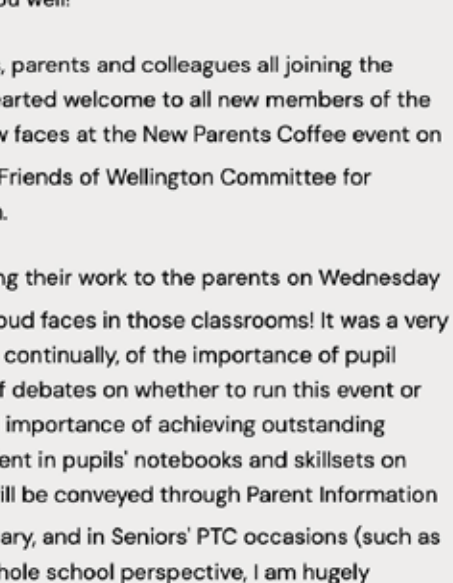




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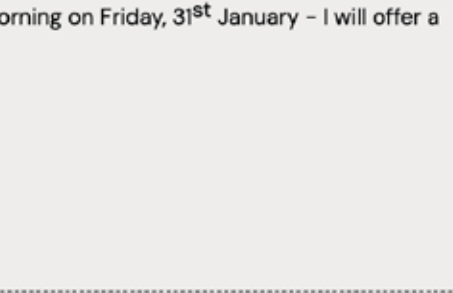
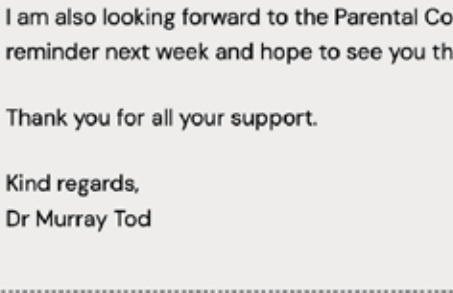


Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

I hope this first Wellington Weekly of 2025 finds you well!

It has been a busy start to Term 2, with new pupils, parents and colleagues all joining the school community; as previously, I offer a wholehearted welcome to all new members of the Wellington family! It was lovely to see so many new faces at the New Parents Coffee event on Friday 10th January and I am most grateful to the Friends of Wellington Committee for facilitating that welcome. A great start to the Term.

I also loved witnessing the Junior pupils showcasing their work to the parents on Wednesday 22nd January – goodness me there were some proud faces in those classrooms! It was a very sweet event and it's so important to be reminded, continually, of the importance of pupil learning and academic progression. In the midst of debates on whether to run this event or that, we sometimes can lose focus on the seminal importance of achieving outstanding academic progression and that was certainly evident in pupils' notebooks and skillsets on Wednesday. Similarly, that emphasis on learning will be conveyed through Parent Information Sessions in the Early Years, as on Friday 24th January, and in Seniors' PTC occasions (such as for the examination students in Year 10). From a whole school perspective, I am hugely encouraged by the teams presenting these academic events in Week 3 of the new Term.



We often remark at WCI Pune on the all-prevailing Wellington culture, that permeates across schools and continents in the Wellington family. This focus on Wellington values and practices is integral to all we endeavour to accomplish – it is our hallmark. Therefore, to ensure consistency of best practice, it has been super to host Ms Rowan Bell in Pune this week. She is the Global Chief People Officer for all Wellington China schools, and their associates, and we've been very grateful for all her insights and positive observations on our Pune procedures. It has been another very visible link in the Wellington connection and a clear strengthening of the bond across our network.

Sunday 26th January is, of course, Republic Day and as per the previous note, the school will also mark this auspicious occasion with a flag unfurling ceremony and musical/dance contributions. Thank you to all pupils and staff involved in this occasion, and for all their advance preparation. We are also grateful to those families who are able to join us on Sunday morning.

Lastly, and as an advance notice, while we were looking to run the Sports Day on Friday 7th February, we have decided to postpone this to coincide with the launch of the new large MPH in Block C. It will be wonderful to combine these two events, in a fun-packed manner, and with air quality currently so variable in Pune this seems a very pragmatic approach. We look forward to announcing a new date in due course.

I am also looking forward to the Parental Coffee Morning on Friday, 31st January – I will offer a reminder next week and hope to see you there!

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards,
Dr Murray Tod

Early Years Co-ordinator

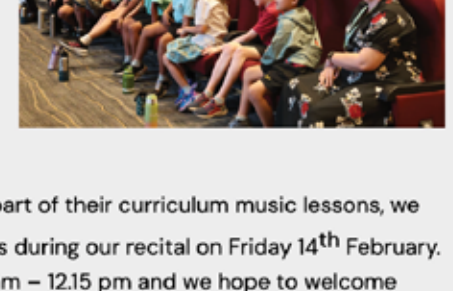
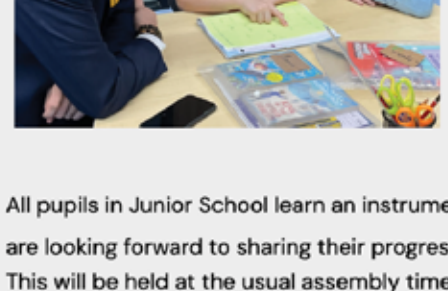
Dear Early Years families,

I hope that all families had a joyful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. As we begin this new Term, it's heartwarming to see our community grow, and I extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining us.

It's wonderful to see the pupils in Term 2 demonstrating greater independence and showing kindness by guiding and supporting new pupils. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help one another reflect the values we cherish in our school community.

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." – Maria Montessori

Thank you for attending the Parent Information Session about phonics and home readers with our Reception teacher, Mr Ross Burrows. We hope you found the session insightful and helpful in supporting your child's reading journey.



Reading at home plays a crucial role in developing your child's literacy skills, and consistent practice can greatly enhance their phonemic awareness and vocabulary. Strategies such as shared reading, discussing the story, and encouraging children to predict outcomes can make reading enjoyable and engaging. Regular reading at home not only builds a strong foundation in literacy but also fosters a lifelong love for reading and learning.

We kindly remind all parents of the importance of ensuring that pupils come to school wearing the correct uniform each day. Wearing a uniform fosters a sense of belonging and school pride, promotes equality among pupils and reduces distractions, allowing them to focus on learning. We appreciate your support in helping maintain a cohesive and respectful school environment.

Thank you for all your support and partnership.

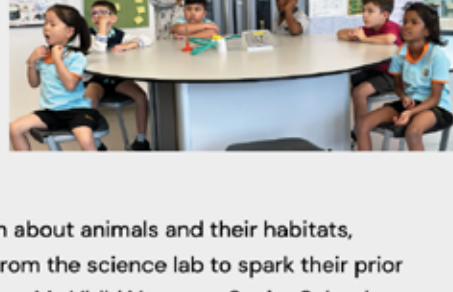
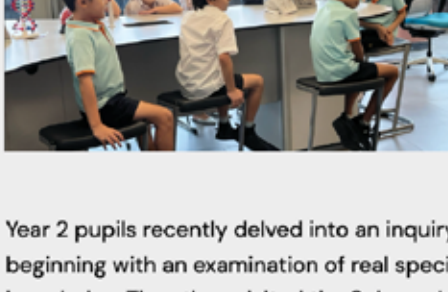
Best wishes,
Rashmi Dixon

Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back for Term 2. Thank you for joining us for the Class Exhibitions this week so that children could share their work and classroom environment through their eyes. This will be paired with Parent-Teacher Meetings for all families in the coming weeks (week beginning Monday 3rd February for MLL 1 pupils and week beginning Monday 10th February for all pupils).

We have several other opportunities to share children's development and talents coming up before the mid term break.



All pupils in Junior School learn an instrument as part of their curriculum music lessons, we are looking forward to sharing their progress in this during our recital on Friday 14th February. This will be held at the usual assembly time 11.45 am – 12.15 pm and we hope to welcome many of you there.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead!

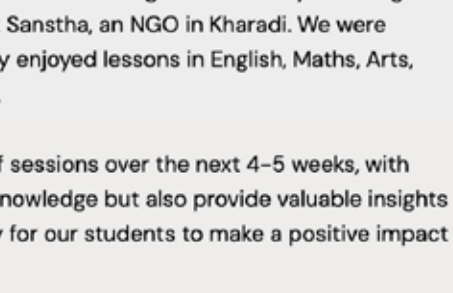
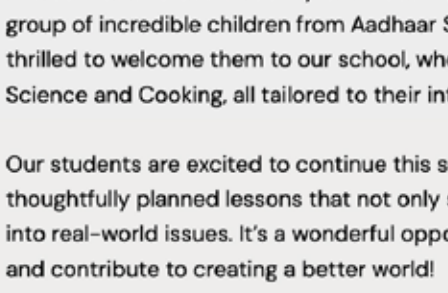
Thank You,
Katie Byrne

Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well. I am pleased to report that your sons and daughters have settled nicely back into their routines at the start of Term 2 and there is a real sense of purpose and ambition in the community.

In this week's assembly, I spoke to the students about how they can deal with self-doubt, which is something that affects us all. A key part of a Wellington education centres around how we can develop an understanding of self in our students and self-doubt, without question, is something that can silence a student's intuition and steer them away from finding out what they really want. Yet when students have the courage to reveal their doubts to a trusted adult or friend, it can go some way to removing the control that doubt has over them. The more they resist the fact that they doubt themselves, the more power doubt has over them.



We tend to build an identity around being the successful person who always comes up with great solutions. But when things do not go according to doubt, how do we respond to this? For many of us, we don't like to talk about how much we doubt ourselves because we think it makes us look weak. However, if we can encourage students to have the courage to be vulnerable and reveal doubts with people they trust, it can help build a greater sense of trust within themselves. Viewing self-doubt as a friend can help unlock true potential.

Building effective relationships with their tutors is thus really important so that these types of conversations can be facilitated. It is human nature for students to be reluctant to step outside their comfort zone – their brains will scan past events to evaluate risks and an inner voice may well be telling them to play it safe. But we want students to push beyond this. One of College values is courage and we want to engender an attitude where students proceed a new level of confidence, passion and commitment, where they are encouraged to proceed despite the fears and challenges in their way. There are so many opportunities for students to grow at Wellington and we will continue to ensure that they are pushing themselves to develop their interests and passions.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Iain Sutcliffe

Events Gallery

Expert Science Lesson in Year 2 – 15th January 2025



Year 2 pupils recently delved into an inquiry lesson about animals and their habitats, beginning with an examination of real specimens from the science lab to spark their prior knowledge. They then visited the Science Lab, where Ms Vidhi Vyas, our Senior School Science teacher, introduced the concept of adaptations, focusing on the Arctic region. The pupils asked insightful questions such as, "Why don't animals in the Arctic feel cold?" and "Why is their fur white?"

Engaging an expert speaker like Ms Vyas provided the pupils with a deeper understanding of scientific concepts through real-world examples and expert insights. This approach enriched their learning experience and encouraged curiosity, critical thinking with a profound appreciation for the natural world.

Pune Metropolitan District Tennis Association – 18th & 19th January 2025

Last weekend, Wellington College International Pune had the privilege of hosting the highly anticipated PMDTA Tennis Tournament. The event brought together over 56 passionate athletes, including 4 players from WCI Pune, for an unforgettable display of skill, determination, and sportsmanship. Here's to more thrilling matches ahead!

Service and Sustainability Club Initiative – 22nd January 2025

The Service and Sustainability Club recently kicked off a meaningful initiative by teaching a group of incredible children from Aadhaar Samajik Sanstha, an NGO in Kharadi. We were thrilled to welcome them to our school, where they enjoyed lessons in English, Maths, Arts, Science and Cooking, all tailored to their interests.

Our students are excited to continue this series of sessions over the next 4–5 weeks, with thoughtfully planned lessons that not only share knowledge but also provide valuable insights into real-world issues. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to make a positive impact and contribute to creating a better world!

Upcoming Events



WELLINGTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL PUNE

Wellington College International Pune invites you for a

Parental Coffee Morning with the Master

Date : Friday, 31st January 2025
Time : 8:15 am
Venue : V&A Café

RSVP by
Wednesday, 29th January 2025
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Realise your potential