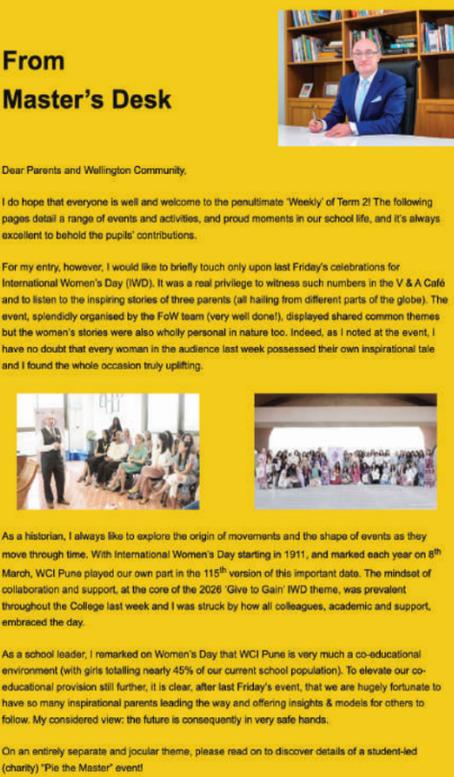


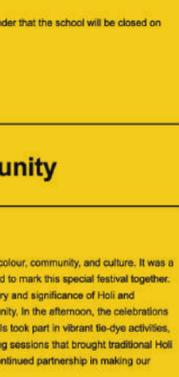
Friday, 13th March 2026

Wellington Weekly

News and Updates from the Wellington Community



From Master's Desk



Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

I do hope that everyone is well and welcome to the penultimate 'Weekly' of Term 2! The following pages detail a range of events and activities, and proud moments in our school life, and it's always excellent to behold the pupils' contributions.

For my entry, however, I would like to briefly touch only upon last Friday's celebrations for International Women's Day (IWD). It was a real privilege to witness such numbers in the V & A Café and to listen to their inspiring stories of three parents (all holding different parts in the V & A Café) the event, splendidly organised by the F&W team (very well done!), displayed shared common themes but the women's stories were also wholly personal in nature too. Indeed, as I noted at the event, I have no doubt that every woman in the audience last week possessed their own inspirational tale and I found the whole occasion truly uplifting.



As a historian, I always like to explore the origin of movements and the shape of events as they move through time. With International Women's Day starting in 1911, and marked each year on 8th March, WCI Pune offered our own part in the 116th version of this important date. The precedent of collaboration and support, at the core of the 2026 'Give to Gain' IWD event, was prevalent throughout the College last week and I was struck by how all colleagues, academic and support, embraced the day.

As a school leader, I remarked on Women's Day that WCI Pune is very much a co-educational environment (with girls totalling nearly 45% of our current school population). To elevate our educational provision still further, it is clear, after last Friday's event, that we are hugely fortunate to have so many inspirational parents leading the way and offering insights & models for others to follow. My considered view: the future is consequently in very safe hands.

On an entirely separate and jovial theme, please read on to discover details of a student-led (charity) 'Pie the Master' event!

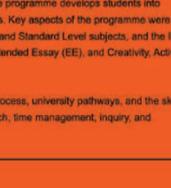
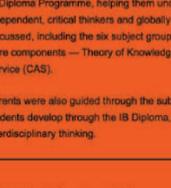
I wish everyone an excellent weekend and offer a quick reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday, 19th March (for Gudi Padwa).

Best wishes,
Dr Murray Tod

Primary School Community

Dear Primary Parents,

Our Holi Assembly last week was a truly joyful celebration of colour, community, and culture. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to join us as we gathered to mark this special festive together. The children spoke and sang with confidence, and the story and significance of Holi and reminding us all of the importance of renewal, kindness and unity. In the afternoon, the celebrations continued with hands-on experiences across the school. Pupils took part in vibrant tie-dye activities, exploring colour, pattern and creativity, and enjoyed storytelling sessions that brought traditional Holi tales to life. Thank you for celebrating with us and for your continued partnership in making our school such a warm and inclusive community.

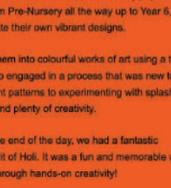
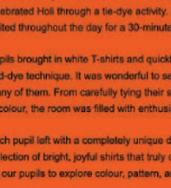


As part of our Holi celebrations, the Art Department worked with all primary pupils on a vibrant tie-dye project. The children thoroughly enjoyed the creative process, learning different techniques to transform their plain white T-shirts into colourful works of art inspired by Holi. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and creativity across the year groups as each child designed their own unique pattern. The finished T-shirts were full of bright colours and joyful expression, and the children were delighted to take their creations home to share with their families. A sincere thank you to the Art Department for planning and leading to such an enjoyable and memorable experience for our pupils.



Last week, our community observed the Holi public holiday, offering families time to celebrate together and reflect on the values of renewal, joy and togetherness that this festival represents. We hope you enjoyed a meaningful and colourful day with loved ones.

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils recently enjoyed enriching educational visits that brought their learning to life beyond the classroom. Year 1 visited the Zaporza Museum, where they explored a range of cultural artefacts and interactive exhibits, while Year 2 travelled to the Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum to deepen their understanding through real-world experiences. Across both visits, pupils showed great curiosity, asked thoughtful questions and demonstrated exemplary behaviour, representing the school with pride. Field trips such as these play an important role in enriching our curriculum and helping children make meaningful connections with the world around them.



In celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March, we were delighted to welcome a number of parents into school to share their personal journeys with our community. Linked to this year's theme, Give to Gain, the speakers spoke openly about their experiences, the challenges they have faced and the importance of supporting and uplifting others along the way. Their stories were both inspiring and thought-provoking. We extend our sincere thanks to our parent speakers for giving their time and sharing their perspectives, and to the Friends of Wellington for organising such a meaningful and engaging event.



It was also a pleasure to welcome parents to our recent Early Years coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion. Opportunities like this are invaluable, as they allow us to share more about our approach to learning in the Early Years while also listening carefully to parents' questions, reflections and ideas. Your engagement and interest in your children's learning are greatly appreciated, and the conversations helped to reinforce the strong partnership between home and school that is so important in supporting our youngest learners.



Each week, a class assembly provides an opportunity for pupils to showcase their learning and share important messages with the wider school community. These assemblies help to build confidence, develop speaking skills and celebrate the learning taking place across the school, while also strengthening our sense of community. Recently, Year 6 delivered an engaging assembly focused on multiplication, demonstrating their growing mathematical understanding. Year 5 and Year 4 focused on the importance of our school values, highlighting what these look like in action through examples from everyday school life.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful week ahead. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

Best regards,
Katherine Kelly

Senior School Community

Dear Parents,

Last week's Holi celebrations brought wonderful colour and energy to the Senior School community. A particular highlight was the creation of the beautiful Kolam designs in the Level 1 Atrium, carefully crafted on the floor by each of our four Houses. It was a joy to see pupils from across year groups working collaboratively, with each House organising themselves into different roles to design, plan and create their patterns. The results were striking, and the process itself was a lovely reflection of teamwork, creativity and House spirit. Congratulations to BENSON HOUSE, whose intricate design and use of colour won the competition.



On Monday our assembly was led by the Benson to mark International Women's Day, celebrating the many contributions that women make to society and recognising the importance of equality, opportunity and respect within our community. This theme continued later in the week through the Friends of Wellington celebration on Friday, highlighting the powerful idea of Give to Gain and celebrated the many women who contribute so much to the life of our wider school community. Looking ahead, we are excited for Maths-led Pi Day on Monday (with Pi Day itself falling on Sunday this year). The Mathematics department has planned a number of classroom activities for their pupils, and we look forward to seeing the enthusiasm and creativity that these always inspire.



Next Friday (20th March) promises to be a busy and student-led day, with several events organised by our pupils and, in particular, the Student Council. Pupils will be invited to take part in Oam Clothes Day, although they will of course still be expected to change into appropriate clothing for their CCAs.

At lunchtime on the 20th March, there will also be a charity event involving the Master — this time 'Pie the Master' — where pupils may purchase a ticket for the chance to throw a shaving-foam 'pie' at him. All participants will then be entered into a draw for the opportunity to douse our long-suffering Master in water. Given the rising temperatures, we like to think this is something he may secretly enjoy! Tickets are £200 each (with more available to purchase) and all proceeds will go to charity. If your child wishes to take part, please send them in with a small amount of rupees to purchase a ticket of two.

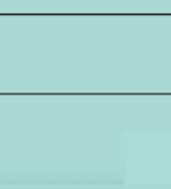
Finally, we look forward to our traditional (nearly) end-of-term Movie Night on Friday evening, which will be open to all pupils. The event will run from 5.00 pm to 7.15 pm, and further details will be shared early next week.

Best wishes,
Dr Victoria Gardner

Something Special

Year 11: Parent Information Session

Monday – 2nd March 2026



On Monday 2nd March, we hosted a Parent Information Session to introduce Year 11 families to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and to support students as they begin planning their academic journey beyond IGCSE.

The session provided parents with an overview of the structure, philosophy, and expectations of the IB Diploma Programme, helping them understand how the programme develops students into independent, critical thinkers and globally minded learners. Key aspects of the programme were discussed, including the six subject groups, Higher Level and Standard Level subjects, and the IB Core components — Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS).

Parents were also guided through the subject selection process, university pathways, and the skills students develop through the IB Diploma, such as research, time management, inquiry, and interdisciplinary thinking.

PS: Holi Assembly

Wednesday – 4th March 2026

Our Primary School Holi assembly was a wonderful example of how we promote intercultural awareness at Wellington College International Pune.

Through performances inspired by Holi, pupils explored the meaning and traditions behind the celebration while expressing their learning through dance, songs, skits, and instrumental music.

The theme of colour helped pupils understand the festival's message of joy, unity, and new beginnings. By learning about Holi and sharing it through performance, pupils developed confidence, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the cultures represented within our community.

The learning deepened as pupils took part in a tie and dye activity led by our Art Department, exploring colour, pattern, and traditional textile techniques. Experiences like these help pupils connect cultural understanding with creative expression, fostering curiosity, respect, and global mindedness within our international school community.

PS: Tie and Dye Session

Wednesday – 4th March 2026

On Wednesday 4th March, the Art room was full of colour and excitement as our Primary pupils celebrated Holi with a tie-dye activity. Every class, from Pre-Nursery all the way up to Year 6, visited throughout the day for a 30-minute session to create their own vibrant designs.

Pupils brought in white T-shirts and quickly transformed them into colourful works of art using a tie-and-dye technique. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in a process with splash of colour, the room was filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and plenty of creativity.

Each pupil left with a completely unique design, and by the end of the day, we had a fantastic collection of bright, joyful shirts that truly captured the spirit of Holi. It was a fun and memorable way for our pupils to explore colour, pattern, and celebration through hands-on creativity!

SS: House Rangoli Competition

Wednesday – 4th March 2026

At WCI Pune, art is practised and explored in various ways.

Our pupils demonstrating their remarkable creativity by creating vibrant Kolam (Rangoli) designs as part of an exciting Inter-House Rangoli Competition organised by the Art Department.

The event brought together pupils from all four houses: Raglan, Benson, Apsley, and Anglesey. It was an elaborate effort of collaboration and enthusiasm to create beautiful, traditional designs. The entire competition was organised where teams first discussed their ideas, carefully planned the execution and composition and then completed their work in the given time.

Pupils followed the traditional Kolam techniques and elements like Rangoli powder and flower petals. In no time, the space was transformed into a vibrant display of colour and creativity. All the houses exhibited impressive patterns and artistry. However, Benson House stood out with its exceptional design and attention to detail. This earned them the winning position in this year's competition.

Friends of Wellington: International Women's Day Celebration

Friday – 6th March 2026

International Women's Day at WCI Pune was a heartfelt celebration of resilience and inspiration, thanks to the Friends of Wellington, our parents society. Our pupils' mothers joined us for a special gathering to celebrate the strength and care they possess. They also set up an NGO stall featuring thoughtfully made goodies, from love bags and fragrant candles to beautiful handmade crafts, promoting the spirit of mindful giving.

The highlight of the day was hearing these remarkable women share glimpses of their journeys as women, whether as entrepreneurs, artists, professionals and caregivers, they spoke candidly about their aspirations, challenges and successes. Their stories left all of us inspired.

True to the spirit of the day's motto, "Give to Gain," the celebration became a meaningful exchange of encouragement and gratitude across our community.

Year 1: Field Trip to Zaporza Museum

Wednesday – 11th March 2026

Year 1 students had an exciting and enriching learning experience during their field trip to Zaporza – Museum of Art and Culture. The trip was thoughtfully planned to connect with our current learning theme, "Materials Around Us." It provided children with a wonderful opportunity to explore, observe, and learn beyond the classroom. During the guided exploration, pupils visited several galleries where they observed a variety of objects made from different materials such as wood, metal, fabric, cotton, glass, and clay. Through thoughtful questions and discussions, the children began to identify materials and understand why certain materials are used to create different objects. The experience encouraged curiosity, observation, and critical thinking. They also participated in engaging discussions where they grouped and sorted objects based on the materials used and hands-on activities such as block printing. This activity helped them deepen their understanding of material properties such as strength, texture, and flexibility.

The children also enjoyed outdoor team games and a picnic lunch, making the day both educational and fun. It was a memorable experience that encouraged collaborative and joyful learning beyond the classroom while promoting teamwork, coordination and creativity among the pupils.

The pupils returned to school with happy memories, new knowledge about materials, and a deeper appreciation for the world around them.

Behind the Scenes

Staff Holi Celebration

Monday – 2nd March 2026

WCI Pune campus had a very colourful week, and as a part of this festive week, our team celebrated Holi (Rang Rinchami), creating a cheerful and festive environment. Such moments reflect the joy of shared traditions and the warmth of a community that celebrates together.

Staff Women's Day Celebration

Friday – 6th March 2026

At WCI Pune, all the female staff were celebrated on the occasion of International Women's Day. A small gesture of appreciation for the remarkable working women of our school. By celebrating the teachers, non-academic staff and support staff, we are celebrating the backbone of the school community.

Your hard work and resilience inspire us all.

Staff Birthdays

WCI Pune wishes a happy birthday to all our colleagues who celebrated in these weeks: Ms Minal Verma, Ms Mijeong Sim, Ms Ramya Vijayan, Ms Katherine Kelly and Ms Sunita Shrivastavi. We wish a joyous and healthy time ahead and many more milestones with us.

TRANSITIONING TO BOARDING SCHOOL LIFE
Understanding the Realities of Boarding and How to Prepare Your Child for Success

An Exclusive Parent Session

Saturday, 14 March 2026
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM IST

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Founding Headmaster

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Forthcoming Events

Good Friday School Closed 18:00 Parent Teacher Consultations	Thursday – 19th March 2026 Thursday – 26th March 2026
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