



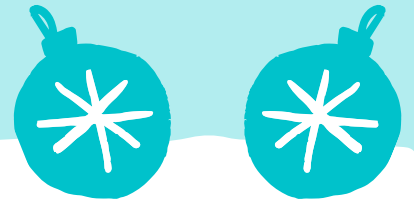
# THE VOX

*Let your voice be heard*

This month we have had a lot of exciting events going on in the Wildern community; there was Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night and many more! Whether it happened in school or outside school, we have a lot to report to you! In this month's issue of The Vox newspaper, we have a lot of interesting things for you to read like the short stories, a review of the massively popular Matilda production and the competition of the month - the shoebox appeal. We hope that you enjoy and have fun and if you want to see your article here, send your ideas or articles to

[thevox@wildern.org](mailto:thevox@wildern.org).

Martha A



## In this Issue

Lest We Forget

Movie of the month

Senior Girls Netball



# Sport AT WILDERN

Monday November 15th. The stakes were high, the school's reputation on the line. And the score was 8-1. The match against Redbridge was won after an hour of play. So far the team has been undefeated in the Local league, winning every match. How will they progress as the year continues? ...  
(Senior Girls' football)



# Senior Girl's netball

## (under 14s)

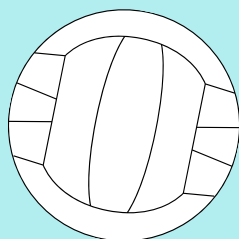
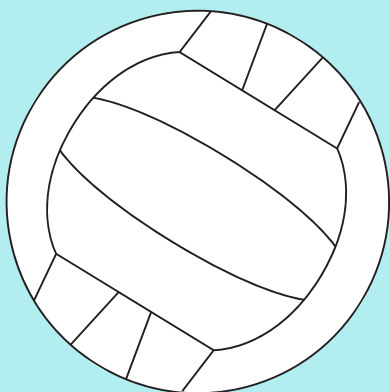
'In the first quarter of the game we fell behind with a score of 11-2 due to the lack of overhead passing and unbalanced feet that lead to callouts on our footwork. Our coach - Miss Fearon - picked up on this and gave us feedback to prepare for the second quarter and this was really useful when put into practice.

Throughout the second quarter, we strengthened these skills and applied them which gave us a further few goals. Our defense managed to intercept and we saved nearly all of our centre passes which gave us an upper hand in the game but unfortunately not in the score.

In the third quarter we continued to improve, pulling through with more goals and more interceptions. We moved to create space and used the technique of driving in to achieve this which was really beneficial in the match, allowing the team to progress further.

The last quarter was by far the best we had played, with additional goals and good work from everyone. We suffered a defeat of 18-8 however I believe that we played really well throughout as a team and took on much advice to help us not only in the tournament on Thursday 25th but in the rest of our netball journey. The player of the match was selected by the other team - Evie Jones - we can all agree she is a fantastic netball player! Thorndon played superbly and were deserving winners who showed great respect and sportsmanship with handshakes and cheers from both teams as the game concluded.

However, despite the year 9 loss, the year 11 team smashed it with a score of 10-3!



Faith Bowness



# Short Story

## *Halloween Throw Back*

I threw my head back with hysterical laughter as the moonlight crossed my face. It was perfect. Setting. Mood. Even weather for god's sake! For once the weather man was actually right about something. And the fear. Oh the fear. It hung over the evening like a curtain of mildew and twisted my insides with a bubbling excitement I only get this time of year. Just 30 more seconds. Then I would feel it: the blood, the shrieks, then I would run. October 31st 2021 and I had dressed just as well as the year began. Horrifyingly. Jekyll and Hyde and before you ask, I was both. 10. Prepare the candy, the sweet poison of imminent death. 9. Weapons drawn, sharp as steel. 8. Turn, smile and watch them quiver. 7. Stop and stare into the eyes, into the lights that will soon switch out. 6. Call the police, set the trap. 5. watch them struggle, draw the knife. 4. Listen to their cries of pain and anguish. 3. Feel the warmth leave their body. 2. Realise you're carving a pumpkin not committing homicide. 1. Continue the charade and put the 'body' on display outside the window. Then freak out when you remember you called the police.

***Written by Poppy Lacey***

***Edited by Jessica Lacey***

Want to make your voice heard?

Send your piece to the team at [thevox@wildern.org](mailto:thevox@wildern.org)  
or talk to Mx Robinson from Spilling Ink club if you  
have a story!



# *Food Bank*

The food bank is a great way to donate packaged food to people who need it this Christmas. Things to bring in can exclude packaged, canned, boxed, tinned or jarred but nothing half used or open! Tutor scan hold items in there classroom so start collecting!

HERE ARE THE DATES:

**Monday 13th - Year 7**  
**Tuesday 14th - Year 11**  
**Wednesday 15th - Year 10**  
**Thursday 16th - Year 9**  
**Friday 17th Year 8**



# *Rotary Shoe Box Appeal*

Thank you and well done to the tremendous amount of shoe boxes that have been donated to people this Christmas. Altogether as a school we have collected an incredible 281 boxes! All of these amazing gifts will travel all over the world to family's that might not have anything receive this Christmas.







# SEASONAL!

*Sub editors - James Clark & Sophie White*


## GUY FAWKES NIGHT




**“REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE FIFTH OF  
NOVEMBER.”**

The Gunpowder Plot...a failed assassination of King James Ist...

Once a year we remember a man who was discovered under the house of lords at the state opening of parliament in 1605. With him was a lantern, matches and 30 barrels of gunpowder. The man stated his name to be John Johnson but this was not the case. His name was Guido (Guy) Fawkes and he was part of a catholic group, with a goal to destroy the government and James Ist with it. After he was discovered, he was tried for treason against the crown and later was executed. The execution took place on the 31st of January and he was hanged with other accomplices of his.



But before his execution on the night of the plot when the King survived people lit bonfires around London to celebrate the near miss. Months later, during the aftermath of Fawkes' execution, the Observance of 5th November Act enforced an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure...



The rest is history.

Now people set bonfires and fireworks on the 5th of November. What are you going to do in the year of 2022? Watch fireworks at a certain place? Create a bonfire? Or set off your own fireworks?





# Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th November this year, Remembrance Day 2021 was a huge success, with a giant parade, hundreds of brave veterans and thousands of poppies.

Every year, on the 11th of November, at 11:00 (11:00, 11.11.21), a two-minute silence is held, in respect for the many lives taken in the fight for winning WW1 and as a moment of reflection for all those who now live free, thanks to the brave fighters of the war.

This year, over 10,000 veterans stood in the Cenotaph, London in their uniforms to pay their respects to the 40 million fallen soldiers and civilians from World War 1. Thousands of the public came to commemorate bravery and perseverance from over a century ago.



One of the biggest and most recognisable elements of Remembrance Day is the poppies. It is considered respectful to wear a paper poppy around the week of Remembrance, but why?

After the end of WW1, No Man's Land was lifeless and littered with debris. Scarlet corn poppies, adapted to grow naturally in disturbed soil, began to grow all over the land, covering the ground. The beautiful flowers and their vibrant colour became a symbol of the devastating effects of war and the newfound peace on the battlefield after the war, and now people wear them to show how they remember and respect the lost lives. The selling of the poppies also helps raise money for veteran's charities.

So, when November 2022 comes around next year, make sure to wear a poppy and remember the soldiers and civilians who gave their lives for you and your family to live a war-free, peaceful and plentiful life.



# Entertainment

Sub editor - Poppy Lacey

## MOVIE OF THE MONTH

**JAMES BOND:**

**THERE'S JUST NO TIME TO DIE!  
HE'S BACK!!**

**BRITAIN'S MOST FAVOURITE  
AND BELOVED 007 AGENT HAS  
MADE A COMEBACK TO THE BIG  
SCREEN TO SAVE THE WORLD  
AND BLOW OUR MINDS ONE  
LAST TIME WITH CAR FLIPS,  
EXPLOSIONS AND COOL  
GADGETS, JAMES BOND IS  
BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!  
CAN HE SAVE THE WORLD AND  
GETS WHAT HE WANTS, WELL  
WATCH AND SEE- DENISHA  
SKILTON & CAITLIN BRYANT**





# MATILDA

# REVIEW

The actors are rehearsed, the stage is set, and the children are revolting - Wildern's 2021 production 'Matilda' has recently finished it's last performance and what a way to finish!

With an enormous number of participants, from dancers, to actors to the backstage costume designers and sfx team, this performance was destined for greatness, and, according to several sources, it delivered it's promise. For weeks and weeks, everyone involved in the massive project stayed behind for up to 6 hours after school a week, in order to rehearse and improve their developing play, and when it was ready, they rehearsed and rehearsed until it was perfect.

On Tuesday 19th October, the Year 6s took their annual trip to our Berry theatre to watch a dress rehearsal, and according to them:



"It was a really nice play, it was so fun, and even if there were any accidents, we didn't notice, the actors played them off so well."

On the nights of their actual performance, many parents and teachers attended and according to some, their eyes were full of tears by the end-of-play bows. Everyone has worked so hard towards this undoubtedly astounding performance, and they deserve a very relaxing half term.

Matilda is a thrilling story of mischief, adventure and fun, and they have definitely done this incredible musical justice.

By Hannah Johnson

# OPINIONS

## *Secret Writer*

Hi ! I am so excited to be writing for the Vox's first secret writer section - this is a way to say what I feel I can't put into words and express myself as a writer. There's almost nothing as important to me so this is a great opportunity.

I am now in Year 9 and honestly, things could not be better. I'm getting to do all the subjects I love and getting to drop the ones I don't! I feel really lucky to be able to do the things I love so early on - I know people who don't start their GCSEs until Year 10! I expected transitioning into Year 9 to feel like some huge change but it just felt right. I haven't seen anybody questioning why dance isn't on their timetable or being late to their lessons because they forgot that they don't take history anymore.

This could be put down to Covid and the pandemic. If we adjusted to a virus that could be life-threatening, spreading around the world and keeping us out of things as simple as Tesco's, what's a change to a timetable? Nothing, that's what. However, I'm not going to put it down to Covid because that's what everybody does and I'm a teenager, we love to be rebellious and, believe it or not, I'm no exception. Seriously, how many times over the past TWO years have we heard the phrase 'because of Covid' or 'we wouldn't normally do this but...' It's so frustrating!

So I put it down to strength, not Covid. These times have made us stronger in every way possible: emotionally, physically (thanks Joe Wicks). Let's face it; The world's never gonna be the same. So let us be the change and not Covid.

# Coming up!

## In December

### Basic's Food Bank

Monday 13th - Year 7

Tuesday 14th - Year 11

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## Christmas

## Jumper Day

Christmas time today is a great way to celebrate Christmas time today is a great way to celebrate the countdown for Christmas. Everyone gets to wear their own festive jumper on top off their school clothes to celebrate. Bring in £1 or more to give to a local charity on the day and get to wear your Christmas jumper!

**Christmas jumper day is on Friday 10th December!**

## Christmas Jumper Donations

We are also having a Christmas jumper donation tin outside the site office from Thursday 25th November where students can donate their old Christmas jumpers that are still in good condition.

**On Friday 3rd December in the red dining hall from 3-4pm you can come and buy a jumper for a small donation that will go towards the schools well being**