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Spring 2019



Rock Challenge
The fight for Women's rights

A Little Comic Relief
Raising money for Red Nose Day

and much more inside..

Children's Holiday Activities April Easter Break 2019

**10am to 3pm, £17 per day or £22 for
cooking days**

*Additional hours are available 9am - 10am, 3pm - 4pm and
4pm - 5pm at an extra £3 per hour per child*

WEEK 1
**8th April -
12th April**

- Monday 8th** Butterfly Arts and Crafts
- Tuesday 9th** Draw and Paint a watercolour picture of Peter Rabbit
Teen Tuesday - Hand stitch a needle case
- Wednesday 10th** 4 + Make puff pastry cheese pockets & a couscous salad
8 + Make a vegetable tart & a mixed pasta salad
10 + Make a perfect quiche lorraine & crunchy coleslaw
- Thursday 11th** Line drawings, inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Friday 12th** Create a word canvas using pages from books

WEEK 2
**15th April -
18th April**

- Monday 15th** Make an Easter tree with some simple decorations
- Tuesday 16th** Make a beautiful 'stained glass' Easter mobile
Teen Tuesday - Make a fabulous Easter Nest Cake
- Wednesday 17th** 4 + Make hot cross buns & Easter nests
8 + Make a lemon drizzle traybake & Easter biscuits
10 + Make chocolate with orange hot cross buns
- Thursday 18th** Paper craft Easter cards and decorations

Visit the Imagination Station with B Random and meet Ralph!

B is a local author who will be asking the children to bring one of her illustrations, Ralph, to life! Get curious and answer some fabulous questions as you build your own story.

How does Ralph smell, how does it walk and communicate? Does Ralph follow the rules of gravity or science? If Ralph has special powers, what could it do? Does Ralph have a secret? Enjoy your time with Ralph and come back again to create further adventures!

Book now by calling us on

01489 779 471

or book online at

<http://thedart.co.uk/holiday-activities-4/>

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Spring Newsletter
designed by Ms Helen East



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our second newsletter of the year which again is filled with exciting stories of team and individual success. The year has certainly flown by with a full calendar of key events. Each year group has its own focus depending on the time of the year, for Years 10 and 11 it has been all about practice exams and finishing coursework where it still applies, careers events and college interviews. We are blessed in this area to be served by an array of outstanding colleges that cater for all different interests and aptitudes. There is genuinely something for everyone that will support our students' journey forward.

Year 7 have settled in brilliantly and have already made their mark as a truly motivated group of students who have embraced the opportunities they have been offered, next year will arrive very quickly and they like Year 8 now will be choosing their GCSE pathway choices. Last but not least Year 9 have thrown themselves into their GCSE courses and are gradually getting to grips with the work they need to do.

What is always heartening is when external visitors or speakers comment on our students. We recently received outstanding feedback from two events where the students were praised for their astute comments, their sharp questioning but more importantly the manner in which they conducted themselves both with our guests but also each other. This culture of respect is very important to us all and it is wonderful how this is a natural part of their existence.

Our new schools are progressing well with Boorley Park Primary due to open in September 2019. We have appointed an excellent Headteacher Tamsin Hindley (formally the Deputy Headteacher at Freegrounds Junior School) along with an Early Years lead teacher. We have had a large number of applications and anticipate that this will actually rise as more houses come on line. If you require any further information regarding admissions, then please contact s.yates@wildern.org

With regards to Deer Park, the new secondary school, progress is being made and more information will follow as the plans develop further. This is an exciting time for the Trust and the local community which continues to grow.

Finally, our community facilities are being improved thanks to the kind support from Eastleigh Borough Council who have commissioned the development of a new swimming pool roof. We cannot thank the Council enough for their support and guidance which is yet another excellent example of the strong partnership we have in supporting the community offer in our area. While this will lead to some closure the long term gain will be brilliant for our youngsters and swim school.

Thank you, as always, for your support which is invaluable.

Miss Marie Louise Litton
Headteacher



Mrs Ceri Oakley
Associate Headteacher



SENECA

Learn better, faster, free.

Free homework and revision. Accelerated by neuroscience.

All students and teachers now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster. Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents. You can sign up via senecalearning.com



Safer Internet Day

In February, Wildern took part in Safer Internet Day 2019. Celebrated globally each year, the aim of the day is to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology, inspiring conversations about how to use technology responsibly. The theme this year was 'consent' and saw Wildern students, during tutor time and in ICT lessons, discussing issues surrounding this theme.

Students were encouraged to think about what data they share with others and the possible consequences in an activity called 'To Share or Not to Share'. They were also encouraged to check Privacy settings on their mobile devices during the 'App Attack' activity. Some students used Google Cardboards to view a virtual reality home, using the Data Detective mobile app, to check for potential data security issues.

See Wildern E-Safety resources and advice at www.wildern.hants.sch.uk/news/ceop/



Thanks to Mrs Palmer and the E-Safety Focus Group (Charlotte Murphy, Sarah Turner, Jessica Dalmas, Jessica McManus, Rebecca Curley)

www.saferinternetday.org.uk

STEM Paid Internship for Teaching

Have you considered teaching and not sure that it's the right career choice for you?

A question that Economics and Finance Undergraduate (and part of the Uni Quidditch team) at the University of Southampton Sam Spencer had asked himself frequently.

Sam then took part in the Wildern Partnership STEM Paid Internship for Teaching, which confirmed his decision to train to teach.

Sam, a keen sportsman, had always been interested in teaching and worked with children in school holidays and weekends, as a sailing coach. The internship was a great way to gain experience in a school to inform his decision.

The internship is paid (£300 per week) and is a varied and exciting opportunity. There is never a dull day, which gives great insight into teaching. Here Sam provides a look into his working week,

"We received induction training and training on other aspects of teaching. We spent time with pupils, initially supporting teachers in the classroom and working with small groups of pupils, building up to some teaching towards the end of the internship. This was optional, but I felt confident enough after a few weeks to at least give it a go! We were also attached to a tutor group, so that we could gain insight into the pastoral role. I supported extra-curricular clubs such as the school STEM club, sports clubs and helped out during sports day. As a group of interns we carried out a small research project which we presented as a group during our final week. This was to engage us with research prior to applying to a teacher training programme. The internship lasted four weeks, but was flexible. For example, I had a commitment elsewhere for a few days and so I made up those few days at the end of the four weeks."

Following the completion of his Maths Internship for teaching last summer, Sam has now applied to the Wildern Partnership SCITT, has been accepted onto the Maths PGCE programme and is completing his final year at Uni, as well as a Maths subject knowledge enhancement and really looking forward to getting started in September 2019, as a trainee teacher.

Do you know any penultimate year undergraduates who might be interested? Get them to get in touch with us at STEM@wildernpartnership.co.uk.



Careers

On Tuesday 5th February, Year 8 students were visited from many local business people and employers as part of their speed networking day. They asked as many questions as they could to an employer in 10 minutes, before moving on to find out about another job. They had a great time speaking to representatives from The Royal Navy, The Merchant Navy, Solent University, Natwest, British Gas, amongst others!

Peter Diamond, from Portsmouth City Council, said:

"I wanted to contact you to pass on my congratulations to the staff and especially the students. I was genuinely impressed with the students I saw and interacted with. I was particularly impressed with their politeness and good manners. They listened intently to what I had to say and engaged in some really good debates with me about my work and about work in general".



On Thursday 7th February students from Year 8 attended Barton Peveril College and tried out new subjects, to help inform their pathways choices for Year 9 and beyond. They had a great time trying out new subjects like: Criminology, Psychology, Film studies, and combined Performing Arts.

Mrs Sharma, from the Barton Peveril Psychology department, said of the students:

"They were a very good group and engaged so well, they were a credit to you".



ART

department

On a termly basis the Art Department runs a range of Art and Photography competitions which are always really well received by students. Often these are internal inter-house or local competitions from which we have had some fantastic results. Last Spring term we were pleased to be involved in an inter-school Photography competition organised by the Rotary club of Ringwood. Staff, students and parents were all invited to enter. The theme was 'A Moment in Time'. Giving a theme enables Photographers to both interpret the title in a creative way to suit their interests and also such a broad variety of Photography is generated in this way. We sent nearly 100 entries and were really proud when on the 8th May 218 Ringwood School held the prize-giving ceremony, in the category Years 7-10 there were over 500 entries and Wildern's Ryan Cousins and Toby Dean were shortlisted and received certificates in highly commended. The D@rt is currently hosting an exhibition of all of the winners, runners up and highly commended entries from last year.



Chloe W: I enjoyed the exhibition and how it was displayed as you can see all of the entries

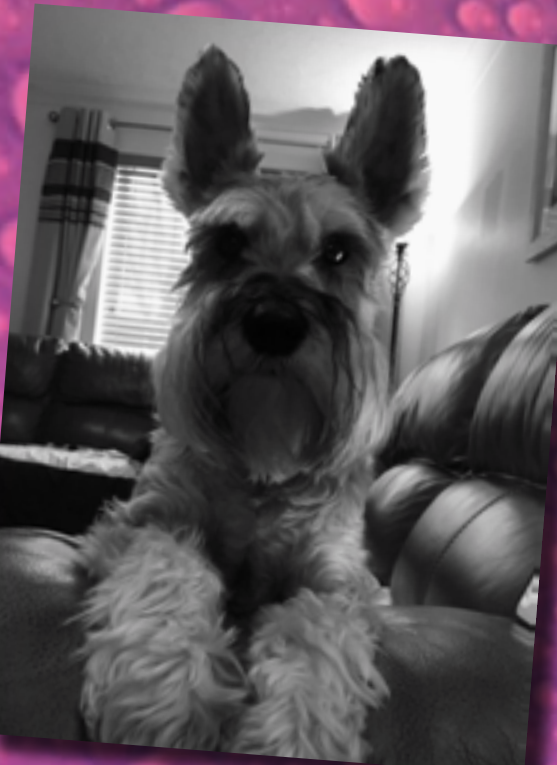


Meg M: I liked the theme and the range of concepts behind each photograph

Caro P: I really like how different people have interpreted the theme. my favourite photograph is the girl blowing the glitter as I think it really captures the Theme of 'A Moment In Time'.

Chloe D My favourite entry is the photograph of the Dogs Head as the detail.

Joseph Smith



We are pleased to say that we have also entered this years Inter-school competition of 14 local schools entitled Harmony, please see some of the amazing entries from Wildern students here, we await the outcomes but I'm sure you'll agree we have got some strong contenders! The D@rt hopes to host the awards evening later on this year.



Gabrielle Yeates



Laura Diaper



Teo Smith



Sophia Spashatt



Wildern Art Department has also entered some of our talented students work to the National School Photography Awards 2018/19. Once again have a look at some of these stunning entries.



Summer Chan



Jimi Noyce



Layla Paddick



Megan Marsh



On Wednesday 6th March over 100 Wildern students showcased their Rock Challenge piece at Southampton Guildhall.

The piece titled 'There is still more to be done' looks at the life of Emmeline Pankhurst and the influences that inspired her to fight for women's rights.

As a Premier team they will compete in the Premier finals on Saturday 27th March at Portsmouth Guildhall.

Welcome to the LRC



Matilda by Roald Dahl

This is a great book to read. It is a miraculous, phizz-whizzing story, a most beautiful thing. A precious thing to handle but not too difficult for a passionate reader. You will feel its magic.. You`ll become a more upbeat and pleasurable person. You will feel creativity flourish in your mind. You will feel all wonderfully warm with a most delightful tingly-ness inside. You will want to laugh, shout and cry. You will feel the magic. Just remember: A thoughtful mix-up of a good author's words with a good reader's passion will have fiery sparks and magic breath, sizzle like gushes of steam. And something incredible- so far but so very near you- will be waiting... So start by reading Matilda today.

Zoha Butt

Theodore Boone - Young Lawyer by

John Grisham

In the small sleepy town of Strattenburg, America, lives Theodore Boone. Theodore Boone has a relatively repetitive lifestyle; ride to school, return to the law firm, do homework and eat at their favourite restaurant. Living in and around the law firm Theo is probably the best kid lawyer in America. But when a murder occurs near his favourite golf course Theo is intrigued. Things spiral into a climax when a mysterious witness appears to Theo. This book is amazing and I would recommend it to anyone who loves a mystery book with a quirky character.

Beth Pugh, Year 9



Manga Books

Manga are comics or graphic novels created in Japan or by creators in the Japanese language. The Manga books that the LRC hold are a gateway to fantastic worlds. They are all different in their own ways so you never feel like your reading the same story in a different format. Manga tell stories dealing with difficulties that most people might be too scared or nervous to talk about, allowing people to be able to see how others deal with these issues. The stories involve things like heart break, adventure, loss and so much more.

Alex Louch, Year 11



Wasted by L.A. Weatherly

Wasted is a great book written by the wonderfully talented L.A. weatherly. He is a great author and has written many books to my interest. I recommend this book as it is something I read outside my comfort zone. This was something I would never usually read so jumped at the opportunity to try something new. Wasted is a sad tear jerking story about a boy whose mum is an alcoholic. It is a story about how this shapes his life and the people he meets. It deals with domestic abuse and foster care. I would recommend this book although it seems a little gory and strange it proves that not everyone is lucky, but all we have to do is ask for help. Furthermore, the language was exceptional, although watch out as it is a YA book. Don't just start and stop with one new book make a change for once and step outside your comfort zone. I promise you won't be disappointed and I can guarantee you will be happy you did.

Louise Harper, Year 7

Why the LRC Simpsons Comics are Great

I like the Simpsons comics in the LRC because of how easy they are to access all the time. They have a seating area with beanbags which can be used throughout break time and lunch. Many times I have come into the LRC for the last 5 minutes of lunch just to sit down and read a quick comic. They are great fun and I always enjoy myself.

The LRC have a lot of comics and there is always something new to read. The comics can be relaxing, funny or sad. You never know the outcome when you are reading a Simpsons comic. In general, I love reading Simpsons comics.

Isaac Sharpe, Year 9

Blind Date with a Book

In order to celebrate Valentines Day, the LRC displayed a selection of fiction books that had been wrapped up ready to go on a blind date. Students were encouraged to take one out, unwrap it, read and review it. When they returned their book review, they were entered into a prize draw to win a high street voucher.

This was hugely popular and a great way of encouraging students to read something that they wouldn't ordinarily choose themselves. One student enjoyed their book so much that they came back to take out the next two books in the series – fantastic!

I am Number 4 by Pittacus Lore

It introduces readers to the Loric, an almost extinct race of alien represented by nine teenagers and their guardians living on Earth. Another alien race, the Mogadorians, have wiped out the majority of the Loric people, except those who escaped to Earth. This story follows John Smith, who is number 4, fight to stay alive. 1 was killed in Malaysia, 2 was killed in England and 3 was killed in Kenya. Along the way he encounters love, friendship and undiscovered powers.

I enjoyed this book and the rest of its series as it really throws you into the lives of its characters and even feel bad for the characters. It has its parts of laughter and sadness. If you want a great book to read (or binge) this series is perfect!

Eva Angell-Collins, Year 9

The Selection by Keira Cass

I really liked The Selection series because of the way the stories are written. By the end of the book, you are left wishing the story was longer. America, Maxon, Eadlyn, Erikko and Aspen are characters you fall in love with. I wish that Keira Cass had written more.

Jess Phillips, Year 7



Wundersmith, The Calling of Morrigan Grow By - Jessica Townsend

I really enjoyed this book. It is the second in a fantastic series. It is full of magic but, surprisingly, believable. It has many twist and turns which keep you on the edge of your seat. I would definitely recommend this book.

Tilly, Year 7

NATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS' AWARDS 2018/19

Explore LEARNING

In November, four Year 8 Students competed in the first round of the National Young Mathematicians' Awards at Explore Learning Whiteley. It's a group competition designed to stretch high-ability maths students and get them working outside their comfort zones. They were selected from about fifteen students who were put forward by teachers and the students trained for the event for about six weeks. They put in a great account of themselves in round one and were successful in qualifying for round two. In round two, they once again put in a superb performance, but they were unable to qualify for the National Final, contested by the top five schools nationwide. Well done to the following students for the effort, dedication and imagination that they showed throughout training for and competing in the events; Toby Dolan, Nathan Richards, Michael Stalley and Leonardo Matteucci.

Mr J Bibby



APPLE STORE



On Tuesday 5th March, a group of students from the iStudents digital leader team went to the apple store to get some training on some apple software. At the session, we learned and polished our skills with iMovie. The instructors, George and Rosie, told us to get into groups and make a trailer using iMovie from anything in the store. Everyone got into groups and started to make them. People used robots, spheros, people and apple devices to make their trailers. After everyone had completed their films, we watched what each other had produced. They were all extremely good and at the end they gave us some Oscars for our work. Overall, it was an extremely productive and fun session.

Teo Smith, Year 8



NFER Parent Survey update



Last academic year we asked parents to complete an online survey in order to gain some valuable insight into your views of Wildern School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents that completed the survey and share with you some of the outcomes.

Learning:

Whilst many parents were happy with the level of homework their child was getting there were a small number that felt their child should be receiving more. In response to this we have re-evaluated our homework policy for this academic year. We now set "self study" to be completed outside of lessons. The self study tasks have been considered carefully across all departments to ensure consistency in quality and quantity.

Communication:

As a school we work hard to ensure we effectively communicate with parents and guardians. In general, parents have welcomed the e mail system by which letters are sent, finding this a more suitable option. Our original Parent App had a mixed response and therefore we looked at alternatives to this. As a result we are planning to introduce PARS which we feel is a more user-friendly version.

The main area for development identified by parents was that of the lunch options. Many parents felt that there were limited healthy options for their child to choose from. This is not the case. Each lunch there is a wide variety of healthier options to choose from, including a much used salad bar. Based on this feedback we are now looking at how we can better inform and keep you up to date on the variety of food that is on offer to your child. Please follow our school instagram to see some examples.

Behaviour:

The developments for behaviour were centred around consistency and communication. Parents felt that they wanted to be kept further informed regarding the outcome of investigations that had taken place. They also wanted further support from the school with regards to uniform and expectations; believing that consistency at school would make decisions and discussions at home easier. Both of these areas are aspects that the school are working on to improve further.



23-26 JANUARY 2019
EXCEL LONDON



In January, 4 Students from the Googlers focus group attended the BETT event in London. BETT is a huge exhibition with companies such as Google, Lenovo and Microsoft showing off their latest and greatest tech that can be used in education. We had been invited to present on the Google stand, explaining how we as a school use G-suite applications and chromebooks in school. The presentation went extremely well, and we got a massive thank you and well done from the Google team. The trip was amazing, and we loved seeing all of the bewildering technology, and we all want to go again next year to see what is new!

P.E DEPARTMENT



U14 Basketball

The U14 Basketball team have had a very successful season, producing some very pleasing individual and team performances. They have won all their matches, and have made it to the League Finals. The finals will be in March at St Mary's Sport Hall in Southampton.

Well done to Will Latter, Calum Elvin, Olly Robinson, Toby Dean, Lucas Sands and Charlie Glasspool.
Good luck in the final boys and good luck next year.

Uniformed Services Challenge Event at Itchen College

A team of year 9 students competed in the Uniformed Services Challenge event at Itchen College.



The event involved completing a series of challenges from completing an assault course, searching for hidden clues and objects in dark tunnels, to climbing an indoor climbing wall.



There were a total of 12 teams at the event and Wildern came 3rd place overall. Maddie Cooper also did brilliantly to win the individual Bleep Test Challenge. Well done to all, for some impressive individual and team performances.

Cricket Leaders help at Cricket World Cup Primary Schools Event.

As you may be aware, the Cricket World Cup is being held in England this year – with several of the matches being played at the Ageas Bowl.

As part of the preparations for the World Cup, Hampshire Cricket Club hosted a Primary Schools Festival of Cricket and 12 Wildern students helped to run the event.

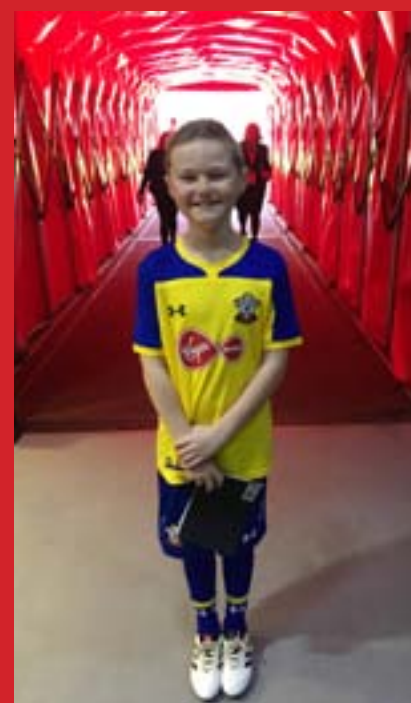


More than 300 primary school pupils were at the festival and they all clearly had a really fantastic time. The Cricket World Cup trophy was at the event and all the pupils had their photo taken with it.

Well done to Cricket Leaders - Joe Ayling, Sam Ayling, Nick Stone, Ben Brailey, Alex Blogg, Nick Dempsey, Joe Smith, Joel Foxhall, Max Watson, Harry Deakin, Morgan Hooper-Robinson, and Louis Twining – for helping to make the event such a success.

Saints Mascot

On the 24th of February this year one of our Year 7 students, Edward Addis, was the visiting Mascot for Southampton at the Emirates stadium. Edward and his family had an amazing day and were treated like VIPs! It was a day they will treasure forever. From greeting all the players, to being interviewed on the pitch, to walking out in front of 60 000 spectators! Edward loved every second and felt so privileged to have been chosen.



JUNIOR SALOON CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

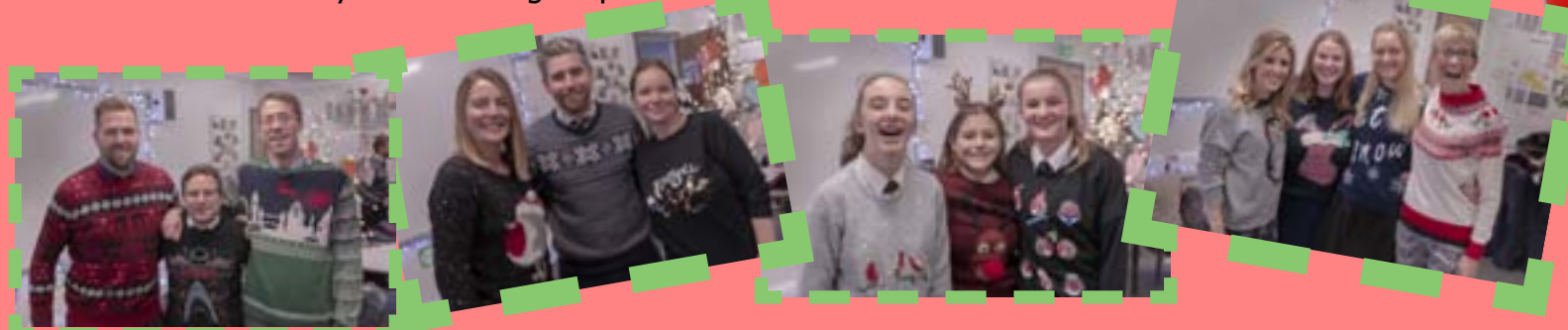
Matthew Cripps 10P2 has been selected to race in the 'Junior saloon car championship' after a successful trial at Brands Hatch this half term. He has done really well. Matthew's first competitive race is at the end of March.



Charity Page

Wildern students well and truly threw themselves into our 'Season of Goodwill' last term in the run up to Christmas through their participation in numerous charity events, both national and local.

Here is a little summary of what we got up to:



Basics Food Bank Appeal - 1647 items donated to Southampton City Mission & Kings Community Church (KCC)

Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal - 294 Shoe boxes donated

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - £1,081 raised

Student volunteers at the KCC Christmas Market



We want to say a massive thank you to everyone in our Wildern community who gave up their time and money in spreading a little love and cheer over the Christmas season. We hope to continue in making this a record breaking year for charity at Wildern.

Mrs R Burden
Student Leadership Lead Practitioner



On Friday 15th March Wildern staff and students supported Red Nose Day 2019 by getting involved in a number of fundraising activities. As well as a non-school uniform day we got up to lots of other activities too.

Bake Sale

We had an amazing array of fabulous red nose themed bakes - there are clearly some very talented bakers amongst us! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

Rowathon

Staff and house captains competed against each other to see who could row the furthest in 3 minutes. Everyone gave it their all but there could only be one winner...well done to Alba our winning team!

Open Mic

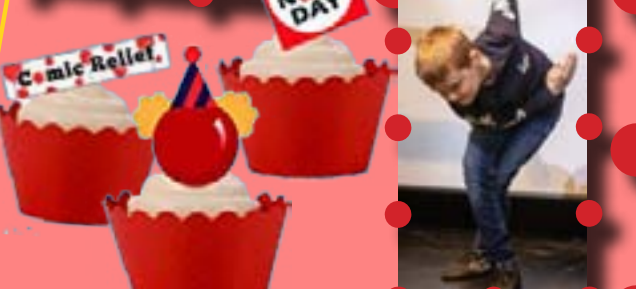
We held our first ever open mic event at lunch which saw staff and students take to the stage to tell some of their best jokes. Our performers and audience were fantastic! A special thank you to our stand up comedians...

Tutor Joke

Each tutor group were asked to put forward their best joke. Here are some of our favourites...

I was walking down the street, and a man threw a bottle of milk at me, and I thought 'How dair-y?'
So last week I met the guy who invented window sills, he's a Ledge!
What happened to the girl with her nose and feet back to front? Her nose smelt and her feet ran
What do you call a deer with no eyes: No eye deer

Thanks to everyone's support and generosity we raised an amazing £2140.78 for Comic Relief which is going to make a real difference to people living in the UK and abroad.



Miss Bullivant and the Mind, Body and Soul Focus Group



Easter Holidays

Thursday 4th April - Sunday 21st April 2019

Coming up this Easter Holiday Wildern Leisure Centre has Children's Multi Sport Activities and Crash Course swimming lessons running over both weeks of the holidays. There will also be extra swimming sessions during the day for the public and all of our facilities will be available to hire during the day as well. You can find a full timetable of our holiday activities on our website; www.wildernleisurecentre.co.uk.

SWIMMING CRASH COURSE

Mon 8th - Fri 12th April - £31.25 for the 5 day course

Mon 15th - Thurs 18th April - £25 for the 4 day course

Half an hour every day
From 8:30am

Primary school age+
All Abilities

CHILDRENS MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES

Mon 8th - Fri 12th April

Mon 15th - Thurs 18th April

Including sports such as:-

Badminton

Basketball

Dodgeball

Football

Swimming

and more!

For children 7 - 14yrs.

Book individual days at £20

Turn up & play

Mon 8th - Fri 12th April

Mon 15th - Thurs 18th April

£2
Muga

£2
Badminton

Reduced rates for hire of the Badminton courts as well as the Muga for under 16 year olds weekdays only.

Turn up, check availability, pay and play.

Under 16's only. Adult and child groups will be charged at the full adult price. Price is per person. All bookings are 55 minutes. Subject to availability. Advanced bookings are charged at full price. Offer only applicable for the holiday period and between the hours of 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday.

1 to 1 & 2 to 1 SWIMMING LESSONS

Lessons for Children and Adults, for all abilities.

30 minute 1 to 1 lesson £18

3 minute 2 to 1 lesson £30

Discount for block bookings available.

1 to 1 Fitness Training at Wildern Leisure Centre

£20 AN HOUR OR 10 FOR £180

