

The Ammonite

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

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Message from the Principal

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

We will Remember Them – Remembrance at Wellsway School

"If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail." Winston Churchill



This week in our tutor and humanities lessons we have been discussing the theme of remembrance. The lessons have explained to the students why they will see people wearing the special red flower called a poppy. Students were also shown slides of our last visit to the Battlefields in 2019, pictured below. This was to help them understand this important aspect of our history and the role of the poppy in acts of remembrance: that it grew in the fields after World War 1 and is used as a symbol to remember those that died fighting for their country. We discussed that it is important to know the poppy remembers all afflicted by war and conflicts throughout history.

Also pictured is Charlotte from Year 9, who played The Last Post after the school marked a minute silence on Thursday.

As you will be aware, over the last two weeks, we have run a house cross country competition for all year groups - a great opportunity for our students to come together and compete for their houses. The full list of results and update is featured below. Well done to everyone who has taken part.

There are also more students of the week and some additional winners from Post 16 as a special mention to two of our many wonderful young people. These two modest students have kindly allowed me to celebrate their act of active citizenship.

Finally, we wish our Year 11 students well for their internal examinations which start on Monday, they have been superb in their preparations over the last nine weeks and we have no doubt they will be rewarded for their hard work and commitment.

Best wishes

Rob Pearsall
Principal & Executive Head of School
Wellsway School and IKB Academy

Key dates

Y11 Internal Exams

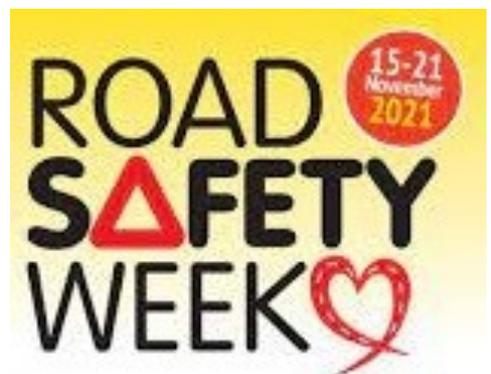
Monday to Friday 15th to 19th November

National Anti-Bullying Week

Monday to Friday 15th to 19th November

Odd Socks Day

Monday 15th November



Sports Fixtures

Monday 15th November

U14 National Schools Netball @
Bristol Grammar School – all day

Tuesday 16th November

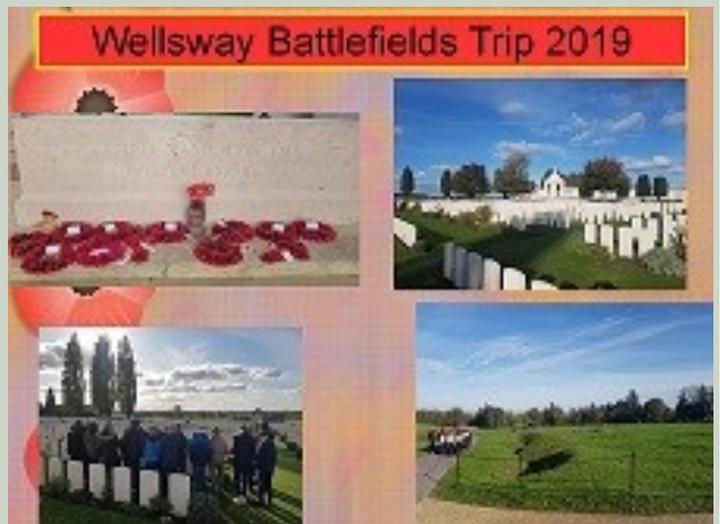
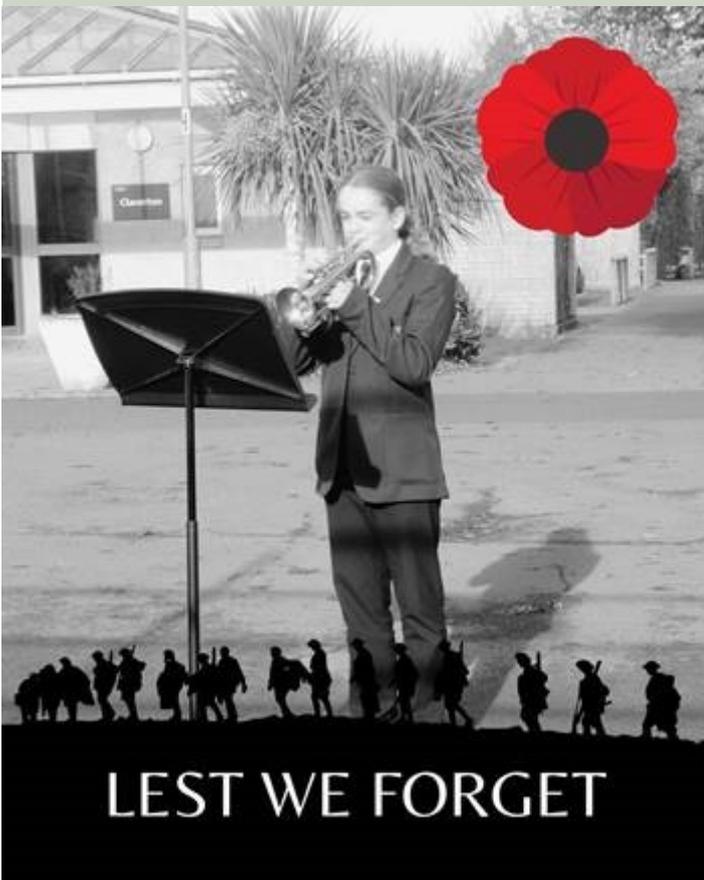
B&NES Cross Country @ Kingswood.
Leaving school at 12.30pm



Why do we celebrate Remembrance Day?



'Lest we Forget!' To all those who never returned - we shall remember them.
Wellsway School Battlefields VSP 2019





Principal's Visit to Chandag Infants and Juniors, and Two Rivers Primary Schools



Chandag
Infant School



Two Rivers
CofE Primary School



Chandag
Junior School



On Thursday, I visited not just one of our Futura schools but three, all on our campus. It was a very short walk to my first stop and a very warm welcome from the children at Two Rivers Church of England Primary School. Wendy Carver, Head of School, took me on a tour of their school currently housed in a temporary building, whilst they wait for their new, state of the art school in Hygge Park to be built. I was shown the plans for this brand new school and it's an exciting journey for Wendy, her staff and children as they create this inclusive brand new school in Keynsham. Wendy then accompanied me on a tour of Chandag Infants with Annie Smart, Headteacher; the children were so polite and friendly in their welcome and incredibly confident in articulating their experiences. I am pictured below with some of the work they have been doing around the theme of remembrance, it was clear they were being the best they can be. I ended my tour at lunchtime with a tour around Chandag Juniors with Head of School, Jo Savory. It was evident watching the children play and visiting the range of activities on offer to support children that the children are at the very heart of everything they do. I was left after visiting the three schools with an overwhelming impression of children demonstrating energy and excitement, that children were being nurtured in creativity, discovery and character development.

Mr Pearsall



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”. Congratulations go to our winners:

- Year 7 – Olivia Metters – for being a great buddy for a new starter to the school
- Year 8 – Matilda Nethercott – for have an outstanding number of house points
- Year 9 – Chloe Yip – for settling into a new school so well
- Year 10 – Evie Singleton – for being resilient and dealing well with all that comes in her way. She is incredibly determined and we’re very proud and inspired by her.
- Year 11 – Sam Bennett – for preparing and delivering a fantastic speech at the PSHE parent carer information evening last Thursday
- Year 12 - Amy Nicholls - excellent participation in extra-curricular activities e.g. Cross Country
- Year 13 - Biya Biji - an excellent start to the EPQ qualification, with brilliant independent research being conducted.

Mr Pearsall



Inter-House Cross Country Competition



Over the last two weeks, we have run cross country competitions for all year groups, which has seen a fantastic number of students taking part. Each competition has been highly competitive and it was great to see so many students taking part. All students that competed have been awarded a house point (contributing to the overall house point competition), and the top 10 finishers were used to create the overall Cross Country placings. The results for this competition are below:

- 1st Stanton (151 points)
- 2nd Burnett (118 points)
- 3rd Compton (93 points)
- 4th Newton (74 points).



Mr Evans



National Anti-Bullying Week



To show Wellsway's support for National Anti - Bullying Week we are kicking off the week with an Odd Socks Day for Staff and Students on Monday 15th November. We will continue our work on Anti - Bullying throughout the week with specialist assemblies and PSHE sessions for students.

Mr Ive

Year 12 & 13 Parent/ Carers' Evening



The Year 12 & 13 Parent/Carers' Evening will be taking place virtually on Thursday 25th November via SchoolCloud Parents Evenings, which we have successfully used recently for other parents' evenings throughout the Trust. This application allows users to book appointments online and conduct appointments remotely via video communication.

Full instructions on using this application and how to log in will be sent to parents in due course, and we will open for booking from 4pm on Friday the 12th of November.

Mrs Newport

Sporting Success



A massive congratulations to Chase in Year 9 who represented the South West of England in the British Elite Artistic Gymnastics competition over half term and placed 5th in his age group.

Everyone at Wellsway School has been impressed by Chase's

dedication and commitment to sport, he is a fantastic role model to others.

Miss O'Malley

Good Citizens

I also had the pleasure to meet both Max and Ru this week and present them with certificates for their quick thinking and outstanding care.

Whilst walking through Keynsham Memorial Park last Thursday, Max and his friends were alerted to an elderly man who had collapsed on the ground and needed emergency medical care. Max rang 999 and had to wait 2 hours for an ambulance to attend, ringing a second time when the man appeared to be developing hyperthermia. He and his friend Ru showed great maturity and citizenship in their actions which undoubtedly prevented a much worse outcome.

We are very proud of them!

Mr Pearsall





Sports News

On Tuesday, the Y10 Netball team travelled to Bristol Grammar School for the U16 National Netball Tournament. Playing against the strongest teams in the region, the team of Y10 girls did well to step up to the challenge of playing in an U16 tournament. Our pool consisted of matches against; Redmaids High, Redland Green, Royal High, Colstons, Badminton and Kingswood. Phoebe, Bella and Isobel did an excellent job in defence to turn over a number of balls. There were great intercepts from Hollie, Bea and Carys in the centre court and Sophie S and Sofia worked hard to play the ball into the shooting circle. We were delighted to come away with a win against Badminton, with great shooting from Jayde, Flo and Polly. The team showed great resilience against strong oppositions and faced the challenge in a positive manner, giving it 100% until the final whistle. A particular well done to Sophie T who was versatile to play in both attack and defence and Phoebe who was awarded Player of the Tournament from our girls.



U16 National Schools Netball



U19 National Schools Netball

Last week saw our U19 Netball Squad travel to Kingswood School for the National Schools Netball Tournament. We faced matches against, Clifton College, Bristol Grammar School, Kingswood and Ralph Allen. There was brilliant defence from Anna, Poppy, Olivia and Evie with lots of turnovers being made throughout the day. Clear communication from Ruby, Phoebe and Alice in the centre court allowed the ball to travel into the attacking third where we had some great shooting from Sophie, Annie, Amy and Tilly. The team showed great levels of resilience against some experienced opposition. Well done girls!



U19 Mixed Senior Hockey

Last term saw another Mixed U19 Hockey Match take place against Ralph Allen School. A large squad allowed for lots of rotations and the team adjusted well, with players ranging across Y10-13. There was strong defence from Flo Elvins and Jarrel Harbord and great play in midfield from Abella Duncan and Fin Caie with clear communication from Gracie Lee. It was a great team effort with Ralph Allen taking the win, but Wellsway secured two strong goals from Syd Arbalster. A big thank you to Phoebe Nethercott for stepping up to make her goal keeping debut! Senior hockey training resumes this term on a Tuesday after school.

Miss Barron



Online Safety

Please find the latest advice / guidance for parents to support your children with online safety.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of the ways in which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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Challenge Programme for KS3

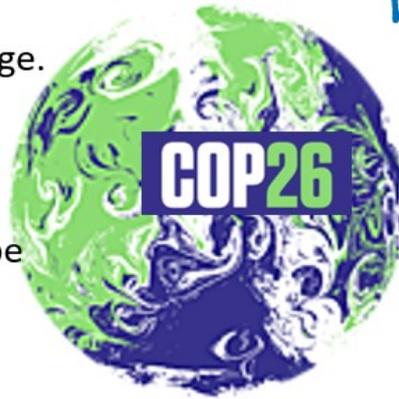
KS3 Challenge Programme Event

World Leaders are having a conference on Climate Change.

Let's have our own!

Want to see what they will be discussing?

Want to have your say?



Where: Lansdown Hall
When: 3:05-4:05pm Tuesday 16th Nov
Who: All welcome, just turn up!



The Challenge Programme is a series of extra-curricular activities design to stretch and challenge our more able pupils, to encourage their aspirations and support them in reaching their goals.

In KS3 the activities focus on loving learning. There will be after-school subject sessions once a term after school which will introduce you to ideas beyond the school curriculum like film music, learning Latin and sustainable development. Also in-school activity sessions developing skills such as leadership and critical thinking. The after-school activities are open to all, but to partake in the in-school activities pupils must be signed up to the Challenge Programme. We are currently inviting Yr 8 and 9 pupils to join the Challenge Programme for this year if they think it is appropriate for them, instructions on how to do this are on the "Challenge Programme Sign Up" email all Yr8 and 9 pupils have received. Yr 7 pupils will get a chance to sign up next term.

The next Challenge Programme event is on Tuesday 16th Nov 3:05-4:05, see the advert above, all KS3 pupils are welcome.

If you have any questions, please email Dr Hambidge (nhambidge@wellswayschool.com).

Dr Hambidge



Cultural Reading Challenges

We had lots of very impressive entries to the cultural reading challenges. Thank you and well done!

Year 7 - National Stereotypes: What are they? To what extent do they represent reality? Do they have a positive or negative impact?

Gender Stereotype

You should wear what you want
Play with what you want.
Be who you want to be

Stereotyping Gender is negative

Here is a group of spirits, they are ALL Spirits, they are ALL Different

of the MAJORITY of people believe a spirit looks like this... ... When in fact varies, that becomes the stereotypical

DYLAN WILSON

NATIONAL
STEREOTYPES

POSITIVE or NEGATIVE ?

REALISTIC ?

- . Humans are individual and complex.
- . Our nation is made up of different individuals and groups, this diversity should be valued.
- . A fixed national stereotype doesn't fit with this and isn't realistic or helpful.
- . National stereotyping can create bad things like hostility and conflict, abusive behaviour, discrimination and prejudice.

A stereotype is when it is assumed that people who have one thing in common share lots of other characteristics.

For example it is often assumed that all girls like pink and all boys like blue.



National stereotypes are where people assume that all people who come from the same country have the same characteristics.

Examples

It is often assumed that all people that come from Italy like pizza.



All Chinese people have martial art skills.

People think that all Americans drive big trucks.



NATIONAL STEREOTYPES

WHAT ARE THEY & WHERE DO WE SEE THEM?

A stereotype is a fixed image of a member of a background or group. Often these stereotypes can be created around nationalities or religions. Stereotypes are often portrayed in TV, movies, books, comics, plays, video games and adverts, which may be how you have a fixed image of a nationality in your head.

WHAT ARE THE POSITIVES & NEGATIVES OF THEM?

POSITIVES

- Helps us immediately recognise nationalities when we see them on TV or in the media and pop culture.
- Helps young children recognise foreign foods and cultures.

NEGATIVES

- May offend or twist reality in an unkind way.
- Makes people think of the country in a negative way.
- Could be considered racist or sexist.

3. PEOPLE'S VIEWS

I ASKED THREE PEOPLE WHAT SOME OF THEIR MINDS WHEN THEY THOUGHT OF AN AMERICAN, AUSTRALIAN, and RUSSIAN

P1: Overweight, junk food.
P2: Overweight, hot dog, bald.
P3: Polite, overweight Burgers.

P1: Cork Hat, Vest, really happy or really grumpy.
P2: Barbeque, kangaroo, Vest, Burger.
P3: Blonde, Grumpy, Happy, Hawaiian Shirt, Cork Hat.

P1: Lodge Hat, Boots, Fur Coat.
P2: Fur Coat, Fur hat, snow.
P3: Blonde, Fur Coat, pale.

CONCLUSION: WHICH ARE THE BEST?

The answer is, well, hardly ever. If a country is nothing itself, it's ok, but try and avoid national stereotypes as much as possible.

National stereotypes

National stereotypes are when people prejudice other people based on their nationality.

They do not always represent reality because:

- They are based on restricted information which is often incorrect.
- They suggest that people from the same country are the same but everyone is different
- They are usually based on indirect information not direct experience e.g. media.

I think that national stereotypes have a negative impact because they lead to inaccurate assumptions which can result in misinterpretations, bias, inequality and conflict.



Year 8 - National Festivals and Celebrations: Research a national (non-UK) festival and present your findings.

Dussehra

Dussehra is the most important festival celebrated in India. It marks the Hindu New Year.

Dussehra marks the end of the battle between the Hindu demon and the good of man.

Some people worship the Goddess Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity during Dussehra.

Dussehra is the day celebration where people exchange gifts and sweets and candies.

The word Dussehra means 'Trove of lighted lamps'.

Chinese New Year

By Nicholas Mouton

Commonly asked questions

- Why is Chinese New Year different to our new year?
- Is Chinese New Year only celebrated by Chinese people?

This is because the Chinese New Year is determined by the Lunar Calendar, which marks the start of the year from January 20th.

The Chinese New Year is a worldwide celebration of the beginning of the lunar year and is celebrated by many Asian countries such as Taiwan, the Philippines and Indonesia. In total, over 2 billion people celebrate Chinese New Year every year.

Dia de los Muertos

Its celebrated on 31st of October to the 2nd of November. It is not the same as Halloween as Halloween is a Celtic festival. During the day of the dead, some people go to the cemetery and other people visit their loved ones. People put up a table of the dead, they put on the dead, and they give flowers and candles and other things to the dead.

It has been celebrated for over 2000 years.

She's Super skulls are used to represent departed souls.



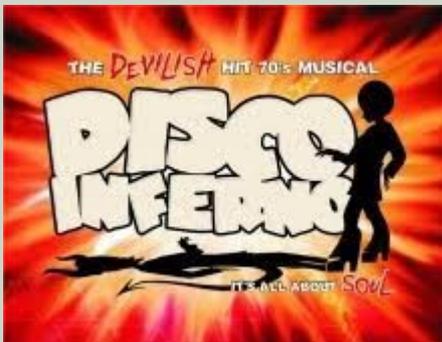
School Production

Rehearsals

Here are the rehearsals for next week:

Tuesday: Everyone required, Groove Medley

Wednesday: Scene 11 and 12 (Terry, Jack, Jane, Maggie, Tom, Duke, Nick, Lady, Heathcliffe, Kathy) and Dancers for Crocodile Rock
Ms McLean



Wellsway Pupil Choir



Thanks to feedback from students, we will now run a lunchtime rehearsal every Friday in M03 for anyone who would like to join choir. Those who attend at 8am do not need to attend but are welcome to come along to support. This choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing.

Ms McLean

Covid-19 Vaccinations

With COVID-19 cases high in school-aged children, please remember to regularly LFD test to help identify if your child is asymptomatic early. This will help to protect older family members.

Getting your Covid-19 vaccine

Parents across Bath and North East Somerset can now [arrange for their children aged 12 to 15 to receive a coronavirus vaccine](#) using the online National Booking Service.

Out-of-school vaccinations have been introduced to supplement what is already happening in schools and will continue to be available throughout November.

The National Booking Service can be accessed online by visiting www.nhs.uk or over the phone by calling 119.

Information about the local rollout of the coronavirus vaccine, including details of vaccination centres and [an extensive list of frequently asked questions, is available here](#).

With case rates high in school-age children, it's also really important that families in particular take a regular LFD test to help identify asymptomatic cases and help protect those older family members.

Mr Cooper



Christmas Menu

It's getting to that time of year again....

Fest
FRESH
HEALTHY
TASTY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

**TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY
WITH PIGS IN BLANKETS
& SAUSAGEMEAT STUFFING**

OR

**ROASTED SEASONAL VEGETABLE
TART (V)**

Served with
Roast Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts,
Carrots & Peas.
Gravy

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MINT CHOC CHIP BROWNIE

OR

SEASONAL FRUIT POT

£2.60

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE CATERED FOR.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DINING HALL
AND PAY ON THE DAY.
ORDER BY WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER



PSHE



The week beginning 15th November is Anti Bullying week. During PSHE sessions, students will be exploring the theme of Anti-bullying.

Ms Jones

Bath Philharmonia - FREE!

Bath Philharmonia have launched a unique opportunity for those living in B&NES to attend one of their concerts for free. Simply click on the link and book your tickets!

<https://www.bathphil.co.uk/bathphilforfree>

Ms McLean

DA BEATS

Hip Hop/Grime/Drill Club Nights

in collaboration with

Community at 67

67, Queens Road, Keynsham, BS31 2NW

FRIDAYS:

19th November '21

17th December '21

7.30pm – 11.00pm

School Years 7 – 13

CHILL OUT ZONE REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

Cans 30p Crisps 20p Choc 30p

Tickets - £1 on the door

Signing In OR NHS Test & Trace QR Code
Scanning Required To Gain Entry

First Come, First Served

All Music Played Will Be Radio Edits – No Explicit Lyrics

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

Or

Futura Learning Partnership Careers Advisor
mmillard@futuralearning.co.uk

You can find all upcoming events and careers news on the Wellsway School website, which you can access [here](#)