

THE WIGHTWICK WAY

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest issue of The Wightwick Way. The clocks have changed, the nights are drawing in and Christmas is almost here!

We've had another busy term at Wightwick, the students enjoyed a Bonfire themed lunch on the 7th November and we held a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day on the 10th. We've also had the Book Fair and Parents Evening, and we're looking forward to our Christmas Fair on the 15th.

A reminder that you can still subscribe to the Arbor Parent Portal to pay for lunches, trips and book Parents evening etc.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all parents/carers, staff and students who have supported the school this last term. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 9th January 2024

A final note:

After 25 years working for Staffordshire CC, Jacqui has decided to retire from teaching to spend more time with family and carry out "Nana duties"

"It has been a truly wonderful and rewarding time spent here at Wightwick, and I look forward to seeing the School evolve further.

All the best for the future."

Jacqui Foulger

REVIEW



Last terms Golden Ticket was won by Aston Platt (1st) and Mikhail Ali (2nd).

6th form painted pumpkins as part of their 3D art projects. We had some amazing Disney characters this year. (see Picture Gallery)

A huge Thank You for student behaviour at the Act of Remembrance. All students that attended received a green token.

Also a huge well done to Oscar Haywood, who played the Last Post and receives 3 tokens.

Scholastic Book fair was in school w/c 13/11/2023 Thank you to all those who purchased books,

Children in Need - 17th November - Own Clothes raised £163.50 and everyone enjoyed bongo bingo - well done to Emily Dow for winning and thank you to Mikhail for dj'ing (see picture gallery)

The sale of Xmas cards has raised £61.22 for our Uganda Appeal

UP- COMING EVENTS



Makaton Signing Choir will be performing at ASDA on the 12th 10am -12pm and at Compton Hospice on the 18th ((Residents only). but we would love your support at ASDA Wolverhampton.

Hickman House are going to the Pantomime 15th December

15th December 1:30 - 3:00pm Christmas Fair

Christmas Dinner 20th December 2023

Xmas Jumper day for Save the Children - 22nd December



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SCHOOL NEWS

As we come to the end of the second half term, we have been getting our students prepared for adulthood. The Money Lessons has been developed to educate children of all ages and they have also developed a SEN program, which was delivered to every student.

Nationwide BS wanted to celebrate IDPD International Day of People with Disabilities on the 27th November and so the Money Program was delivered across that week.

The students really enjoyed the inclusive nature of the content and the staff from Nationwide are already planning on when they will return to the school. They did say that the students contributed to the sessions more than any other school they have been to!

Part 1 of Nationwide at Wightwick can now be found on their social media channels. (linked in and Facebook) where you can see our students do us proud!

LinkedIn:
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/nationwide-building-society_money-lessons-idpd-activity-7137420412602183680-l6FY?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios

Facebook:
<https://fb.watch/oNdw3sVUwp/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

The Golden Ticket!

Pupils are still excited about the golden tickets! Our next draw takes place on Friday 22nd December, and the secret behaviour is... still a secret! 😊

LATEST NEWS



This year the school took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at United Reformed Church, Tettenhall Wood. The idea is for local businesses/organisations to promote themselves in a creative way. Visitors nominated the 'Best Tree' and guess what? **Wightwick WON!**

Our Christmas Craft Fair will be held Friday 15th December @ 1:30pm, where the Makaton Signing Choir and Young Voices will sing. We will be giving away the Christmas Hampers, for which we have had loads of donations from everyone, so hope you've all bought a raffle ticket!

Wightwick Hall School wants to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who have supported us this year with raffle prizes and donations.

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Students and staff are looking forward to taking part in Young Voices 22nd January 2024 at the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham



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STAFF PROFILE

Name: Mr Edge
Teaching Assistant

Here are some of my favourite things!

Favourite Colour:
Orange

Favourite Band:
Bob Marley & The Wailers

Favourite Sporting Team:
The Mighty Wolverhampton Wanderers

Favourite Book:
The Practicing Mind

What animal would you be and why?
A Bird so I could fly to the highest peaks and see the world.

Best Film you can watch over and over:
It's A Wonderful Life

Invite three guests for lunch, who would they be?
Barak Obama, Bob Mortimer, Alison Hammond.

Apart from working at Wightwick, what would your dream job be?
Professional Footballer

What do you value the most and why?
A sunny day because it lifts everyone's spirits.

MY LIFE



I got my blue wings certificate with sea cadets. It is an award for achieving a virtual reality flying simulator. On the way to completing this, I also learnt how to map out a plane journey, shoot a real bow and arrow and identify key elements to knowing when it is safe to fly a plane/glider. This took place while I was on a cadet camp, I thought that this was an amazing experience for my cadet friends and I.

I didn't just learn about flying but I also got to connect with people and use my communication skills. I've earned many certificates but there are so much I can't possibly right down.

By Maddison Watson Year 8



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USEFULL INFORMATION

Take a look @ the new school planners P179 - 184 on device and internet safety

Safeguarding@ Wightwick Hall School

We strive to:

- Protect children from maltreatment.
- Prevent impairment of our children's mental & physical health and development
- Ensure that our children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Take action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Miss Higgs - Designated Safeguard Lead
Mrs Owen - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Miss Griffith - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Scott - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Rowley - Deputy safeguarding Lead

Want to be a Parent Governor?

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly local governing board.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

If you are interested in finding out more about what this entails, please contact Julie Haynes on j.haynes@wightwickhall.staffs.sch.uk, who can send you further information, along with an application form.



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Picture Gallery

Pumpkins by 6th Form



Early Morning at Wightwick
By Lucy Onions

Our Winning Christmas Tree



Children in Need Fun



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