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Wellington Weekly

News and Updates from the Wellington Community

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From
Master’s Desk

Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

Hope all is well and welcome to the penultimate ‘Weekly’ of 2025!

As the following pages illustrate, recent weeks have witnessed Wellington College Pune at its finest, with pupils keenly participating in End of Term assessments (not forgetting academic competitions such as Olympiads), whilst also enjoying the whole host of enrichment activities provided in school. This richness of experience was displayed most sharply, in my view, last Saturday (29th November), with the school hosting both football fixtures and the Welly Colour Fest. We welcomed a significant number of families onto the campus, 80 children alone, to participate in the Welly Colour Fest, and it was just a joy to see all sectors of the site buzzing with activity, from the football field to the Art Department in East Cloister. Well done to all involved in these events.

Indeed, the weekend activities provided a foretaste of what’s to come, for the End of Term 1 promises to be a very busy period. One highlight will be the Christmas Carnival on Saturday 13th

December and I must commend the energy of the Friends of Wellington and school colleagues in bringing this event to fruition. The parental and pupil response has been super and I am sure the range of activities & games will be exciting for parents and pupils alike. I am also keenly anticipating the musical contributions by the Choirs and bands too; I hope there will be some splendid parental tunes too! As this marks Wellington's first Christmas Carnival, we are genuinely grateful to all attending and we hope to make it an occasion to remember!

The end of Term will bring a flurry of communications for parents, from Primary and Seniors, so please do endeavour to read these notices when you can. Furthermore, thank you to all families who have contacted us regarding any early departures before the close of the Term; please do let us know if you have to leave school before Wednesday 17th December, as it helps enormously with planning certain events.

With very best wishes,
Dr Murray Tod

Primary School Community

Dear Primary Parents,

Last week, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children were delighted to welcome author Ms Nandita Sarkar to school for a special visit linked to her book 'Mini and the Strangely Cut Leaves'. The children were captivated during an engaging storytelling session, where Ms Nandita brought the characters and themes to life with warmth and energy. This was followed by a lively Q&A session, giving our young learners the chance to ask thoughtful questions about writing, creativity and the inspiration behind the story. It was a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love of reading and ignite the children's imagination.

Our Physical Social Health and Economic (PSHE) Education curriculum across the Primary School continues to grow. Through our curriculum, we support children in developing essential life skills, emotional literacy, and positive relationships. Each week, pupils take part in a dedicated PSHE lesson where they explore a wide range of themes such as understanding emotions, building friendships, staying safe, celebrating diversity, developing a growth mindset, and learning how to make healthy choices. Through engaging activities and age-appropriate discussions, children are encouraged to reflect, collaborate, and build confidence in understanding themselves and others. This structured and thoughtful approach ensures consistency across the school while nurturing the wellbeing, resilience, and character development of every child in our community.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our recent coffee morning. It was a wonderful opportunity to share how we will be issuing your child's End of Term report and to explain how Learning Ladders can be used at home. We hope that parents' questions about Learning Ladders have been answered and we truly appreciate the thoughtful engagement around Learning Ladders from everyone who attended. We look forward to continuing these valuable conversations throughout the year.

Each primary class has created a beautiful festive hoop during their art lessons, showcasing both their creativity and the skills they have developed throughout the term. With a strong focus on sustainability, the children thoughtfully selected recycled and eco-friendly materials to bring their designs to life. The finished hoops are now displayed in the Primary Reception for everyone to enjoy, reflecting not only the children's artistic progress but also their growing understanding of how to create responsibly and thoughtfully.

Our primary children were given an exciting challenge this Term: to design and create a sustainable Christmas tree. Using recycled materials, creative thinking, and plenty of festive spirit, they produced a wonderful range of eco-friendly trees. These are now displayed outside the classrooms for everyone to enjoy. The children truly rose to the challenge, demonstrating both their imagination and their commitment to caring for our planet.

The children are full of excitement as they prepare to perform their End of Term concert, Christmas at the Movies. After weeks of rehearsing songs, learning actions and building confidence on stage, the children are eagerly looking forward to sharing their hard work and festive spirit with families. We can't wait for you to enjoy this wonderful celebration of music, joy and Christmas magic.

Best regards,
Katherine Kelly

Senior School Community

Dear Senior School Parents,

On Friday, 5th December, WCI Pune witnessed a vibrant splash of colours and creativity as students stepped into school in their favourite non-uniform outfits for our much-awaited Mufti Day. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as pupils expressed their individuality while contributing to a meaningful cause.

Organised by our dedicated Student Council as part of their Service initiative, Mufti Day aimed to encourage students to participate in charitable action through voluntary donations. We are proud to share that our students contributed wholeheartedly, demonstrating compassion, generosity, and a strong sense of community responsibility.

The Senior School have been busy with assessments over the past two weeks, and alongside this, our Year 11 pupils have been engaging in a series of focused Study Skills sessions designed to strengthen their approach to revision and exam preparation. These sessions have encouraged pupils to reflect not only on what they study, but how they study - an essential skill as they move towards their Trial Examinations and, ultimately, their summer IGCSEs.

Over the past weeks, pupils have explored the impact of their study environment and how small changes - such as reducing distractions, organising materials, and creating a calm, dedicated workspace - can significantly improve focus and retention. They have also examined the role of timing, understanding how to break revision into manageable, purposeful sessions rather than relying on last-minute cramming.

A key emphasis has been on planning: creating realistic revision timetables, prioritising topics, and building routines that promote consistency and balance. Pupils have reflected on the importance of structure, rest, and maintaining wellbeing, ensuring that their preparation is both productive and sustainable. Alongside this, they have been introduced to practical techniques such as active recall, the use of summaries and visual organisers, and simple memory strategies to support long-term retention.

These Study Skills sessions have laid strong foundations for the months ahead, empowering Year 11 to experiment with strategies, identify what works best for them, and approach their upcoming examinations with increased confidence, clarity, and control.

Best wishes,
Senior School Team

What’s New

Mr Abhimanyu Lal

Art Technician

Mr Abhimanyu Lal is a thoughtful and passionate artist who brings tremendous creativity to WCI Pune. He leads pottery sessions for our Senior School pupils and plays an integral part in managing art resources and supporting our art teachers across multiple classes.

Mr Lal takes great joy in being part of each pupil’s artistic journey. He believes in introducing learners to a range of techniques and guiding them as they explore these with confidence and curiosity. For him, the art room is an inspiring and rewarding space one where he can nurture young artists and help their ideas take shape. His enthusiasm, patience, and genuine love for teaching make him a valuable and much-loved member of our creative team.

Mr Rajan Vishwakarma

IT Executive

Mr Rajan Vishwakarma joined WCI Pune as an IT Executive and supports the school's daily IT operations, ensuring the seamless functioning of servers, firewalls, CCTV and biometric systems, as well as the overall management of our network and security infrastructure.

His expertise is instrumental in enhancing the school's digital ecosystem. From cybersecurity to essential technical support, Mr Vishwakarma will play a key role in assisting both staff and pupils, contributing to a safe and efficient technology environment.

Something Special

Welly Football League

Saturday – 22nd November and 29th November 2025

The Welly Football League is underway, and we are having a gala time.

With incredible energy, teams from Mahindra International School, BLiSS, SGIS, Chatrabhuj Narsee School and WCI Pune battle it out on the field. So far, in every match, each of the teams has showcased incredible potential, exceptional skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. It was a true depiction of the spirit of interschool competition. Our pupils have displayed remarkable determination, making every game an exciting experience for players and spectators alike.

With the league still in progress, the excitement continues to build as teams gear up for the final round of league matches scheduled for Saturday, 17th January 2026. As we move closer to the culmination of this spirited tournament, we look forward to more memorable performances and an inspiring finish to this season of the Welly Football League. Stay tuned for updates and highlights in the coming weeks.

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Primary School - Author's Visit With “Mini and the Strangely Cut Leaves”

Wednesday – 26th November 2025

On Wednesday, 26th November, author Ms Nandita Sarkar visited WCI Pune's Primary School Library for an engaging and interactive storytelling session with our pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. She brought her book "Mini and the Strangely Cut Leaves" to life through expressive reading and warm conversations, encouraging our young learners to think, observe and imagine. The reading activity also included a fun picture puzzle, colouring and exciting interaction sessions by the author, which the children enthusiastically worked on together.

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils were delighted to receive a special signed copy of the book, making the experience even more memorable. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Sarkar for inspiring our students and nurturing their love for stories through this joyful and meaningful interaction.

Reception - Parents' Visit for Cultural Introduction

Thursday - 27th November and Tuesday - 2nd December 2025

Pupils in Reception showed great curiosity about different countries, their flags and their cultures. So, we decided to take a quick trip around the world and explore the continents and the home countries of our students. Who better to share their culture and expertise than our very own Reception parents!

Pupils have been ecstatic and enthralled with all our parents coming in - from learning about the vibrant festival of Carnival from Trinidad and crafting their own masks, to the wonderful fauna, delicious food and handcrafted items in Indonesia. To the peppy Spring festival of Easter, where pupils enjoyed participating in the Bunny Bop, to the rich culture of Assam with its national parks and Bihu dance!

Our pupils have observed and participated in lively discussions with thoughtful questions and awe and are looking forward to exploring the U.K. and Ukraine with their next guests.

Easter Eggs

Welly Colour Fest - Season 2

Saturday - 29th November 2025

What an unforgettable splash of creativity at Wellington College International Pune!

On Saturday, 29th November 2025, WCI Pune conducted our very exciting and hugely popular Welly

Colour Fest. The event was no less than a fun carnival, involving children from different age categories. Our campus came alive as nearly 100 young artists joined us for a vibrant and joy-filled experience.

The younger children delighted in a fun and relaxed colouring session, letting their imaginations run wild across the page. Meanwhile, the older participants showcased their talent and focus in an exciting competition, filling the room with creativity and overt enthusiasm.

Mr Allan McKeown, the Head of Art at WCI Pune, conducted a mixed media workshop for the senior category participants, together with his colleagues Ms Nivedita and Mr Abhimanyu.

A resounding thank-you to every participant and family who made Welly Colour Fest such an amazing celebration of art and creativity.

While the young artists worked their magic, the Admissions and Academic team hosted guided campus tours for visiting parents, offering a wonderful insight into our learning spaces, educational philosophy and world-class facilities.

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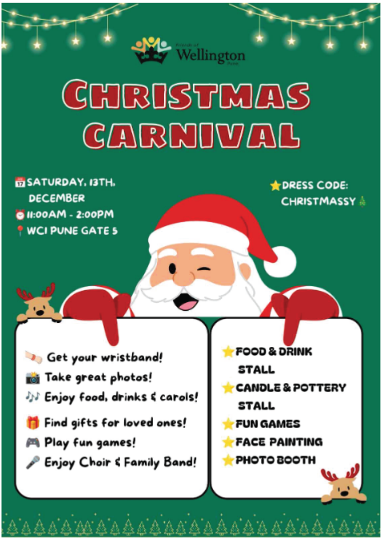
Welly Colour Fest

Behind the Scenes

Christmas Carnival by Friends of Wellington



Friends of Wellington Pune

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

📅 SATURDAY, 13TH, DECEMBER
⏰ 11:00AM - 2:00PM
📍 WCI PUNE GATE 5

⭐ DRESS CODE: CHRISTMASSY 🎄

- Get your wristband!
- 📸 Take great photos!
- 🎶 Enjoy food, drinks & carols!
- 🎁 Find gifts for loved ones!
- 🎮 Play fun games!
- 🎤 Enjoy Choir & Family Band!

- ⭐ FOOD & DRINK STALL
- ⭐ CANDLE & POTTERY STALL
- ⭐ FUN GAMES
- ⭐ FACE PAINTING
- ⭐ PHOTO BOOTH

We are thrilled to share that the Christmas Carnival, hosted by the Friends of Wellington, is just around the corner! The team is brimming with festive energy as they prepare a joyful celebration for our community. If you'd like to purchase tickets, please feel free to connect with any of the FoW members.

Staff Birthday

We celebrated the birthdays of Ms Marcellina Thombre, Ms Vinisha Jain, and Mr Sagar More and extend our warmest wishes to each of them for a joyful and fulfilling year ahead.

Voices of Wellington

Mr Allan McKeown, our Head of Art reflects on a vibrant term filled with creativity, from the exciting move into our new Senior School Art room to the success of Welly Colour Fest. With a growing team, thriving student participation, and inspiring whole-school art initiatives, the department is flourishing like never before.

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Forthcoming Events

School Swimming Meet : Mahindra International School	Saturday – 6th December 2025
Tree Lighting Ceremony at The Ritz Carlton	Saturday – 6th December 2025
SS: House Battle of Bands	Friday – 12th December 2025
Christmas Carnival (FoW)	Saturday 13th December 2025
PS : Winter Concert	Wednesday - 17th December 2025

Photos

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