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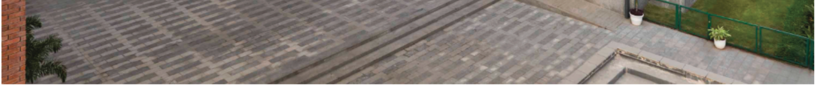


From Master's Desk

Dear Parents and Wellington Community,

Today marks an important Friday in the history of WCI Pune – it is the eve of our very first Wellington Summer Vibe / Unity Party! I am very much looking forward to the commencement of tomorrow's festivities, on Saturday 9th May, with the celebration focusing on our international cultures and reflecting how diverse a community the school is. I have always been inordinately proud of both our Maharashtra/Indian roots and our broader international identities and the occasion of our inaugural Unity Party will showcase this to amazing effect. In addition to country parades and stalls, the event will offer super delicacies from individual countries and plenty of activities for the pupils. It is, in essence, intended to be a joyful illustration of all that's brilliant about WCI Pune, ostensibly organised by the families for the families. I am so grateful to the FoW and the parents, in tandem with the incredibly talented school team, for bringing the event to full fruition and I can't wait! The attendance is expected to be tremendous and a hearty well done in advance to all involved!

The timing of this weekend's event is opportune, as it then allows a period of reflection before the Wellington College International Annual Review between Monday 18th May to Thursday 21st May. For those new(ish) to WCI Pune, a core strength of belonging to the global Wellington family involves the robust quality assurance programme of the school network. Each year every Wellington College is reviewed by a team of expert practitioners, some connected to Wellington UK and their international schools & others external to the group, who collaboratively 'temperature check' on aspects such as the vision and values of the school, and the overarching quality of the learning & teaching provision, together with our safeguarding practices. It is a hugely formative process, reaffirming areas that schools such as WCI Pune do well whilst also pinpointing elements that can be developed further. I am especially interested, as per recent survey communications, on the mechanisms for constructive feedback via such reviews, and I am sure there will be great scope for pupil and parental engagement during the visit of the AR team. We are all looking forward to welcoming the reviewers to Pune and I will certainly feedback to the Wellington community on the eventual outcomes.

Best wishes for the weekend and I hope to see as many families as possible tomorrow afternoon!

Dr Murray Tod

Primary School Community

Dear Primary Parents,

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you in school recently. Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Meetings. These conversations are vital in ensuring that we work together to support your child's progress and well-being. You will receive your record of discussion today.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Last week, our primary assemblies were a true showcase of pupil leadership. Year 6 delighted us with a wonderful display of their recent learning journey through performance poetry, while Year 2 delivered a powerful and thought-provoking performance focused on our planet. Their presentation on environmental protection, specifically the impact of paper wastage and recycling, served as a timely reminder of the responsibility we all share in protecting our world.

In school, we continue to embed the Zones of Regulation. The Zones of Regulation is a trusted, research-based framework that builds emotional regulation and skills for life. Grounded in cognitive behavioural science, it gives individuals and communities a common language for navigating emotions and the practical strategies to do it well. We are teaching our children that all feelings are valid and providing them with the toolbox needed to navigate them effectively.

Our School Council has been incredibly active this month, focusing on the heart of our school: the Library. They have been busy collecting pupil voice to understand what our pupils truly want to see on the shelves. Based on their feedback, we are currently reviewing a list of suggested texts to ensure our collection continues to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Our newly formed Eco-Committee comprising two representatives from every class (Years 1–6) and four staff members has hit the ground running. The team is currently divided into three Action Groups focused on creative recycling:

Green Thumbs: Crafting handmade plant pots with Mr Abhimanyu.

Eco-Readers: Designing sustainable bookmarks.

Junk Orchestra: Building and playing musical instruments made entirely from recycled materials.

Following our school wide mural competition, Ms Nivedita has combined the winning designs and runner-up entries into one final masterpiece. Sketching begins this term, and a group of pupils will soon be selected to help bring the design to life with paint.

We recently invited our pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 to share their thoughts on school life. Hearing directly from our children is vital to ensuring we provide the best possible environment for them to grow. We are delighted to share the highlights of their feedback with you:

Key Strengths

Our children are happy learners. The vast majority of pupils reported that they enjoy school providing a fantastic foundation for their education.

The children feel incredibly well-supported and said their teachers actively help them achieve their best, and the feedback they receive is seen as a valuable tool for their progress.

It is heartening to see that nearly every child knows exactly which adult to turn to if they have a worry. This culture of trust and fairness is something we are very proud of.

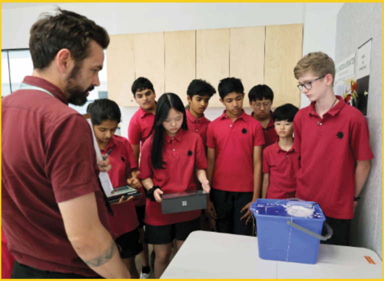
We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing weekend, and we look forward to seeing many of you this Saturday for what promises to be a fantastic FOW event.

Best regards,
Katherine Kelly

Senior School Community

Dear Senior School Parents,

As we approach the midpoint of the Term, it has been a pleasure to see so many parents in school over recent weeks and to continue getting to know the wider Senior School community. I enjoyed meeting parents at last week's Senior School Coffee Morning and it has also been excellent to welcome so many parents to recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to meeting parents of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils at next week’s conferences as well.



Last week's STEM Fest was a Term 3 highlight, demonstrating the creativity and academic ambition of the pupils. Each House produced outstanding projects rooted in scientific research and offering imaginative solutions to real-world challenges. I particularly enjoyed the Anglesey's Sea Bin project, inspired by international initiatives to collect plastic waste from the oceans, and the Apsley's hydro-electric project. Our Year 12 students produced an exceptional IBDP interdisciplinary project and presentation on an affordable water filtration system, drawing together knowledge and skills from across the sciences with maturity and sophistication.

Public IGCSE examinations are now fully underway, and I would like to commend our Year 11 pupils, who have approached this period with maturity. Their calmness and sense of purpose has set an excellent example to the rest of the Senior School community and we continue to wish them well.

As we look ahead, assessments are on the horizon for all year groups. Key Stage 3 assessments will take place from Monday 25th to Friday 29th May, Key Stage 4 assessments from Thursday 28th May to Friday 5th June, and Key Stage 5 assessments from Thursday 28th May to Thursday 4th June. Timetables and subject-specific information will be shared with pupils by next Friday in order to support effective preparation and revision planning.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to seeing you and your families at tomorrow's Summer Vibe Party, which promises to be a fun and vibrant community event. Thank you in advance to all those involved in organising what I am sure will be an excellent afternoon for pupils, parents and staff alike. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I wish all of our pupils the very best as they prepare for the busy weeks ahead.

Best wishes,
Dr Victoria Gardner

Something Special

SS: Boot Camp

Friday – 24th April 2026

Pupils of Year 12 recently participated in a full-day Boot Camp on reflective writing and resume development, conducted by RedPen Consultants. The workshop was designed to strengthen key elements of global university applications, including the UK - UCAS Personal Statement and essays required for the US Common App, scholarships, and other international universities.

The sessions focused on helping pupils craft meaningful personal narratives such as motivation letters, leadership essays, and identity-based writing. Reflective writing played a central role, enabling students to analyse their experiences, develop self-awareness, and articulate their aspirations effectively.

The Boot Camp proved to be highly productive. By the end of the session, pupils were able to develop initial drafts of their college application essays — an important milestone in their university journey. The experience not only improved their writing skills but also gave them greater clarity and confidence in presenting their unique stories to institutions worldwide.

SS: Deep Dive into US Universities

Tuesday – 28th April 2026

We were honoured to host the Higher Education session, “Deep Dive into US Universities,” on 28th April 2026. Led by Dr Victoria Gardner, the session provided valuable insights into the US application process, highlighting its holistic nature - where universities assess students beyond grades, including their experiences, achievements, and personal qualities.

Thank you to all parents who attended the session for your enthusiastic participation and engagement. We look forward to continuing to support our pupils on their global higher education journeys.

SS: STEM Fest

Wednesday – 29th April 2026

WCI Pune conducted its STEM Fest on Wednesday 29th April, which was a vibrant and inspiring celebration of innovation, collaboration, and sustainability. Organised as a house-based competition, students from Anglesey, Benson, Apsley, and Raglan came together to present thoughtful and impactful projects aligned with the theme “Innovate for a Sustainable Future.” The event provided an excellent platform for students to apply scientific knowledge to real-world challenges while showcasing creativity and teamwork. These projects reflected not only strong scientific understanding but also a strong sense of environmental responsibility.

A key highlight of the event was the Collaborative Science Project presented by our Year 12 students. Focusing on the theme of water sustainability, the students designed an affordable water filtration system aimed at improving access to clean water for all. Their project stood out for its practicality, innovation, and meaningful real-world application, particularly in addressing global water challenges.

Overall, the STEM Fest was a great success, fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration among students, while reinforcing the importance of sustainability and innovation in shaping a better future.

Pre-Nursery: Stepping into the World of Care and Compassion

Friday - 8th May 2026

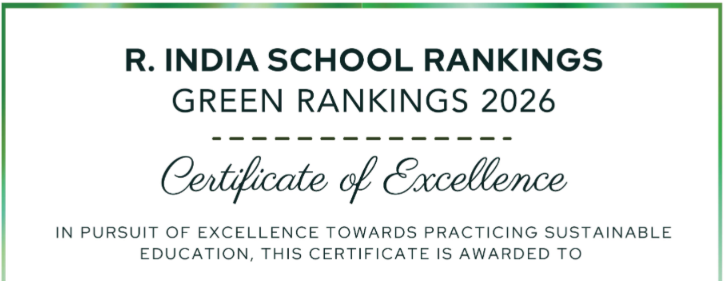
As part of their exploration of People Who Help Us & Our Wider World, our Pre-Nursery children welcomed a special parent incursion to enrich their understanding of doctors and the important role they play in caring for people.

The classroom transformed into a space filled with curiosity, imagination, and purposeful play as children stepped into the roles of doctors, nurses, and surgeons. Dressed in scrubs, masks, and gloves, they carefully examined patients, listened to heartbeats through a stethoscope, and explored the importance of hygiene and care within a hospital setting.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Simon Grant and his family, who helped bring authentic experiences into the classroom and sparked meaningful conversations and wonder amongst the children. At Wellington, we deeply value parent partnership, as these shared experiences make learning personal, tangible, and deeply connected to the child's world.

Behind the Scenes

WCI Pune secures 3rd Rank in R. India School Rankings' Green Rankings



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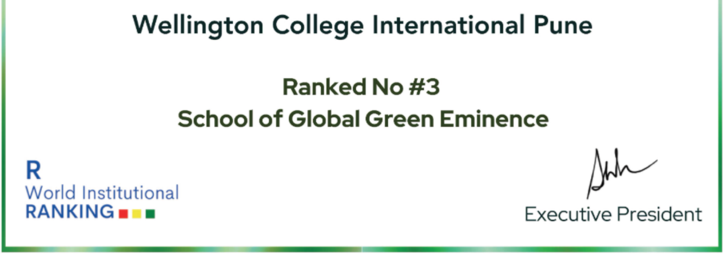

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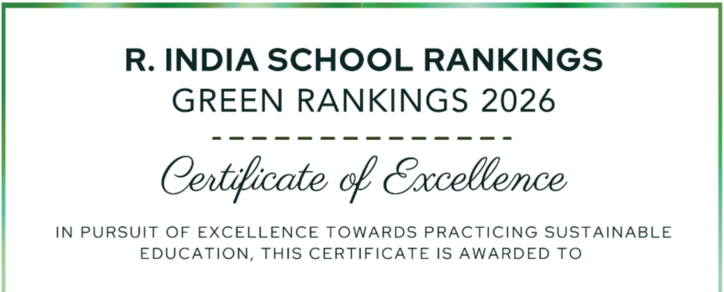

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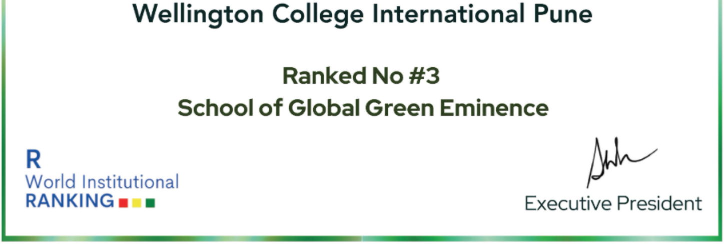

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WATA International Taekwondo Championship

From Saturday 25th April to Monday 27th April, our Taekwondo Coaches - Master Varad Tulpule and Grand Master Chandrakant Bhosale proudly represented India on the international stage at the prestigious WATA International Taekwondo Championship held at the Ohama Daishin Arena, Osaka, Japan.

The championship welcomed participants from over 24 countries, showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship across a range of events, including:

Poomsae
Pair Poomsae
Freestyle Poomsae
Pair Freestyle Poomsae
Kyorugi

Representing Team India were:

Team Leader: Grand Master Chandrakant Bhosale

Team Coordinator: Mr Amid Esmaeili

Coach: Master Varad Tulpule

Alongside 14 talented athletes proudly competing for India.

We are especially delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our very own coach, Master Varad Tulpule, who competed in the Poomsae Under-30 Masters Advanced Category and proudly secured the Gold Medal for India.

This remarkable accomplishment reflects not only his dedication, discipline, and years of hard work, but also the spirit of excellence and perseverance we strive to inspire in our pupils every day. Competing and succeeding on such a prestigious international platform is an incredible achievement and a proud moment for our entire school community.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Grand Master Chandrakant Bhosale, Master Varad Tulpule, Mr Amid Esmaeili, and the entire Team India delegation for their exceptional performance and for representing the nation with great pride, dedication, and honour on the international stage

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Staff Birthday

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We wish Mr Sameer Naidu a very happy birthday. Have a prosperous and happy time ahead. WCI Pune wishes many more milestones together!

Voices of Wellington

Ms Janet Danaher, the Head of English, shares an elaborate account of the English Department and how they plan on moving forward with the IGCSE cohort appearing for their final assessments.

English Class
Lesson
Grammar

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Forthcoming Events

FoW: Summer Unity Party	**Saturday - 09th May 2026**
SS: Y10 Parent Teacher Consultations	**Monday - 11th May 2026**
PS: Transition KS2 to KS3 - Parent Information Session	**Monday - 18th May 2026**

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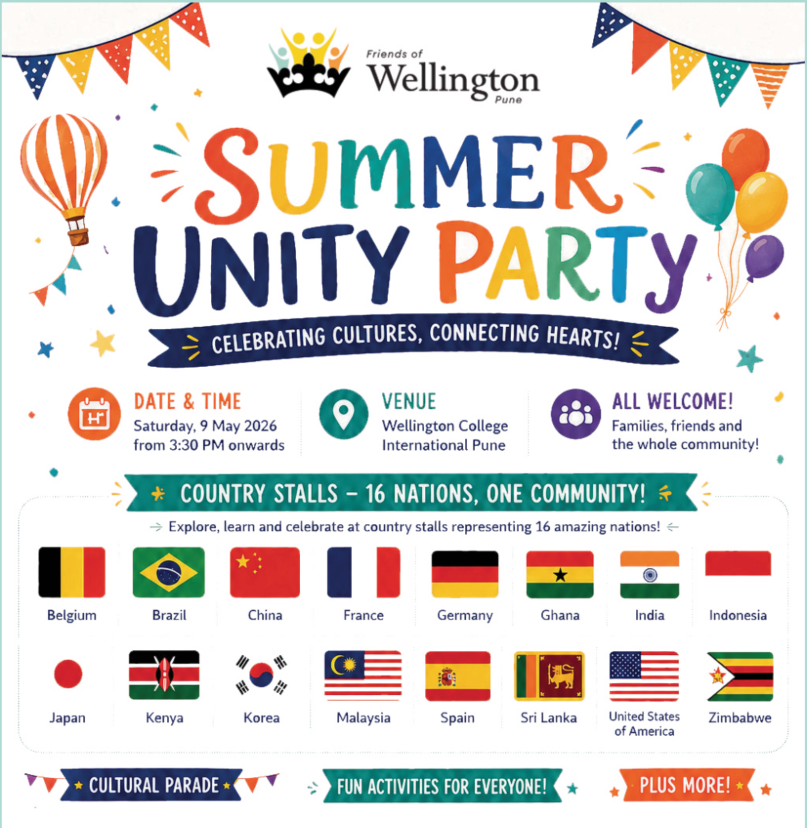

Friends of Wellington Pune

SUMMER UNITY PARTY

CELEBRATING CULTURES, CONNECTING HEARTS!

DATE & TIME
Saturday, 9 May 2026
from 3:30 PM onwards

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the whole community!

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- Brazil
- China
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- India
- Indonesia
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- United States of America
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Video

Episode 2 of The Wellington Chatroom:

An Interview with Ms Priyanka Sharma (Economics Teacher and Higher Education Officer)

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Literary Fest

Monday – 20th April 2026 to Friday – 24th April 2026

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