Wellington Weekly

14th February 2025

Master's Voice

Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

Welcome to another edition of the Wellington newsletter.
And, rather remarkably, we are in February already!

Time always passes ludicrously quickly in education, for students and staff alike, and this first half of term has simply flown by. Encouragingly, recent weeks have witnessed a veritable feast of fruitful school events, from Open Days to Literary events and pupil exhibitions of their work. I have always loved seeing pupils showcasing their endeavours, as the Early Years have recently and the Juniors did in today's musical recitals, and noting the infectious delight of pupils (and parents) as a result. It is great to observe and always illustrates the true strength of a K-12 culture, as it develops and evolves in the opening years. This will continue into the next half-term of course, with preparations for school drama and musical performances ongoing and also important academic highlights including Year 9 students selecting their IGCSE option choices. A significant moment in their educational journey.

However, this cultural enrichment at Wellington Pune would not have been possible, of course, without the energy and input of Mr and Mrs Sutcliffe. Arriving as Head of Seniors and Head of Key Stage 3 (before taking on the mantle of Deputy Head - Seniors), Iain and Julia have been instrumental in so many areas of academic and pastoral progression at the school. I am truly indebted to them both, for all that they have accomplished and for the values-based education they have sought to provide; their exceptional Wellington UK background has been so powerful in our foundation and such a visible element of our partnership. As they embark upon the next stage of their journey at Wellington UK, we will all miss them greatly, but they should reflect on how rich a legacy they have instilled in the Seniors and throughout our Pune culture. Perhaps the greatest compliment I can pay them is that they have created a 'happy' school and that is no mean feat! We all wish them the very best of fortune for the future!

As per previous communications, please may I remind parents that we have the short February Exeat (on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February), followed by the Public Holiday on Wednesday 19th February, before welcoming pupils back to school on the Thursday.

I hope that everyone enjoys a restful few days.

Best wishes,
Dr Tod

Early Years Co-ordinator

Dear Early Years Families,

We extend a warm thank you to all our new families who attended the settling-in meetings. Your support and collaboration are invaluable in helping your children transition smoothly into their learning environment. It has been wonderful getting to know you and working together to create a strong foundation for your child's educational journey.

Recently, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took great pride in showcasing their learning. They demonstrated their growing knowledge and skills through presentations, discussions, and even songs. The children exercised pupil agency by taking ownership of their learning and finding creative ways to express what they have discovered. We hope families enjoyed listening to their children articulate their knowledge and seeing their enthusiasm for learning firsthand.

We truly value the partnership between home and school and appreciate you for actively engaging in your child's learning journey. Whether through attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply sharing experiences, your involvement makes a meaningful difference in the children's growth and confidence.

As we approach the term break, we want to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. School will reopen on Thursday 20th February, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of Term 2. Watch this space for exciting news about our upcoming Holi celebrations!

Enjoy the break and see you soon.

Best wishes,
Rashmi Dixon

Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed meeting with you during the Parent – Teacher Meetings this week. It has been a valuable opportunity to discuss children's progress and development. Thank you as always for your great support and partnership.

Progress in Music was also visible this week and it was fantastic to see pupils performing on their instruments. I'm proud to see their growing confidence on stage and their perseverance, learning new instruments takes a lot of patience and collaboration for performance is a challenging task. Well done to everyone!

School Council has been busy planning initiatives to increase reading opportunities across the day and around the school. Children held meetings in Houses to come up with ideas and have learnt how to write a strategic plan to achieve their goals. We are looking forward to seeing them come into action!

We will be celebrating the wealth of languages in our community at our Mother Language Day celebration when we return from the short break next week. Thanks in advance for the parent support who are helping make this possible.

Rehearsals for both productions, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The Jungle Book will also begin in earnest once we return. With International Women's Day, festivals and End of Term Reports all coming up it looks to be an exciting and packed second half of the term!

Thank You,
Katie Byrne

Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that this note finds you well. As Julia and I depart Wellington College International Pune on Friday 14th February, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your support during our time here. It has been such a great privilege to establish and lead the Senior School and we have been incredibly impressed by how kind, respectful, intellectually curious, and thoughtful your sons and daughters are. There is no doubt that they will be hugely successful in their time here and in their lives beyond Wellington, being changemakers and making positive contributions to their communities.

In my final assembly, I urged the students to take some time each day to reflect and listen to their bodies. In today's world, it is so easy to be distracted by the outside world - how many of us reach for our phones when we immediately wake up or scroll through social media feeds when we have some spare alone time? How many of us actual sit in silence when we drink a morning cup of coffee or a juice? How many of us take a 'pause' and listen to ourselves, even if it's only for 10 minutes a day, rather than consuming from the outside world?

When you look at very successful, high performing individuals – in sport, the arts and business, I think one of the things that stand out is that they have a very good understanding of themselves, they have become their own experts, and they have found a way to block out 'external noise.' They are able to draw upon external expertise when they want to but they balance this with their internal expertise and belief in themselves. They are not always focusing on consumption from the outside world.

A key part of a Wellington education is on how we help develop a greater understanding of self. How can we ensure that your sons and daughters have the necessary resilience and perseverance to keep going on their preferred paths?

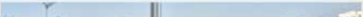
This process obviously takes time, but I have been really impressed by how our students have been developing their character attributes during their time here. My closing message to the cohort emphasised the need to stop and pause, to listen to the signal that their bodies send, to make the most of the opportunities here by not being afraid to push themselves outside of their comfort zones, to develop their interests and passions, and finally 'serve to lead'. I have no doubt that they will rise to the challenges ahead.

I wish all the staff, students, and parents all the very best - thank you once again for all your support.

Kind regards,
Iain Sutcliffe

Events Gallery

Republic Day – Sunday 26th January 2025



We celebrated the spirit of unity, pride and progress this Republic Day! Following an auspicious unfurling of the flag, our Wellington pupils put on incredible performances, and we were thrilled to have parents join us for the celebrations.

Parents' Coffee Morning – Friday 31st January 2025

Our recent Coffee Morning with the Master, organised by our amazing Friends of Wellington (FoW) members, was a great chance for parents to connect, share thoughts and hear directly from the Master. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to FoW for making it all happen!

We will offer more opportunities for the Wellington community to gather and collaborate!

La Chandeleur: Crêpes making workshop – Friday 31st January 2025

The Modern Foreign Language department at WCI Pune brought the flavours of France to campus with a Crêpe-Making event for Year 10 students and Senior School teachers, celebrating La Chandeleur, a French festival welcoming spring. Students enjoyed making and flipping crêpes while learning about the tradition's origins. The event allowed them to immerse in French culture and heritage. We're grateful to Mr & Mrs Grapin for facilitating the workshop and sharing their expertise.

Open Day – Saturday 1st February 2025

On our Open Day, we were delighted to welcome families to hear from our Master about the culture, curricula and opportunities that make our school unique. After the presentation, guests enjoyed a guided tour of our classrooms, facilities, and creative spaces—gaining a true feel for life here at our school!

EY Sports Gala – Friday 7th February 2025

On 7th February, the Early Years Sports Gala was a fantastic celebration of energy, spirit, and Wellington values. Organised by our sports department, children from Pre-Nursery to Reception took part in a range of activities that showcased their physical prowess and highlighted the importance of resilience, and teamwork.

We're incredibly proud of our pupils for their effort and sportsmanship.

Welly Colour Fest – Saturday 8th February 2025

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On Saturday 8th February, we brought the first-ever Welly Colour Fest spirit to Kopa Mall, creating a vibrant and exciting experience for families and children! The drawing competition for young artists was a fun-filled event with happy faces, colours, creativity and loads of goodies to take home.

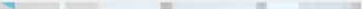
Year 2 Class Exhibition – Monday 10th February 2025

Year 2 pupils showcased their learning about animals and habitats in a special exhibition for families and peers, using songs, poems, videos, and dioramas created in art lessons. This experience emphasized pupil voice, choice, and agency, allowing them to creatively express their knowledge and build confidence. Through their independent presentations, students developed collaboration and a stronger connection to their learning.

Literary Festival – Monday 10th February 2025

This year's LitFest, organised by the English department, saw a creative writing and book jacket design competition. Our very talented Senior School writers were provided with two prompts (fantasy and horror) and tasked with creating an exciting story of 450 words, together with designing an accompanying book jacket and "blurb". Students then spent all morning in their Houses, highly engaged in their own literary creations and designs. The school also hosted a Book Fair, adding to the sense of literary occasion.

Service and Sustainability Club Initiative – Wednesday 12th February 2025



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The Service and Sustainability Club recently continued their initiative this week of teaching children from Aadhaar Samajik Sanstha, an NGO in Kharadi.

Now in its second week, our students are eager to continue this series of sessions over the next couple of weeks. The lessons are thoughtfully designed not only to share knowledge but also to 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!

Year 1 Class Exhibition – Thursday 13th February 2025

Our Year 1 pupils proudly hosted their class exhibition on animal classification and the interdependence of ecosystems. Families and other pupils attended the event, where Year 1 pupils took charge by guiding their visitors through interactive presentations and games that showcased their knowledge.

The children confidently answered questions and explained complex ideas to their parents. This exhibition not only highlighted their deep understanding of the topic but also demonstrated incredible pupil ownership, collaboration and confidence.

Valentines Lunch by Friends of Wellington - Thursday 13th February 2025

Our FoW members hosted a heartwarming Valentine's lunch with our parents. It was a beautiful occasion to come together, celebrate the spirit of love, share a meal, and create lasting memories.

Instrumental Performances – Friday 14th February 2025

Our Junior School hosted a memorable recital, where parents were invited to witness their children's performances. The event showcased the incredible talent and hard work of our young students. It was a heartwarming afternoon filled with pride, joy, and excitement. Parents cheered on as their children took the stage, making it an unforgettable experience.

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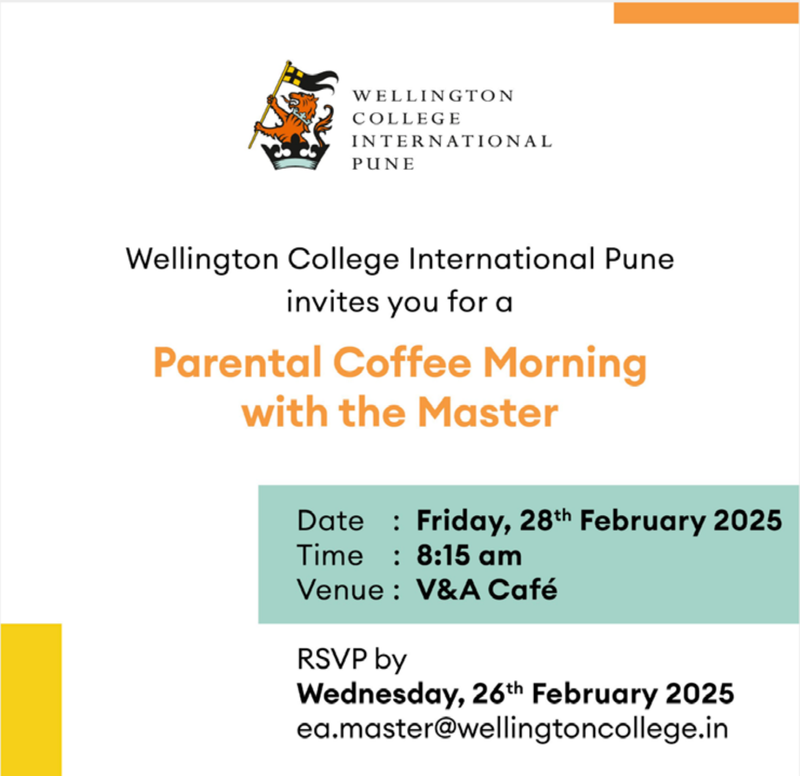
Upcoming Events



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Wellington College International Pune
invites you for a

Parental Coffee Morning with the Master

Date : **Friday, 28th February 2025**
Time : **8:15 am**
Venue : **V&A Café**

RSVP by
Wednesday, 26th February 2025
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