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## Hello...

This half term is flying by, Wellgate has been a hive of learning with new topics, visitors into school, extra-curricular learning and class assemblies to celebrate the pupils' fabulous learning. It has been a pleasure to see the children in action. We are as always, proud of our children and their achievements and would like to thank all Parents and Carers for supporting school and working with us to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

### **Moto Foundation – National Writing Competition - Runner Up - Wellgate Primary**

Along with Moto Foundation we would like to thank all our pupils for their entries to the Marv competition. We are very pleased and proud to share that one of our very talented Year 6 Pupils, Emily, was selected as runner up.

*Alex Falase-Koya and Illustrator Paula Bowles who judged the competition commented – We love this story about Bella and Scrapper the Dog! We love a good redemption story. We like the genuinely scary moments, where Bella faces her fear and triumphs. We also love the sense of humour that shines through in this story too, the 'Good 4 U' dog treats turning the dog good - brilliant!*

Emily's creativity has won the school £1,000 worth of books, as well as the prize of a £50 WHSmith voucher for herself. Massive well done Emily, what a superstar! 😊

### **Friends Of Wellgate Bake sale – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Friends Of Wellgate are holding a Valentine themed bake sale after school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to raise money to support events in school. So please come along and support them and enjoy a sweet treat. The sale will take place on the playground, weather permitting.

### **Staffing update**

We are pleased to share that Mrs Thornton will be returning from her maternity leave after February half term. She is looking forward to joining the Y6 teaching team and will be working in Y6BC alongside Mr Cronin on a Friday.

Mrs Owen, one of our fabulous office ladies, has secured a new job with the NHS and therefore will be leaving Wellgate at the end of February 2024. She has been part of the team for the last 3 years and has been an invaluable support to the staff, pupils and parents. We will miss her smiley personality but wish her lots of luck for her new adventure.

### **Baby News**

We would like to send a massive congratulations to Mrs Haywood who is expecting a baby, which is due in May 2024.

### **Year 3 Class Assemblies**

We would like to thank you in advance for your understanding of the need to change the dates for the Y3 class assemblies. The change is due to Miss Holden being out of school on the original planned date. Therefore, Mrs Binns-Alexander's class assembly will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 and Miss Holden's class assembly will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We look forward to seeing you at the assemblies.

### **Wellgate Carpark**

Please can we remind you that the Wellgate Carpark is for staff use only. If you are dropping off your child/children at Fundayz or at the start of the school day, please ensure you are not using this carpark. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, please look out for further information.

### Start and End of the School Day

Please can we remind you that children should not be playing on the trim trail, gym equipment or in the FS2 outdoor area before or after school.

Over recent weeks, there has been an increase in incidents happening at the start of the school day. Can we remind you that until the school doors open, children are the responsibility of Parent/Carers, so please ensure your child/ren are monitored at these times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

### Diary Dates for This Half Term

Please see the events below that are planned for this half term.

Our Facebook page and website are both excellent ways to see Wellgate's learning in action, keep updated on school events and find out about any changes that occur. Please remember to check out these posts before sending a message, as the information you require may already be on there.

Spring Term 2024	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	3JBA Class Assembly
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Careers Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term Disco – more details to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3MH Class Assembly
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Office closes at 4:00pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET – No school for children
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices – Choir event
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Y6 KS2 SATs Parents/Carers Meeting @ 4:45pm – Virtual - more information to follow
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Carer First Aid Course – booking required
Week comm 26.2.24 – 18.3.24	After school clubs
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent/Carer Consultations
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent/carer Consultations
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Book Character and Vocabulary dress up day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	1PN Class Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – more information to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Phonics Screening Check – Parent/Carer Meeting – KS2 Hall 9:00am and 3:15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Decorated Easter Egg Competition ~ more information to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	1MJ Class Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Office closes at 4:00pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs K. Richardson & Team Wellgate