

# The Ammonite

A weekly newsletter for students, parents, carers, families and friends of Wellsway School

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first Ammonite in this new age of King Charles III. It would seem from talking to the students and staff this week that most of us watched the various ceremonies, impressed at the organisation, attention to detail but ultimately, moved at the poignancy, sharing in a very public event for a family mourning their loss for someone who was committed to duty of service.



This week, both IKB and Wellsway School hosted their annual open evenings. The turnout for both events was fantastic and we were delighted to welcome so many families to our schools!

I should like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful students who gave up their time to share with others just how much they love their schools, the staff for all the work they put into making the evenings a success; and also the parents and carers who attended the evenings with future IKB and Wellsway pupils.

Last night at Wellsway, approximately 250 students acted as route guides directing Year 6 students and their parents and carers around our campus and then visitors went to whichever subject areas they were interested in. They were greeted by our friendly staff and students (some of whom have only been with us for three weeks) and experienced everything from explosions in Science, a chance to play football or have a go at our Maths challenges. Many thanks go to our school Soul Funk band for playing ahead of each of the three presentations I gave - they were, as always, awesome!

Year 6 students clearly enjoyed the many activities put on for their entertainment and it was good to see such a focus on learning for fun. Thank you for all the comments we received on the night about our student helpers and Year 11 Prefects; they were all confident, respectful and a real credit to themselves.

The evening was themed around our trust values of Aspiration, Collaboration, Opportunity and Respect and another journey begins towards students applying to Wellsway where we can be certain we will be building for their futures.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities our students have been up to this week and I was delighted to meet the first cohort nominated as Principal's Students of the Week.

Best wishes  
Rob Pearsall

**Principal & Executive Head of School**  
**Wellsway School and IKB Academy**

## Key dates

### Thursday 29th September

Tempest School Photos - catch up for missed students

### Thursday 6th October

Sixth Form Open Evening 6-8pm

### Friday 21st October

End of Term 1

### Monday 31st October

Term 2 starts

## Student Attendance

**Attendance**—A reminder that when sending emails regarding student attendance, please send them to our enquiries email inbox -

[enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com)

with the subject FAO Attendance Improvement Officer Ms Louise Fox or email direct to Ms Fox

[lofox@wellswayschool.com](mailto:lofox@wellswayschool.com). Please do not email direct to Miss Lucy Fox - [lfox@wellswayschool.com](mailto:lfox@wellswayschool.com) who is one of our science teachers.

We realise that this is an easy mistake to make and thank you in advance for your support with this request.

Mr Ive



## Principal's Student of the Week

All our winners have demonstrated Endeavour, Resilience and Empathy; Wellsway School students striving to be confident, respectful and ultimately successful learners. Simply "Being the best versions of themselves".

At Wellsway School, we have something we try and instil into students: it is okay to fail if you do not give up. It is important to see the journey and remember that you simply haven't got there yet! This week's nominees have all demonstrated that mind-set and trait.

### **Congratulations go to our winners:**

**Year 7-** Samuel A – already finishing a book and writing a book review in tutor time

**Year 8** – Kian C – for staying after school to help a friend

**Year 9** - Oli H – for an excellent start in English and French

**Year 10** – Brooke T – for making a positive start to a brand new school

**Year 11** – India W – helpfulness

**Year 12**– Matilda K – settling in so well and getting on with work

**Year 13** – Darcey H– excellent summer work completed and a cracking start to Y13

**Mr Pearsall**



# Congratulations!

### Music News

You can still sign your child up for instrumental or singing lessons using the link below. Details of costings are included in this link:

<https://ukbanes.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

**Ms McLean**





## Queen's Green Canopy Commemorative Tree Planting

As part of Wellsway School's ongoing celebration of the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we would like to plant a tree for every pupil in the school.

The planning began earlier this year to order trees to reflect all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' platinum jubilee initiative. These will be used to re-instate the hedge along the front of the school. We now have 840 tiny saplings arriving in early November, and two planting events (hopefully with hot drinks and cakes!) planned for Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November between 10 a.m. and midday. We will shortly be sending out a Google forms invitation, so that you can register your interest in planting a tree in memory of Her Majesty, as well as commemorating a loved one of your own, or marking a hope or wish for the future.

Please mark these dates in your diaries, and come along if you can.

Mr Gascoigne

## Year 12 Visit to Cambridge University



Between 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September nine year 12 students from Wellsway School joined other secondary schools across B&NES to attend a Cambridge University residential at Trinity Hall. After an early start and a long journey students were able to attend a lecture, receive a tour around the campus and Cambridge, visit Heffers Bookshop, gain expert advice from students and staff about personal statements and the application process. The day was completed by an overnight stay in student halls. Students agreed the visit was; 'fun, informative with a 10/10 breakfast' .

Mrs Millard

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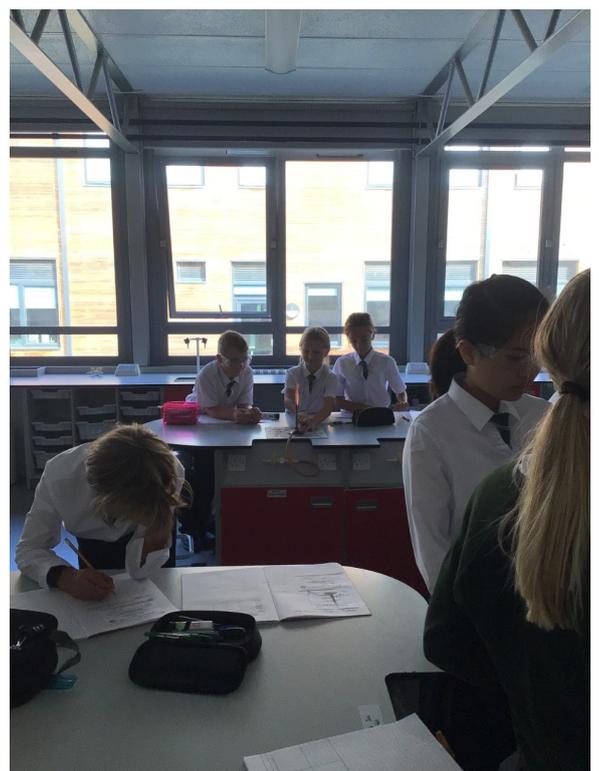
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## Year 7 Science



Year 7s successfully gaining their Bunsen burner license last week!

Miss Pratt





## Green Team Post

Green Team, Mondays after school, 3.15-4.45 pm, school garden.

Calling all students interested in wildlife and conservation, especially Year 7.

Why not come along and try out Wellsway's environmental group, The Green Team?

We're meeting in the garden next Monday and carry out lots of projects through the year, from pond dipping to wildlife surveys to creating insect-friendly gardens, to building wildlife homes.

No need to commit yourself- come and give it a try!

**Mr Sage**

## Music Clubs Next Week

Tuesday after school Saxophone Choir 3.15pm-3.45pm M03

Wednesday 8am-8.30am - Orchestra M03 **New members welcome, Grade 1 or above**

Wednesday after school 3.15pm-4.30pm, Soul and Funk Band, auditions M03

Thursday lunchtime Q03 - Folk Club - open to violins, flutes, recorder, guitarists who play chords!

Friday 8am-8.30am - Chamber Choir, all welcome, four part harmony M31

Friday lunchtime Q03, Year 11 GCSE Composition support

Friday lunchtime M03, Brass Ensemble

**Ms McLean**



## Year 8 and 9 Netball vs St Gregory's

The Year 8 and 9 Netball Teams travelled to St Gregory's School on Wednesday to play their first competitive match for the school this academic year. The Year 8 team, captained by Sophie L, put in a really strong performance and outperformed their opponents in both attack and defence. Ria, Steph, Lexi and Jaz passed strongly and with accuracy in the centre court area, Evie and Jody defended tightly in the D and Molly and Sophie shot brilliantly. The final score was a win to Wellsway 28-5. Players of the game went to Molly L and Ria G, who have both just been selected for the U13 Avon County Netball squad.

The Year 9 match was a much closer affair, with end-to-end action throughout the game. The girls played well as a team, captained by Maggie T, battling hard to make interceptions and gain possession. A particular mention to Ava G and Millie G, who both shot brilliantly and Faithful who was awarded player of the match. The final score was a win to Wellsway 14-10. Well done to all the girls involved.

**Mrs Burston**



## Extra-Curricular Rugby



Unfortunately our games against St Gregory's this week had to be postponed, but we are looking forward to our first games of the season next week. They are as follows:

Tuesday – Year 7 and 11 v Oldfield at Wellsway

Wednesday – Year 8 and 9 v Oldfield at Wellsway, Year 10 Frome rugby tournament.

We also have the following fixtures in other sports:

Tuesday – Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball v Oldfield at Wellsway

Wednesday – Year 7, 8 and 9 netball v Chew Valley at Wellsway, Under 16 hockey v Chew Valley at Wellsway, Year 8/9 Football at Bristol City FC High Performance centre.

Next week all activities will have write ups and photos to celebrate the weeks performances.

Mr Evans

# Cake Competition



Keynsham & Salford  
COMMUNITY ECO FESTIVAL



## Theme: Our Wonderful World

Age groups categories: **Primary** (Years 1-6), **Secondary** (Years 7-13) & **Adult**

Produce a cake (not including pastry) that reflects the theme and shows our care for the planet by using ingredients that are either:  
Local, **O**rganic, **A**nimal friendly or **F**airtrade (**LOAF**).

Drop off your cakes upstairs in **The Space**, Civic Centre, Keynsham between 10.00-12.00pm on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Judging will take place at 2.00pm by Giuseppe Dell'Anno - winner of the Great British Bake Off 2021.

Applications limited, forms available from:  
[anikagardiner@keynshamparish.org.uk](mailto:anikagardiner@keynshamparish.org.uk) Closing date: **7<sup>th</sup> October**

As part of the Keynsham Eco-Festival (14-15th October) for 2022, there is an exciting cake competition on the theme of 'Our Wonderful World', encouraging people to think about how the food we eat can affect our planet. The competition is being judged by Giuseppe Dell'Anno, the winner of the Great British Bake-Off last year. Can you bake a cake that is kind to the planet using ingredients that are either: Local, Organic, Animal Friendly or Fairtrade (LOAF)? Age categories for Primary, Secondary and Adults. Registration forms and further information are available at: [anikagardiner@keynshamparish.org.uk](mailto:anikagardiner@keynshamparish.org.uk). Closing date 7th October



## Friends of Wellsway PTA

We are a small, friendly team of PTA members who organise two events over the course of the school year, a used-uniform sale and our popular community Craft Fair. For those of you who are missing the Junior school gate meet-ups with other parents/carers – we have a great way of keeping in touch and meeting new people! We are now looking for a new generation of PTA members to join our small team.

For those who aren't familiar with the craft fair, this annual market has been running for over 25 years and is a major event in the community calendar. We support over 90 producers and craft makers by way of stalls. We also have outdoor hot food vans. There are over 1,000 visitors over the course of the afternoon. All this can't be done without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

With the departure of some of our members, we won't be able to run this craft fair without new help. The craft fair helps raise money to support the school. The kind of things we have bought for the school with the proceeds from the fair include new lunchtime tables, art, sports and music equipment, and improved signage.

These are not big roles and really only require a couple of hours a month in preparation and then your time on the day. Without these important roles being filled we won't be able to run the craft fair this year. So please consider giving a little time to see great benefits to the school.

This year's craft fair is the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 12 noon – 4pm. Please get in touch if you can help:

[pta@wellswayschool.com](mailto:pta@wellswayschool.com)

You can also support the school through use of our "smile.amazon" fundraising scheme <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/271361-0>

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of any purchase you make on amazon.co.uk to the PTA, if you enter their website through the smile.amazon link.

## Become a PTA member

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## Wellsway School Careers Hub

The Careers team are back in the Careers Hub

Drop in to ask a question or enquire or  
Email – Wellsway School Careers Coordinator  
[amillard@wellswayschool.com](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

Or

Futura Learning Partnership Careers Advisor  
[mmillard@futuralearning.co.uk](mailto:mmillard@futuralearning.co.uk)