



Wellington Weekly

17th December 2024

Master's Voice



Dear Parents,

Hello and I hope that you are well.

And that, as they say, is a 'wrap'! Term 1 of the Academic Year 2024–2025 is now complete and what a Term it has been, replete with individual and collective accomplishments of the highest order. It has been a most fulfilling period, book ended by our Founders' Day event in September and the accreditation inspection by COBIS in December (the latter following on from the Early Years success with the Curiosity Approach). I look forward to highlighting the COBIS outcomes in late-January / early February 2025, once the inspectors have produced their final report.



I have especially enjoyed seeing all the academic progress made, across all three schools, and that should be a source of great pride to all. Indeed, the embedding of the IGCSE curriculum in Year 10 is also deserving of mention –well done to all involved in this, both pupils and staff.

Of course, a Wellington education comprises a holistic approach and the Pune 'winter' (and attendant AQI issues) have worked against our provision on occasion. I commend the patience of all involved in CCA and sporting activities; the judgement of Solomon has sometimes been required to balance offering outdoor opportunities with prioritising pupil welfare. It is another reason why I am looking forward to the early months of 2025, when we look to open our large indoor Multi-Purpose Hall (hopefully offsetting the challenges of unpredictable AQI and weather). I will keep all parents informed on the progress of the MPH and other elements of the ongoing campus development.

This first Term, in year two of operation, has also signalled greater maturity in the performing arts, witnessed not only through outstanding internal performances (such as Winter Shows) but also exemplified by joyous events like the Ritz-Carlton Tree Lighting. The pupils' involvement at the Ritz-Carlton, in Christmas carols and readings, was simply superb and a wonderful testimony to how far we have all come since September 2023. Culturally, I greatly enjoyed seeing the parents and audience take such pride in the occasion – roll on many more such highlights in the months to come!

This sense of cultural appreciation was also illustrated in the end of term events like the Winter Show, Santa Dash and the Senior School Talent Show and House Singing Competition. Well done to all! With the Friends of Wellington now more established, and a number of Term 2 events earmarked for parental participation, we hope to really capture this momentum.



I conclude with a sincere thank you to all in the Wellington community, pupils /colleagues /parents, for all your endeavours and support in this Term 1; it is always appreciated, and I am most grateful to everyone.

I wish all in the Wellington family a very Merry Christmas and, of course, a most Happy New Year!

I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2 on Monday 6th January 2025.

With best wishes,

Dr Tod

Early Years Coordinator

Dear Families,

As we wrap up this wonderful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our pupils have had. The Winter Show was a truly magical way to celebrate the season, and each child's performance from Key Stage 1 was a testament to their dedication, courage, and joy. Watching them sing, dance, and recite their lines with such enthusiasm and pride was a reminder of just how special and capable they are.

This Term has been a time of immense learning, growth, and connection. The children have amazed us with their curiosity, resilience, and kindness. They've embraced challenges, celebrated successes, and grown not just academically but also as thoughtful and caring individuals. It's been an honour to witness their progress and be a part of their journey.



I hope reading your child's report has brought you as much pride and joy as we feel every day working with them. Our parent-teacher meetings are a valued opportunity to strengthen the bond between home and school, and I deeply appreciate your support and partnership in nurturing your child's potential. Together, we are building a foundation of love, learning, and resilience that will carry them far.

As we approach the holiday season, a gentle reminder that school will reopen on Monday, 6th January, 2025.

May your holidays be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with your family. For those traveling, may your journeys be safe and your adventures, memorable.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Best wishes,
Rashmi Dixon

Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

What a fun and festive fortnight we have had in Junior School!

We loved sharing our Winter Show with such a willing audience. I was so proud of our pupils' courage and confidence onstage and I hope that some pupils who maybe didn't have an interest before will consider opportunities for performances in the future.

Sporting fun was had at our first annual Santa Dash. A huge thank you to the PE Team for your good humour and commitment to the Santa role!



House Singing is one of our favourite competitions of the year and teams did not disappoint in our first auditorium outing. A very well done to Anglesey House – as the winning team. All houses were superb on the day though!

We wish you a very happy holiday and a restful break and look forward to seeing you refreshed for a busy Term 2.

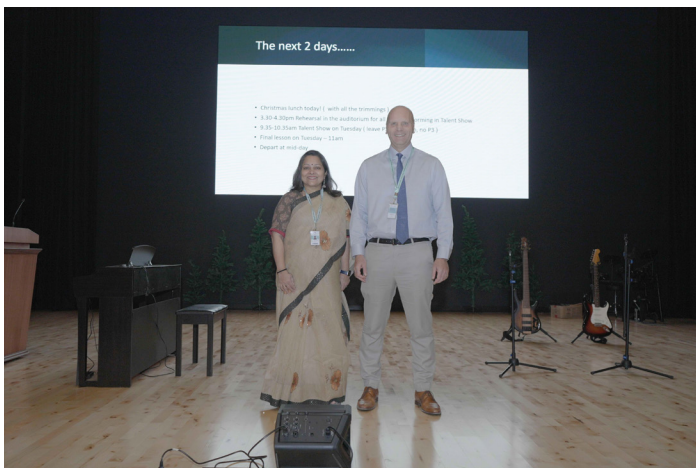
Thank you
Katie Byrne

Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well. It has certainly been an action-packed term, and I have been incredibly impressed how your sons and daughters have embraced our academic ethos, demonstrating genuine intellectual curiosity. The way in which they approached the inter-disciplinary project a few weeks ago was outstanding and I was blown away by the quality of their work.

Moreover, it has been very pleasing to see students throw themselves into the co-curricular life of the school, developing their interests and passions, while at the same time adhering to the College values in everything they do. The recent House Fitness Challenge, Senior School Winter Concert, and Talent Show events highlighted the real sense of camaraderie, teamwork, and kindness which exists between students, and they have done an amazing job of supporting each other.



There is so much to look forward to next term, including the start of the Duke of Edinburgh programme, house singing and house dance competitions, and the Battle of the Bands, to name just a few. I hope that your sons and daughters enjoy a well-deserved break and I look forward to welcoming them back to the school on Monday 6th January, 2025.

Please note that CCAs will start on Tuesday 7th January, 2025 and I will share the CCA timetable a few days before we start back.

May I take this opportunity to thank you, as parents, for your tremendous support of the school. I hope that you have a great vacation.

Kind regards,

Iain Sutcliffe

Events Gallery

Tree Lighting Ceremony at Ritz Carlton – Friday, 6th December 2024



Our talented pupils brought festive cheer to The Ritz Carlton with a delightful tree lighting ceremony and carol singing session. Their angelic voices and radiant smiles captured the magic of the season, spreading joy to all in attendance. It was a proud moment to see our students showcase their talents at such a prestigious venue.

A heartfelt thank you to The Ritz Carlton for this incredible opportunity to celebrate the holiday spirit!



KS1, JS & SS Winter Show – Monday, 9th December 2024



From the tiniest voices in Key Stage 1 to the confident performers in Junior and Senior School, our students delivered a spectacular Winter Show that left parents and families in awe!

The stage came alive with festive songs, heartfelt drama, and dazzling dances, a true celebration of creativity, teamwork, and talent.

A magical afternoon filled with joy and inspiration, capturing the spirit of the season!



EY Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 11th December 2024



We were delighted to host Fiona Carter, International Director of Education from Wellington College (UK), for a special Coffee Morning with our Early Years parents. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our achievements, reflect on the journey so far, and share exciting plans for the future.

The morning was filled with engaging conversations, thoughtful insights, and a shared sense of community. Fiona's visit highlighted the strong connection between our school and the Wellington values, reinforcing our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for every child.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us and made this event truly special.



Service and Sustainability Club – Wednesday, 11 December 2024



Our pupils of the Service and Sustainability Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Club showcased a beautiful act of kindness and appreciation. In a thoughtful initiative, they presented personalized 'Thank You' cards to the support staff, expressing their heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable contributions these unsung heroes make every day to our school community.



JS Parent Information Session – Wednesday, 11th December 2024



Junior School Parents gained valuable insights into interpreting their child's school report, understanding progress indicators, and celebrating achievements while identifying areas for growth.

EY Snehalaya Orphanage Visit – Monday, 16th December 2024



We were honoured to welcome visitors from Snehalaya, Pune—a remarkable organization dedicated to supporting disabled children and empowering them with opportunities for growth. Father Sunny Joseph, the director, and Sister Cecilia Fernandes, along with students Dnyaneshwari and Shraddha, shared inspiring stories about their work and the impact they are making.

In the true spirit of Christmas, our pupils came together to collect donations in the form of groceries, which they helped load into the car for Snehalaya. This act of giving embodies the festive values of love, kindness, and generosity, reminding us of the importance of sharing with those in need. Introducing young children to service learning during this special season encourages them to understand how small, thoughtful actions can spread joy and create meaningful change. It was a heartwarming and inspiring way to celebrate the season of giving.



Special Christmas Lunch – Monday, 16th December 2024



The festive season came alive at WCI Pune with a delightful Christmas lunch! Pupils and staff gathered to share a delicious meal, spreading joy and holiday cheer across the campus.



JS Santa Dash – Monday, 16th December 2024



The Junior School Santa Dash brought excitement and holiday cheer in the football field! Pupils raced across the pitch playing different games, combining the joy of the season with the thrill of sport. It was a heartwarming event that spread smiles and showcased the spirit of togetherness.



SS Talent Show – Tuesday, 17th December 2024



The Talent Show was a vibrant celebration of creativity and skill. Pupils showcased their talents across music, martial arts, drama, and more, captivating the audience with their impressive performances. The event provided a wonderful platform for students to express themselves and shine on stage. Kudos to all the participants for their confidence, enthusiasm, and hard work!



House Singing Competition – Tuesday, 17th December 2024



The House Singing Competition was a spectacular showcase of musical talent and team spirit. Pupils, teachers and staff from all houses delivered powerful and harmonious performances, filling the hall with energy and excitement. The event highlighted their passion for music, creativity, and collaboration, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained. A big round of applause to all the participants for their dedication and enthusiasm!





We wish you a

Merry
Christmas

**Spreading joy, love, and the magic
of learning this Christmas season!**





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