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The Head Teacher writes ...

So, having just returned from our third Wishford Weekend with our Year 6 pupils, it is time to reflect, sleep, regroup, sleep, dry out tents, sleep and ask ourselves whether travelling for several hours in a coach with a bunch of lively, fun-loving pupils is worth it.

The answer, of course, is a resounding yes!

From the staff's point of view, it is a chance to meet up with wonderful colleagues from the other Wishford schools, 'old' faces who have now become friends. It is an opportunity to be with 'our' children in a completely different setting, away from more formal school.

However, the real reason why staff choose to travel to the opposite side of the country, on a Friday, in summer, is because of the pupils. This weekend cements everything that has gone before. They know they are part of something bigger, part of 'Wishford' – whatever that means to an eleven year old. This weekend shows them. They meet other children who are like them, they have so much in common but they soon engage in conversations with people they have never met before. They share experiences at their various schools. Over this short time away, they learn to be independent, they are presented with new challenges and have to draw on all the resilience and perseverance we ever taught them – especially when their tents 'take off' in strong winds!

So thank you to Mr Antrobus for the vision and to Hatherop Castle for providing a superb venue and being such generous hosts.

Roll on next year!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the **School Games Silver Mark Award** for the 2017/2018 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government- led award scheme run by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

Thank you to Mr Hunter, Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Bonner for all their encouragement and support.



WE WON!

With £1000 prize money up for grabs, Year 6 children across Wishford Schools were invited to take part in the Wishford Enterprise Award. The initiative, now in its second year, gave teams of Year 6 children a £50 investment and invited them to devise, research and develop a business idea, and then trade over a 24-hour period. The children then had to produce a 2 minute video outlining their business, which was presented to young entrepreneur Jordan Daykin of Gripit fame. It is Jordan, the youngest successful candidate on Dragon's Den, who put up the initial stake and provided the £1000 prize.

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children whose business 'Pick-and-Mix' won! The business provided an evening entertainment for both children and their parents. Whilst parents bought a ticket for high tea in our school hall where they could meet and chat with other parents, the children watched age appropriate films which were shown in two locations around the school. There was also an opportunity to buy a drink and refreshments during the interval. We had queues out of the door and it was such a popular event, we will be repeating it!

Head of Wishford Schools Sam Antrobus says, 'I am in awe of the creativity, commitment and entrepreneurship shown by our girls and boys. The range of disciplines the Enterprise Award covers, from product design, development and market research, to budgeting and sales and marketing, allows every child to capitalise on his or her own strengths, and gives them a clear oversight of the process of running a business. We are also very grateful to Jordan for his support. For the children to be able to access his advice and expertise, and see first-hand what innovation and dedication can accomplish is inspirational.'



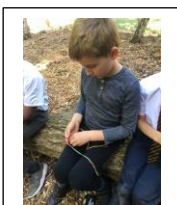
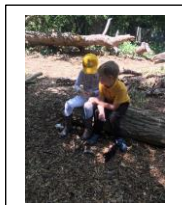
NEW SPORT INTRODUCED AT ST DAVID'S

Year 5 are trying out our new volleyball net and they seem to be loving it! From Monday, we will have a rota so that all children have the opportunity to have a go.



FOREST SCHOOL

Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Slim took Year 3 out for a Forest School session today. They all had such a great time and we cannot wait to have more sessions.



The Year 4 World Cup Blog!

When Mrs Blaza and I first discussed a blog for Year 4, little did we know what a fantastic response we would have!

True to blog style, here goes:

11.6.18 First posts up including **'Fun Facts'** about the World Cup and over the next few days attracts over 80 comments!

14.6.18 **'Today's the Day!'** - the post gets 40 comments

14.6.18 **'Est-ce-que la France va gagner la Coupe du Monde?'** gets 16 comments -many in French! (Merci, Madame Skelton!)

15.6.18 Year 4 add to their **blog in school** and we are up 136 comments on our blog!

16.6.18 The blog changes its appearance and new categories of posts are added

18.6.18 The blog commentary during the England v. Tunisia match from **Michael and Alice** is fantastic!

It is wonderful that **over half** the Year 4 children have now blogged with such enthusiasm and thought from home as well.

Thank you so much to all the Year 4 parents for your support.

Special mention to **Charan and Elianna** for having so many comments 'approved' and a **huge thanks** to **Mrs Blaza** for her wonderful enthusiasm!

Do keep blogging! The World Cup has not yet finished!

JUNE

Wednesday 27th: 6.30pm Year 6 (and Year 5) The Tempest

Friday 29th: 6.30pm Year 6 (and Year 5) The Tempest

JULY

Mon 2nd: 9.30am Musical Showcase

*All Pre-Prep children will be taking part
Little Voices Choir, Soloists*

11.00am Transition Meeting Year 1 to Year 2

11.30am Transition Meeting Year 2 to Year 3

6.30pm Musical Showcase

Prep children, Year 3 Ukulele Band,
Orchestra, Ensembles & Soloists

Tues 3rd 11.15am Children go and meet their new teacher

8am Transition Meeting Year 3 to Year 4

8am Transition Meeting Year 4 to Year 5

Wed 4th: Year 6 visit to Chartwell

Fri 6th: 9.00am Sports Day

8am Transition Meeting Reception to Year 1

8am Transition Meeting Year 5 to Year 6

School ends at 12.30pm

7.00pm Year 6 Prize Giving Evening

Mon 9th: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Open Evening

Tues 10th: Legoland trip

Thur 12th: **TERM ENDS AT 12.30pm**