



Wellington Weekly

4th October 2024

Master's Voice



Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

I hope this edition of the Weekly finds you well and that all families enjoyed Wednesday's Gandhi Jayanti.

We have enjoyed a very busy two weeks at the College, with life embracing the rhythm of customary school pursuits, such as superb pupil assemblies in the auditorium and outstanding football matches at the weekend. There is much to commend and it is heartening to see so much pupil activity in the pages of this Weekly.



Following on from the unveiling of the Founders' Day plaque, it is certainly an opportune moment to re-establish the Friends of Wellington organisation. For new families to the school, all Wellington Colleges have an active and involved parental organisation (the 'Friends') and it is now time to launch the 2024-2025 version. The essence of the Friends of Wellington is to be a forum for parental discourse and, in addition to regular meetings with the Master, the organisation should be at the heart of facilitating many social events and functions throughout the year. In all Wellingtons, it is a superb opportunity to enrich the lives of the pupils and to allow parents to really feel part of the school's journey and progress. Clearly, the impact that the Friends can have on the evolving school culture is considerable and this is to be hugely encouraged (and I am very grateful to all parents who contributed last year too).

I will circulate a letter soon, inviting all parents to attend an introductory meeting regarding the Friends and the next steps. Furthermore, I will also use the letter to note the purpose of the separate Executive Committee of the Parent Teacher Association. More details to follow.

I hope that everyone enjoys perusing the updates in this Weekly and please do have a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Dr Murray

Early Years Coordinator

Dear Early Years Families,

It's hard to believe we're already more than halfway through our first term. The progress our children have made is truly remarkable, and we couldn't be prouder of them. The growth and development we see in each child every day is immense and commendable.

Our Reception and KS1 children have wholeheartedly embraced phonics and maths instruction, and it is wonderful to witness their enthusiasm for learning. These foundational subjects play a crucial role in their development, providing lifelong skills that will serve them well as they continue their educational journey. Phonics helps children decode words, improving their reading fluency and comprehension, while maths instruction strengthens problem-solving abilities and logical thinking. Both subjects build confidence and independence in young learners as they start applying what they learn to everyday situations. We look forward to seeing even more progress as the term continues.



Our Pre-Nursery and Nursery children have settled in fabulously, showing great interest in role-playing activities. Role play offers an array of developmental benefits. Role play encourages imaginative thinking and creativity, helping children develop social skills by interacting with their peers. It also strengthens language and communication skills, as children experiment with new vocabulary and sentence structures while taking on different roles. This

process is instrumental in helping them build confidence in speaking and improving their overall communication abilities. The enthusiasm and excitement in our setting is wonderful to see, and we can't wait to see how the children continue to grow through play.



"Through play, children can become anyone, do anything, and go anywhere their imaginations take them." – The Curiosity Approach

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sabah Parwani as our new Year 1 class teacher. She brings with her a wealth of experience in Early Years education and a passion for supporting young learners. We wish her the best of luck as she joins our team and are confident that she will make a wonderful impact on our Year 1 children.

Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of the progress your children have made, and I look forward to sharing more exciting updates as the festival of Diwali approaches.

Best regards,
Rashmi Dixon

Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

Last Friday we enjoyed our first Sharing Learning Assembly in the Auditorium. Very capable led by our youngest Junior School children in Year 3.

The purpose of these assemblies are to give children a simple, low stakes opportunity to begin public speaking to a bigger audience. There is so much involved in standing on the stage, even if only delivering one line or singing in a group. Children are learning to manage nerves (a vital life skill) as well as develop their public speaking by controlling the volume and speed of their voice and working on intonation.



These smaller opportunities will help build confidence towards a Term 2 Junior School production where there will also be sound, lighting, costumes and a much bigger audience to contend with!

Year 4 will be sharing their learning with us today. Thank you as always for your support. Navratri celebrations have begun around Pune. If you haven't already, there is still a chance to join us and learn some basic Garba steps so you can join in with the festivities. A final lesson for parents is on Monday, 7th October, 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Please meet in Block A parents lounge.

We will be hosting our own Garba on the Sports Field on Friday, 11th October, 4:30pm – 6:00pm. I hope that many of you will be able to join.

Thank you,

Katie Byrne

Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well. One of the key aims of a Wellington education is to help students gain a greater understanding of self during their time at the College. Related to this is the idea of how we can support our students to develop better habits over time, which can have a transformational impact on their lives. In Monday's assembly, I outlined four main strategies for helping students develop good habits.

The first strategy is referred to as implementation intentions. Research shows that when individuals make specific plans for how they will implement the behaviour that they want to see then they are far more likely to establish the intended habit. Furthermore, when individuals can work out an 'if-then' plan, thinking of challenges that they might encounter along the way, they are more likely to respond favourably to any setbacks.

Secondly, I spoke about how changes to our physical environment are so important for establishing good habits. If your sons or daughters want to read more, then they should put their books on top of their pillow or if you they want to sleep better then they should put their phone outside their rooms. In other words, they do not need to be the victim of their environment but rather the architect of it, designing the environment to make good behaviours easier and bad behaviours harder.



Thirdly, I spoke about how getting started is so crucial to habit formation. If students practice in manageable chunks of time such as reading 15 minutes per day, they can draw confidence from accomplishing these tasks and hone their skills, which makes it more likely that they will stick with the intended behaviours.

Lastly, I spoke about identifying with the person that they want to become, referring to the fact that every action that they take is actually a vote for the type of person that they want to become. True change is about identity change – the goal is not to read a book, it is to become a reader. The goal is not to write an article but to become a writer. So the secret to habit formation is not just about making small, incremental changes or writing plans or changing the environment but also about getting them to believe something new about themselves.

Establishing good habits early on is obviously so important for student progress and we are very much committed to help support them in achieving this.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,
Iain Sutcliffe

Events Gallery

Swimming Meet – 21st September 2024



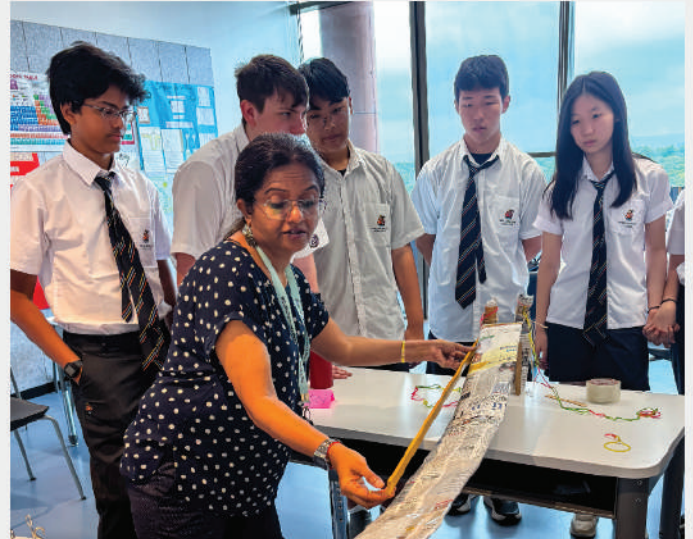
The Wellington swimming meet on 21st September was a wonderful event, showcasing the talents of pupils from five schools as they competed in a range of events, including freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke. Hosted by Wellington College International Pune, the gathering fostered a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among young athletes. Wellington believes in the importance of sports in children's overall development, understanding that participation in athletics not only enhances physical fitness but also cultivates teamwork, discipline, and resilience. Well done to all the participants for their perseverance and sportsmanship.

Junior School Parent Information Session – 25th September 2024



On September 25th, parents joined Ms. Katie Byrne for a comprehensive Junior School Parent Information Session that covered various aspects of the curriculum. The session also emphasized key themes such as kindness, respect, courage, and integrity, highlighting their role in creating a positive environment. Additionally, Ms. Byrne discussed the implications of 21st-century skills and the impact of AI on education and other aspects, preparing students for a technology-driven future. Parents were informed about end-of-year academic expectations and provided with strategies to support their children's learning at home. The session concluded with a Q&A, fostering open communication between parents and the school community. Overall, it was an engaging and informative event aimed at strengthening partnerships in education.

Year 10 – Science Experiment – 25th September 2024



Students participated in a house competition on 25th September in their Physics class. Each group had to build a model for a bridge that is the longest and can hold the largest mass. They were provided with basic resources like newspapers, adhesive tapes, etc and the connecting curriculum link was centre of mass and stability. Students were excited and fully engaged in the model building process. The models were judged on their application of content knowledge, strength, length and aesthetics.

Early Years' Tasters' Day – 27th September 2024



Wellington College International Pune recently hosted a delightful Tasters Day event on September 27th for the Early Years. Parents and their children were warmly invited to experience a day in the Early Years, which includes Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Reception, and Key Stage 1. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to engage in various activities alongside the students, showcasing the vibrant learning environment and the innovative teaching methods employed at the school. Parents were able to observe and explore the curriculum in a hands-on manner. Overall, it was a fantastic way for families to connect with the school community and gain insights into the enriching experiences that Wellington College International Pune offers its youngest learners.

Tennis Match - 27th September 2024



Our talented senior school players at WCI Pune faced off in an exhilarating internal tennis match on Friday 27th September! With intense rallies and incredible sportsmanship, the court was filled with determination and excitement. Congratulations to all participants for showcasing such skill and spirit!

Football Match – 28th September 2024



Wellington College International Pune organized another successful and friendly football meet today, bringing together young talent from three teams: WCIP, Euro School Kharadi, and Step-over Football Academy. Each team had the opportunity to showcase their skills in two exciting matches, fostering sportsmanship and positive relationships.

It is our mission to provide holistic education that goes beyond the classroom. Sports meets not only promote physical health but also teach essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience. For young people, participating in sports builds confidence and helps develop a strong sense of community. It's a reminder that success isn't just about winning but about coming together, learning from one another, and enjoying the beautiful game.

Junior School Assembly – 4th October 2024



During the Junior School assembly, Year 4 delivered an informative presentation on Spain, impressing both students and parents. The session covered various aspects of Spanish culture, including vibrant traditions, famous landmarks, and delicious cuisine. Students shared fascinating facts about festivals and introduced basic Spanish phrases in their greetings enriching the audience's understanding. Visual aids featuring iconic sites such as the Sagrada Familia and the Alhambra helped bring the topic to life. Parents appreciated the opportunity to learn alongside their children, creating a sense of community. Overall, the assembly was a memorable experience that highlighted the joy of discovering new cultures.

Videos

Saturday, 14 September – First Founders' Day

[Click Here](#)

Friday, 13 September – Sir Anthony Seldon's visit to WCI Pune

[Click Here](#)

Ed Venables, Head of Wellington College (UK) Prep School, talking about his visit to Wellington College Bangkok, connections across the family of schools, and leaving his mum in tears when he first started at Wellington College (aged 13!)

[Click Here](#)

Upcoming Event

Meet the Master – 19th October 2024



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Meet the **Master**

“Learn about the value of a
Wellington Education in Pune”



Saturday, 19th October, 2024
10:00 am to 11:00 am

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