



WELLING IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023...

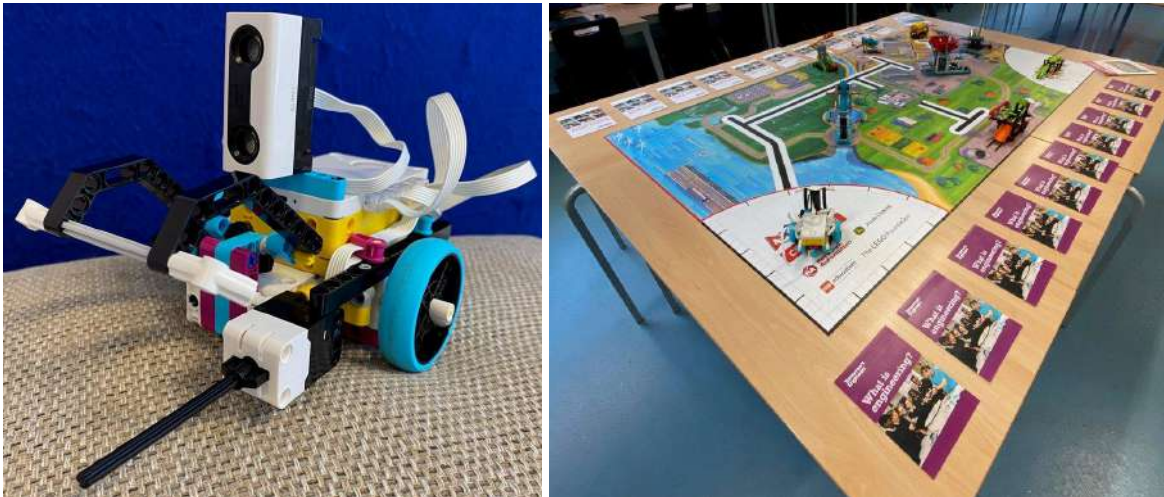
Within the month of September our students took part in the following activities:

- Following our student council feedback we launched our new extra curricular programme- this has over 40 clubs a week that run either before school, breaktime, lunchtime or afterschool. In year 7 we have also launched a themed extra curricular night which is focused on Flight for this term. Our club's information is displayed around the school and is also available on our website.
- This term we launched with a professional individual from the community, a Bike Project. Students are taking scrap bicycles and completely rebuilding them before donating them to a local charity. Students in KS3 also started a portfolio that will lead to qualifications.
- We are pleased to have the PYE project back working with our students. Currently they are preparing songs and work to share as part of Black History month celebrations. Students have been exploring music of black origin as inspiration to create their pieces. In addition to this PYE has formed a partnership with David Lloyds and are now able to offer work experience placements and job opportunities to student we work with, in support of their career and job aspirations.



- We are delighted to begin our working relationship with Millwall Football club in delivering a Football Excellence Programme for students in year 9, 10 and 11. Students gain a weekly training session with a Uefa A Pro Licence coach. As well as developing students footballing skills, their health, diet and fitness will also be monitored and developed with parents receiving a termly report on their progress.
- We had record numbers arrive to audition for this year's Christmas wonder 'Cinderella' With a cast over 40 recruited, we are very much looking forward to inviting you to see what promises to be a superb performance at the end of the Autumn term.

- The Computer Science team has officially launched their lego robotics club which is on a Tuesday after school.



- European Day of Languages was celebrated with assemblies for all year groups and the annual Year 9 France v Spain football match. Spain had won on penalties last year and players, who are now in Year 10, were on hand to support the current Year 9s. An early own goal by France energised the team and they pushed forward putting the Spanish goalie Holly Queen of Stops under pressure forcing her to make two excellent saves. However France's pressure paid off with an equaliser. Spain went on the offensive and showed speed and focus in the box securing a second goal and victory, just like the Spanish women's team in the World Cup. Congratulations to Year 9 Spanish team and a round of applause for Yr 9 French team for their attacking play.



- The Black History Month exhibition is an excellent addition to the gallery with moving and incredible artwork by Amanda Otse, Craig Akajiuba and Fiona Maddy being the highlights, which will act as inspiration and the starting point for drawing, prints and collages made in the classroom in October.



- A group of students from year 10-12 attended the TKAT Relationships Reset conference to celebrate the release of the trust's new charter tackling sexual harassment in schools. The charter is a great step towards creating a safer and happier environment for all students, and the students loved hearing all about it.

- The Roald Dahl Day Competition took place with Jayden Mac as our top prize winner!



- The Scholastic Book fair ran for a whole week in the library and we made money towards free books for our school, well done to all students who helped, especially Tuan Dang (Library Ambassador).



Book of the month- The Balloon Thief - Aneesa Marufu



When Khadija's father arranges a match, she leaps at a chance to escape – a hot air balloon fighting its ropes for the sky. Soon, she is flying over the desert sands of her world, swept up in an adventure of black magic, jinn and revolution beyond her wildest dreams ...

- 10 students completed their final Fitter Stronger session with Paula Kerr. The message given to students was to keep your mind and body strong and you'll

achieve far more than you think possible. We look forward to making this opportunity available to year 10 students later this year.

We Visited:

- As part of our rewards programme, we took 300 Welling students across y8-11 to Thorpe Park to acknowledge their conduct and commitment to the summer term. This was a fantastic success with so much positive feedback from parents and students about the experience. We are looking to run more of these events over the course of this year.



- All of our year 7, 8 and 9 Aspire students visited Danson Park to complete water activities and rock bouldering. Students were given a range of tasks and developed their communication, team work whilst overcoming changes demonstrating superb resilience.



Subject Highlights:

- In maths we have relaunched our Sparx homework programme. This groundbreaking software is available for all students to study independently. We also have exciting clubs running: Flight Club and Count On Us. Year 12-13 students have also just completed the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. As for the 120+ students from year 11 who came to intervention and masterclasses... wow, we salute you. Great effort!! Our Monday Maths Momentum Mocks are also preparing students for incomparable exam successes next Summer. All video solutions are online for all students to study. Together we can make the impossible happen. MMXXIII-MMXXIV is the year.
- This month in Science year 7s have been learning investigative skills in science, carrying out practicals and now are looking at how microscopes work. Students who have joined us in Science club have been looking at the science of fireworks in and testing flame colours to identify different metals that are used in fireworks. We also had 103 year 11 students attending Science interventions during the second week of year 11 interventions.
- Great involvement from Year 13 and 11 students in our Medieval Physicians' diagnosis room for the Open Evening. Some even tasted the specimens for a better diagnosis! Our trip to Berlin has been finalised and we are looking forward to taking a large number of y11s in the new year!
- Some of our Geography students volunteered to create a rainforest classroom. The room was totally transformed and certainly demonstrated biodiversity-. It still feels tropical!
- Year 10 students have settled in their new option well. It is a brand new course for the class and have shown good understanding of family life and relations. Daisy, Anaiya and Emily are excelling wonderfully.
- The month of September was extremely busy in the Art department, with the start of the year 7 Flight club, which started with photographing birds in flight on sport settings in response to the photographer Eadweard Muybridge with Miss Hobden. The pupils will then use the imagery to create monoprints which then will be turned into flick books to show movement. Ms Moore and Ms Jarratt led, curated and hung the Pareidolla photographic competition for Key Stage 3, where pupils looked for happy faces in unexpected places, from a series of viewpoints.
- Our PE department has been busy this term introducing their sports clubs and fixtures. With a range of activities on offer for both boys and girls there really is something for all. Our Trampolining club on a Tuesday has seen record numbers and our girls netball club is growing every week. With sport fixtures well underway our boys teams are really showing local schools how it is done- with a particular highlight of our y9 team beating Trinity school 8:1



- The Year 12 business students have made an impressive start to the Year by commencing a piece of coursework based on a local business, Crook Log Leisure Centre. Students will undertake extensive research and produce a detailed analysis investigating Communication and Customer Service at Crook Log.
- Pictured below is one of our new joins to Welling Sixth form, Matthew O'Brien exploring the swimming pool and gym at Crook Log Leisure Centre during the month of September.



- Our technology department were delighted with their newest piece of equipment - a laser cutter. This advanced piece of up to date technology can help make a wide range of items- pictures is a Welling School keyring that was made.



- We now have several intervention groups running in both English and Maths with the

aspiration of them taking additional Functional Skills qualifications alongside their GCSEs.

- The Elsa Centre (TEC) has started its small group cooking sessions with Mrs Brooks. So far, students have successfully made; Tagliatelle Carbonara, Chocolate Chip Muffins and Biscuits, and Spaghetti and Meatballs. The students are well on their way to learning lifelong skills in an environment that fosters the enjoyment of cooking.



SIGNIFICANT THIS TERM:

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Year 11's started core subject interventions in preparation for the PPE's. At the moment we have over 100 students attending these every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Riley Wait, Max Smyth, Sam Wightwick were fantastic community members who witnessed a road traffic accident but then supported the victim was cared for and ensured that the emergency services.
- Maddy Baxter in Year 13 entered a short story writing competition and was awarded a place in the top 60 nationally. Amazing to be so celebrated for this talented writing.
- Congratulations to students across the school who have already received their High Achiever Pen from the Achievement Team Leader. This is the first stage on our rewards programme and demonstrates a fantastic start!

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

When you exceed expectations, a staff member may award you an achievement (+1) point. If you do not meet the expectations of your teacher they may issue a behaviour (-1) point. Combined, they make your total **conduct points score**, which can earn you different rewards.

How many rewards can you earn this year?

20+	Level 1 Award - 20 + Positive conduct points	
45+	Level 2 Award - 45 + Positive conduct points	
75+	Level 3 Award - 75 + Positive conduct points	
90+	Level 4 Award - 90 + Positive conduct points	
120+	Level 5 Award - 120 + Positive conduct points	
150+	Level 6 Award - 150 + Positive conduct points	
180+	Level 7 Award - 180 + Positive conduct points	
210+	Level 8 Award - 210 + Positive conduct points	

September Golden Ticket Winners

- September has seen a fantastic amount of Golden Tickets awarded to a range of students. Students received a letter home from the Headteacher as well as a meeting with him to discuss the Welling values and receive some chocolate! Student sare also entered into a termly prize draw for Amazon vouchers



NAME	REASON
Mariana	An excellent start to Year11, modelling excellent learning habits
Frankie F	Helpful, focused, engaged
Freddie C	For being kind, and offering to support another student

Sienna C	Being so helpful with our Brazilian Yr 7 Student
Evie W	Excellent focus, classwork and contributions
Lara B	Supporting another student with needs
Tommy H	Amazing Maths work
Amelia L	Intuitive and perceptive analysis
Lilly T	A member of public witnessed kindness and helpful behaviour
Jayden M	A very nice helpful student
Nicole H	Excellent work in promoting our school
Teddy Fx	Being brave and kind and doing the right thing in a difficult situation
Joshua C	Being kind and helping a new student
Beau B	Beautiful behaviour, polite, always ready to learn resilient and gentle
Lee G	Was really anxious to start secondary school - settled in really well over the last 2 weeks
Charles M	Excellent attitude to learning. Always helpful and polite
Albena K	Daily Excellence in Maths
Casey D	Great group work/performance (poetry)
Ruby R	Great group work/performance (poetry)
Paige P	Great group work/performance (poetry)
Rianna B	Great group work/performance (poetry)
Teddy S	Extremely good effort in class and great knowledge of learned topics
Sam W	For being an excellent member of the community following a road traffic accident
Riley W	For being an excellent member of the community following a road traffic accident
Max S	For being and excellent member of the community following a road traffic accident
Reiss T	Achieving a distinction in Business Studies
Tiffany W	Excellent engagement in Science lesson
Nicole M	Fantastic engagement and hard work
Mia P	Fantastic ambassador supporting Yr 13 Parents evening
Brooke G	Fantastic ambassador supporting Yr 13 Parents evening
Amelia B	Fantastic ambassador supporting Yr 13 Parents evening
Ethan W	Excellent work in GCSE PE
Dexter B	Outstanding work in his ICT lessons and his new coursework
Leo C	Fantastic ambassador supporting Yr 13 Parents evening
Leo C	Kindness to other students
Kyran O	An amazing turnaround in Spanish with total commitment shown and great achievement.
Alfie D	Showing fantastic resilience to catch up sport work
Arjan K	Never giving up no matter how hard the work gets

Ellie D	For helping a fellow student to understand trigonometry
Amie N	Exceptional Progress in Maths - every day
Zak B	Ambitious/Active leading whole class 3 stage warm up
Frazier F	Showing fantastic resilience to catch up sport work
Sonny G	Fantastic resilience to catch up sport work

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

- 05/10/23 - Year 11 settling in event
- 9/10/23 - Year 11 PPEs start
- 12/10/23 - Year 7 and Year 10 settling in events
- 18/10/23 - Careers Fair
- 19/10/23 - Year 12 settling in event
- Final week before half term - attendance reward trips

PSCHE TOPICS COVERED:

Year 7	Settling in: Welcome to PSHCE, Who's Who around school? Who's Who in my Tutor Group? How is Secondary School Different? Who can support me with challenges? How can I support myself with challenges? What are the school rules on phones? Why is it so hard to put our phones down? How can we manage our screen time? What clubs are there for me to take part in? Why should I take part in a club? How do I take part in a club?
Year 8	Health and Wellbeing: Welcome to PSHCE, How much sleep do we need? What stops me from getting enough sleep? How much sugar is healthy? What is a balanced diet? How does exercise keep us healthy? How can I stay safe in the sun? How is the sun/heat becoming more intense? What are the dangers of sunbeds, and how can I tan safely? What is self-esteem? How do friendships affect self-esteem? How can I build my self-esteem?
Year 9	Health and Wellbeing: Welcome to PSHCE, How does sleep affect our health? How does caffeine affect sleep? Why should we eat breakfast? Why are fad diets bad for us? How can exercise improve my mental health? What is food hygiene? How do I keep my body hygienic? What is personal grooming? What is body image? How does media affect body image? How does body image affect men?
Year 10	Health and Wellbeing: What is insomnia? How does insomnia affect people? How can I find support for insomnia? Why do some people have different dietary restrictions? What is iron and why is it important? How is exercise linked to school success? How do I take care of my teeth? How do I take care of my eyes? What is organ donation? Is change a bad thing? How is my life changing? How do I cope with change?
Year 11	Careers and Post 16: Do I have to stay in education? What is my personality? What is my long-term plan? Who are the UK's biggest employers? What careers are out there? Do I have to choose a career now? What are the qualifications available after GCSEs? What are T-Levels? What qualifications

	suit me? How are sixth form and college different? What college or sixth form meets my requirements? How do I pick a sixth form or college?
Year 12	<u>A mixture of reading, lectures and seminars:</u> Do we, as a society, value sleep enough? How do we move away from being a sedentary society? Are we a resilient society, or a society of victims? Are we overlooking social treatments for mental illness?
Year 13	<u>Careers and Post 16:</u> What are my options? What do I value and enjoy? What is my long-term plan? How do I know what job I would enjoy? What jobs are available to me? How do I write a CV? What is an apprenticeship? What are the advantages of apprenticeships? How do I find an apprenticeship? What is 'student debt'? How do I find a university? How do I decide on a course?

ASSEMBLY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- Ambition, delivered by Mr Griffen, covered the importance of having ambition, with an example of how we can all achieve, even if our circumstances present us with challenges.
- Attendance, delivered by Mr Hemsley, covered the link between Year 11 GCSE results and students' attendance last academic year. Those with less than 90% attendance averaged a whole GCSE grade lower in every subject!
- Year 11 and 12 students have had a presentation from Middlesex University on why University career path might be suited to them and all year groups have had an assembly from myself on the careers information and support available to them at Welling School.
- European Day of Languages, delivered by Ms Osei-Tutu, celebrated the wide range of languages spoken by students and staff at Welling School.
- Year 7 and 8, on top of their usual assembly schedule, benefitted from talks by our Police School Safety Officer. They learned all about keeping themselves safe both online and offline, including public transport safety.

CAREERS:

- We have had the year 12 students participating in the Army Elite Day, where the students complete team building activities with the Army personnel.
- Year 11 and 12 students have had a presentation from Middlesex University on why University career path might be suited to them and all year groups have had an assembly from myself on the careers information and support available to them at Welling School.
- Whilst the year 13 students went on work experience placements to gain a better understanding of the skills and knowledge required to be successful in industries that they are interested in working in the future.