

THE WIGHTWICK WAY

WELCOME

Welcome to the new October issue of The Wightwick Way.

We've had a great start to the year. Wightwick has welcomed 50 new students and everyone has settled into the "new look" school day.

7 Classrooms have been fitted with interactive boards, while others have received an upgrade.

A new regulation space is now available in Banntyne, while Willow's space received an upgrade.

A therapy room is also being developed.

Food bank is back in operation, run by the Duke of Edinburgh group. We are still in need of pasta, tinned and dried foods.

Please drop of any donations to the school office.

REVIEW



Due to the wet July, September saw us holding Sports Day and the summer BBQ, both were a great success.

Tempest Photography came in to take photo's of the students and staff and everyone was beautifully behaved.

#Hello Yellow Young minds cake sale raised £105.80.

4EFL harvested 17 Pumpkins along with runner-beans, peas, sweetcorn cobs and tomatoes.

Coffee shop has re-opened 10-12pm on Fridays.

Well done to all those who participated in the Cross Country event in the pouring rain!

UP- COMING EVENTS

Golden Ticket Winner - 27th October

Bonfire Themed Lunch Hot dogs/Pizza pinwheels -
7th November

Children in Need - 17th November - Own Clothes

Parents Evening - 28th November



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SCHOOL NEWS

September saw the launch of our new whole-school approach, The Wightwick Way.

At Wightwick Hall, we have high expectations of our staff and students. These expectations are summarised by our new Code of Conduct: Ready, Respectful, Safe.

We expect our students to be:

- Ready - to learn
- Respectful - to themselves, others and their environment
- Safe - physically, emotionally and in and around school

Details of our Code of Conduct can be found on Page 5 of the new student planner.

To support embedding these expectations, we have launched a brand new reward incentive, which runs alongside our existing reward token system: The Golden Ticket!

Each half term, students have two opportunities to be awarded a Golden Ticket for demonstrating a secret behaviour. The Golden Ticket winners are then entered into a prize draw to win a £20 Amazon voucher!

Our first secret behaviour was "showing kindness to others", and the draw created a real buzz of excitement amongst both our staff and students!

Our next draw takes place on Friday 27th October, and the secret behaviour is... still a secret! 😊

LATEST NEWS



Students from ABI will have their names on the "Mission to Mars" spaceship on it's next Mission!

Scholastic Book fair will be in school w/c 13//11/2023

Students and staff are looking forward to taking part in Young Voices January 2024



DEC- UP-COMING EVENTS

Clothes donation for Christmas hampers - 1st December

Xmas jumper day for Save the Children - 22nd December

Hickman House are going to the Pantomime to see Snow White 13/12/2023

Christmas Celebration Morning 15th December



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NEW STAFF PROFILE

Name: Miss Rebecca (Becky) Griffith

Assistant Headteacher - Curriculum, and Learning
Here are some of my favourite things!

Favourite Colour: Red

Favourite Band:

This is not an easy questions 😊 As a teenager I was a massive Boyzone and Westlife fan (and still love their music) but as I've got older I've gone back to some old school, so Diana Ross, The Jackson 5, Shalamar, Whitney Houston to name but a few

Favourite Sporting Team:

Aston Villa and the Lionesses for football.
Warwickshire and England for cricket.

Favourite Book:

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo,
Bridget Jones' Diary by Helen Fielding
and
The Twits by Roald Dahl

What animal would you be and why?

I would be a sloth, they just take life in their stride, never rush and are so chilled out, that's the dream. They are also just adorable.

Best Film you can watch over and over:

There are a few: Beaches, Dirty Dancing and Pretty Woman
I can also watch any episode of Friends and Downton Abbey any time 😊

Invite three guests for lunch, who would they be?

Dame Maggie Smith
Michelle Obama
Jacinda Ardern

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

A baker, I love baking and would open my own tea and cake shop

What do you value the most and why?

Aside from my family who I cherish dearly, I value my opportunities and rights as a woman to aspire to be whatever I want to be. Opportunities and rights that generations of women before us and many women in the world today do not

MY LIFE



The life of an autistic child is sometimes hard. It can be tricky. Sometimes you can get hurt, and sometimes you can be treated differently because you are autistic. Because of my experiences it can make it challenging to trust people. My view has changed here at Wightwick Hall School. I have learnt to trust students and staff, and not let my past define my future and give all situations and opportunities a go.

My life has been hard because in the past I had been bullied for being autistic. I'm sure lots of you may have autism or elements of it, and it must be hard, so my advice is to be brave and push forward. Never give up, and when you feel down tell a parent, carer or teacher. Have a little notebook and write down your thoughts and feelings. Make sure you use the support available around you when you are having great days and challenging days. Don't dwell too much on the tough days and look forward to the next day, try to have a good day **By Carter Sullman**



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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 Gina Higgs - Designated Safeguard Lead
Mrs Sarah Owen - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Miss Rebecca Griffith - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Amy Scott - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Ceri 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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