Legal teams.

The team at Telefonica have all kinds of people in lots of different roles at their regional offices and Head Office in Slough. This is where strategies are shaped, big decisions are made and things run like a well-oiled machine.

Our students were inspired by this external visit and gained a lot valuable experience from visiting such a large commercial organisation.



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My name is Farah Ahmed and I am the Assistant Leader of Science at Wexham School. I always valued my Chemistry teacher at school although I did make his life a living hell during my journey. I wasn't always the best student but he really didn't give up on me. His role in his job and in my education helped me decide what my future career would be. Working with young people became somewhat an idea that I wanted to follow through with and accomplish. I completed my degree at Brunel University in



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y, and in

between that time I gave birth to my daughter Aleena who is now 8.

In my spare time I'm juggling parenting with keeping fit and of course marking.

In the summer holidays a few years ago, I decided to complete a level 1 qualification as a gym instructor and a level 2 as a personal trainer, hit me up if you need any advice on health and fitness..... I won't charge :

- Favourite colour: Blue
- Favourite season: Winter
- Favourite number: 26
- Favourite TV series: Power
- Fun fact: If you talk to me, I have no self-control and will talk to you for hours!

Reading Rockets Inclusion Training

Students learn, and use their learning, differently. Being different is both a fact and a goal for most of us.

Inclusion

is an effort to make sure students with disabilities go to school along with their friends and neighbours while

also receiving whatever especially designed instruction and support they need to succeed as learners and to achieve to high standards.

Recently a group of selected students took part in a training session which developed their leadership skills in preparation for an event which will be taking place very soon.



Rewarding jumps

A group of year 7 students were recently rewarded and provided with the opportunity to visit **Jump In** in Slough as a recognition of their excellent attendance and their academic progress during their first term at Wexham.

The students had a thoroughly enjoyable time and were extremely impressed with Mr. Clark's skills on the trampolines and tumble tracks! The students commented how Miss Freeman wasn't too bad either!



We're in the Army now

The **Army Engagement Group (AEG)** tours the country engaging with a wide variety of people to give them a greater understanding of the British Army; who they are, what they do and how they contribute to society.

Recently a selected group of our year 9 and 10 female students were provided with the opportunity to take part in a range of team building activities to develop their confidence and self determination. The sessions were engaging and really did promote the concept of 'girl power'.



Be upstanding in court!

There were no lie-ins for 14 of our 6th Form students who rose early on a Saturday to participate in the Bar Mock Trial competition at the Oxford Crown Court.

The students have been working incredibly hard to



prepare for this competition and they demonstrated independence, teamwork and resilience. They were an absolute credit to the Wexham school community and themselves.

Many thanks to Mrs Kaur and Miss Harb for taking time out of their holidays to accompany the students. The students involved were : Irfaan, Fatima, Hamdi, Rumman and Shayma.



Wexham staff deliver a staff training session at St. Joseph's RC School

Recently our SENCO and other members of the department attended St. Joseph's RC School to take the lead on delivering a staff training session.

The session was really successful. The theme was based on Autism awareness for the staff



at St Joseph's.

The SEND staff at Wexham presented information about the specific resources we use here at Wexham and they also gave practical strategies to help support the students at St. Joseph's with ASD.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas (in the Woodside Library)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Library! In the spirit of recycling, some staff have upgraded their Christmas decorations and re-homed their old ones.

The students were given free reign (well almost) to decorate the Library and had a brilliant time making paper chains and other decorations as you can see from the photos.



Fire, Water and Road Safety with the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

The Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) provides cover 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from 18 fire stations across the county of

Berkshire, ranging from Langley and Slough in the east to Lambourn and Hungerford in the west.



Our students were provided with the opportunity to be inspired by the incredible work that this public service offers to our local community to ensure that we all remain safe and secure.

Inter-form basketball

Recently our Year 7 and Year 8 inter-form basketball competitions took place after school. Some of the tutor groups had excellent attendance and those who were there had a great time and enjoyed some fun, competitive basketball.



South Indian spices make competition tasty

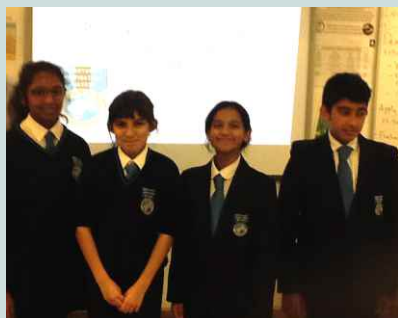
Wexham School had a cooking competition recently. Two heats were completed, winners and runners up from the heats were then selected in the finals.

All students worked hard with the scores being

very close.

Adhyasree 7LK emerged the overall winner with a dish of fluffy basmati rice with a chicken vempudu cooked with pepper curry leaves and South Indian spices served with beans and carrots.

Dessert was hot brownie served with custard.



Year 8 food bank support

On behalf of the Year 8 Student Voice team, we'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped promote, organise and donate to the collection. We are looking forward to next year where we hope to donate even more to our local community.



Year 12 Student Voice team raising awareness about mental wellbeing

Good mental health is related to mental and psychological well-being. At Wexham we work to improve the mental health of all members of our community and this includes the promotion of mental well-being, the prevention of mental disorders, the protection of human rights and the care of people affected by mental disorders.

Our year 12 students spoke openly about mental wellbeing and how to promote positive mental wellbeing whilst our students are at school.

This year 12 student voice team were incredible in raising awareness of this very important aspect of personal development.



REWARDS ASSEMBLIES @WEXHAM

At Wexham we recognise the importance of good attendance and punctuality and we monitor these figures on a regular basis.

We believe that good attendance and punctuality should be rewarded as this contributes to

students achieving good educational progress and outcomes.

Each term our students are presented with awards in assemblies and also taken on an external visit to celebrate their accomplishments.



Year 10 rewards assembly



Year 8 reward trip to Windsor on ice



Year 8 rewards assembly - the winners

Primary Boccia arrives at Wexham

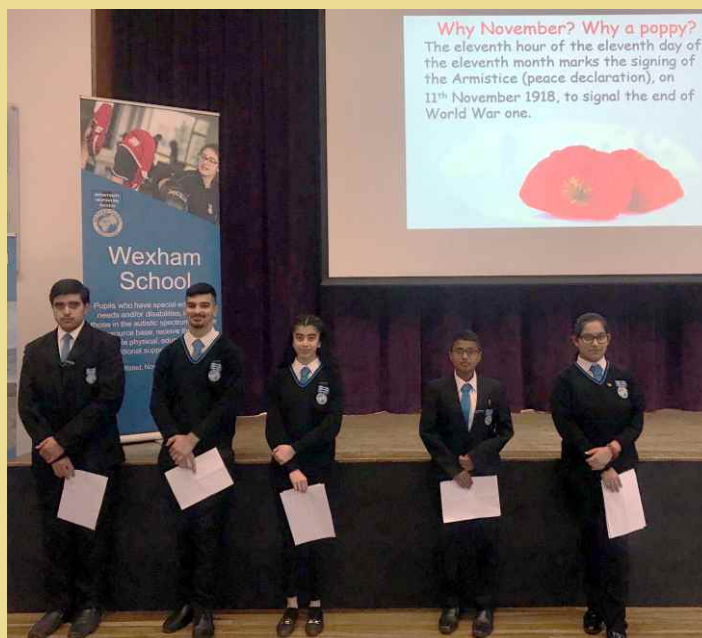
Boccia is a precision ball sport, similar to bocce, and is very similar to traditional bowls and pétanque. Interesting fact: the name "boccia" is derived from the Latin word for "boss" – bottia.

The sport is contested at local, national and international levels, by athletes with physical disabilities. Our Wexham sports leaders took centre stage in leading the competition and inspiring primary students from across Slough.

This was an incredible event and inspired many primary students. We are already looking ahead to next years event to make it bigger and even better!



Lest we Forget



Armistice Day is celebrated every year on 11 November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

Our student council members actively lead assemblies to raise awareness across the Wexham school community which was well received by all year groups.