Wellington Weekly

28th March 2025

Master’s Voice

Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

Welcome to the final Wellington newsletter of Term 2!

As the following pages illuminate, it has been a very busy and productive end to this Term. I find it all rather exciting in fact!

Highlights have ranged from academic endeavours, such as recitals on World Poetry Day and hosting influential representatives from Durham University, to whole school celebrations for the Holi Festival. It was also splendid to have our Governing body here on Tuesday 25th March, meeting students and staff, and engrossing themselves in all facets of a Wellington education.

However, the unquestionable star of recent weeks, the one that shone brightest, must belong to the KS1 and Juniors' performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. What a show and what fun! To see the joy on the pupils' faces, as they embraced their roles and cavorted across the MPH floor, was simply superb - I loved it. Well done to the team involved in the production, especially Mr Mullin, and thank you to all parents who could attend.

The performance of 'Charlie' has left a lasting impression on me - it reminded me that Wellington has grown so much as a community and we now have the confidence to enact such productions. It reinforced to me how much pleasure, and pride, students and parents derive from such occasions. Roll on the Jungle Book extravaganza in Term 3!

I wish all families, and colleagues, a very restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 10th April.

Take care and best wishes,

Dr Tod

Early Years Co-ordinator

Dear Early Years Families,

As Term 2 comes to an end, I reflect on the incredible journey of growth and learning that your children have experienced. It has been wonderful to witness their increasing confidence and independence. We are so proud of their progress.

Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) and taking the time to discuss your child’s progress. These conversations are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

WORLD POETRY DAY

This Term, we celebrated Holi with great enthusiasm! The children had a wonderful time learning about this festival, exploring its traditions through storytelling, art, and of course, colour play. Learning about different cultures and festivals in the Early Years fosters curiosity, respect, and an appreciation for diversity, helping children develop a global perspective from an early age.

We also marked World Poetry Day with great success! Thank you for sharing beautiful poems with us in your home language. Poetry nurtures language development, creativity, and a love for words, all essential foundations for early literacy.

As we head into the spring holiday, I wish you a restful and joyful break with your families. School will reopen on Thursday 10th April, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting Term of learning. Have a lovely spring holiday!

Best wishes,
Rashmi Dixon

Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a busy fortnight in Junior School. Children celebrated the colour of Holi, played with determination in the House Football competition (congratulations to Raglan!) and put a supreme amount of effort and courage into the ambitious Charlie and the Chocolate Factory performance. At the time of writing, we are deep into technical rehearsals for this so the final product is yet to be revealed but it has been a pleasure to see children’s enjoyment and enthusiasm for the process. The Junior School teaching team have come together to support each other and the pupils to make the experience enjoyable and successful. As always, I am hugely impressed and grateful for their dedication at the end of a very long and busy term.

On the topic of end of Term celebrations, we sent home Term 2 school reports yesterday (if you haven’t seen it, please check children’s bags!) They are a good reflection of all the effort and progress made by pupils over the past three months and I hope you enjoyed reading

We have lots to look forward to in the final Term of this school year (time flies!) beginning with the Junior School Asia Project. For the first (slightly disrupted) two weeks, each class will be enjoying investigating one country and learning how the continent that we live on is laid out and connected.

World Book Day is coming up straight after, on Wednesday 23rd April. This year, we are asking that costumes are linked to the class text. Please see the separate email for further information.

As it is Term 3 our thoughts will also turn to transition and making sure each child (and parent!) is prepared and confident for their next step.

More details on all the above will follow in due course, but for now, have a fantastic break and Eid Mubarak to those who are celebrating.

Thank You,
Katie Byrne

Senior School

Dear Senior School Parents,

Life can certainly be a funny thing. There I was, rolling along in my Master's office in Block B, when suddenly this Term I've been propelled back into the heartbeat of the Senior School and am ensconced in my old office again in Block A...and I have to say, I'm enjoying it immensely!

The interactions with the students and colleagues have been marvellous, for mindset and spirit, and I'm learning so much from them. I continue to be impressed by the general diligence portrayed in the classrooms and I find this most encouraging for the academic future of the school. Indeed, the recent success in the Science and Mathematics Olympiads is certainly representative of this - well done all!

Equally, it is always refreshing to meet parents on coffee mornings, as I did with Seniors' parents on Wednesday 26th March, and hear candid feedback. This is so important and, again, it strikes me as an important element of an evolving school culture. Similarly, the host of events in recent weeks (Holi, House Singing/Dance Show, Movie Night, House Battle of the Bands) are all intended to forge greater unity within and between year groups, and Houses. They have certainly been great fun but, furthermore, they can also be reflective of a growing sense of collegiate identity and support.

We plan to target this next Term in an even more energetic manner - we are aiming for further student activities (in both morning registration time and also lunchtimes), to offer a greater range of exciting opportunities for them and to reduce any dependencies on screen time. I am also looking forward to involving students more in Assemblies, making them more pupil-led and indeed House based. All with the intention of strengthening the cultural identity and enhancing peer support.

This all sounds rather serious though! In fact, I also want the Seniors to have some fun times too - not only through performances, important though they are, but also via field-trips beyond the hallowed gates of Wellington! There really is a great deal to anticipate in Term 3 and I am looking forward to it.

Prior to all this, a quick reminder that the academic and pastoral reports for Term 2 have been sent via email to parents today. We hope that these summaries will make for encouraging reading.

I look forward to seeing all students again on Thursday 10th April and I will write with further details for parents in advance of the start of Term 3.

For now, thank you to all the students in Years 7-10 for putting up with me (!) and I wish all Seniors' families a really tremendous break.

Best wishes,
Dr Tod

Events Gallery

Holi Celebrations – Friday, 13th March 2025

Our Early Years pupils put on amazing performances on stage, before enjoying colourful playtime with parents. While the Junior School immersed themselves in a series of exciting activities (such as Rangoli, Fruit Kebabs, Card making and Paint splat), the Senior School explored their creativity with a unique tataki print session. Each school added its own special touch to this year's Holi celebrations, making it a day to remember!

World Poetry Day – Friday, 21st March 2025

WORLD POETRY DAY
POEM: EXPOSURE

Our Key Stage 1 families made the morning even more special, reciting poems in over 10 languages, showcasing our community's diversity and the power of words to connect us across cultures and generations. Our Year 8 students focused on the interpretation of Wilfred Owen's “Exposure”, while the Year 10 cohort were superb in creating their own poems. The event also featured a poetry reading in ancient Scots by Dr Murray, a humorous limerick reading by Ms Janet, and impressive student displays.

Physics Guest lecture by Dr Georges Mallet - Friday, 21st March 2025

Our Year 10 Physics students had the privilege of attending a guest lecture by Dr Georges Mallet a renowned professor emeritus at the University Côte d'Azur in France and recognized for his groundbreaking contributions to nuclear physics, natural radioactivity, and biophysics. His insights on radioactivity enriched our students' understanding of the topic in both local and global contexts.

His contributions to education, research, and public service have earned him prestigious honours, including the Chevalier des Palmes Académiques.

House Singing & Dance Competition – Friday, 21st March 2025

What an incredible time at the Senior School House Singing & Dance Competition. The talent was off the charts, and every performance left us amazed. Huge shoutout to all the performers for giving it their all and making this event so special! All the Houses were ‘winners’ but big congrats to the team that just pipped it - Anglesey!

Board of Governors Taster’s Day – Tuesday, 25th March 2025

A Momentous Day at school with Governors of Wellington College International Pune!

On Tuesday 25th March we had the privilege of hosting the Governors of Wellington College International Pune at our campus for the Taster’s Day. Their visit was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school's progress, engage in insightful discussions on governance and strategy, and share meaningful interactions with our pupils during their walk-around.

From an exclusive campus tour to a strategic workshop and a lively lunch with pupils, the day was filled with enriching conversations and forward-thinking ideas.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Musical – Wednesday, 26th March 2025

Our Junior School pupils brought the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to life! With the amazing support of our Key Stage 1 students, the musical was a sweet success! From golden tickets to chocolate rivers, our talented performers enchanted the audience with their energy and creativity. Parents cheered proudly as they watched their children shine on stage, filled with happiness and joy.

Battle of the Bands – Thursday, 27th March 2025

Wellington College International Pune Presents
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The Senior School’s Battle of the Bands was a hit this week, with talented students rocking the stage and parents cheering them on! Congratulations to Anglesey for taking the crown as this year’s champion!

Movie Events - Tuesday 25th March & Friday, 28th March 2025

Our Senior School and Junior School pupils had a blast this week at their respective movie screenings, enjoying their favourite films – ‘**Coco**’ and ‘**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**’!

Photos

Holi Celebration – Friday, 7th March 2025

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Musical – Wednesday, 26th March 2025

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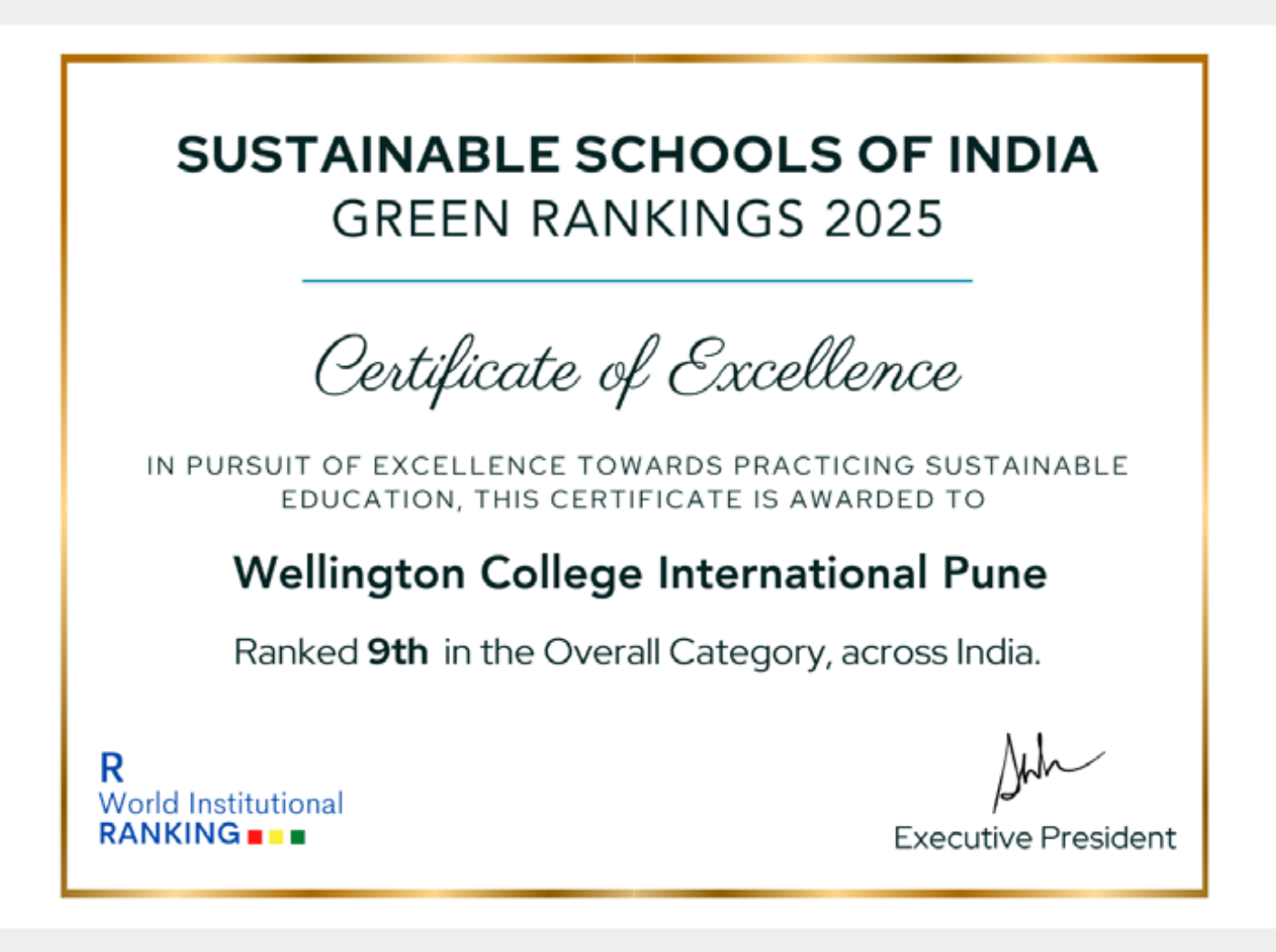
Green Rankings 2025



SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS OF INDIA
GREEN RANKINGS 2025

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Wellington College International Pune

Ranked **9th** in the Overall Category, across India.

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Executive President

We are absolutely delighted to receive this recognition and be regarded as a top ten school in India’s Green Rankings! All matters of sustainability, and eco-friendly learning, are at the heart of Wellington College Pune’s values and culture – from the innovative school architecture to the core beliefs of the students.

Well done to everyone in the Wellington community!

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