



## Rock Challenge Southern Winners 2018!

For the sixth time we took part in the Southern J Rock Challenge event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Several months of preparation during curriculum PE/dance lessons prepared all of the Year 4&5 children for their eight minute performance. Our children showed true professional dedication by coming to school for inset day workshops to rehearse and perfect their routine. Rock Challenge has the unique ability to pull all staff, governors, parents and grandparents together to produce an amazing extra curricula experience, one that we are all jointly proud of; set, costumes and lighting are also part of this. We are immensely proud of all the children who took part, not only for the performance but their impeccable conduct throughout the entire day. Entitled 'Mystical Alliance' the children told the story, through dance and drama, of 3 children who entered an enchanted land powered by a magical stone.



Some of the outstanding comments from the judges were: 'an amazing piece of dance art'; 'visually stunning' and 'highly entertaining'. Numerous awards were won by our Wellow School's youngest ever entrants. At the end of the evening students, staff and volunteers were all delighted when Wellow School secured 1<sup>st</sup> place! They now qualify for the Southern Regional final at Portsmouth Guildhall on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Portsmouth Guildhall.

We have also received some amazing comments from our own parents, and staff from other schools performing on the night.

*"We're all utterly thrilled that Wellow won the J Rock Challenge heat on Friday night. The props, the set, the music, the choreography, the costumes and the concept were beyond brilliant and the whole effect was completely stunning. The children have worked so hard and we're incredibly proud of them. But we're equally proud of all the grown-ups who took the performance from page to stage. Without your enthusiasm, commitment, patience and talent, our children wouldn't have had the wonderful, memorable experience that is Rock Challenge. Huge thanks to each and every one of you for being absolutely awesome!"*



*"I teach at St Anne's Secondary school but my children attend Bitterne Manor Primary School - I volunteer for them and lead their J Rock entry, we competed against Wellow last Friday. Firstly, congratulations on the win! We were in awe of your piece!*

*After our rehearsal on Friday we were told that 2 x staircases from our set broke some rules - a hand rail was not high enough. Your man saved the day, offering to help build some new rails for us and completely removing the stress of the challenge! So many thanks, true J Rock spirit at work, Good Luck at Finals".*



### Wellow Pre-School

We are delighted to let you know that following the success of our grant application, the Governing Body of Wellow School has agreed to open an 8am-6pm pre-school on the Wellow School site.

This provides a wonderful opportunity to bring under one roof, the care and knowledge of children in the area from 2 years old right through to 11 years old. Getting to know families from an early starting point means that we can, over time build a community that is uniquely available to the people of Wellow and the surrounding areas, to ensure that our children have the very best start to their education and life journey.

Wellow Pre-School will be a teacher led setting with a fully trained, qualified and experienced, early Years Teacher leading the unit as well as other NVQ qualified staff. Pre-school children will share all the benefits of school resources (hall space, library, music area, large field and extensive grounds) in the familiar comfort of a cosy dedicated pre-school space. Combined with the school's infrastructure, expertise in teaching and learning and strong leadership and governance, our onsite pre-school will provide high quality provision, with a seamless transition to school.



The pre-school will formally open in **September 2018** ready for the new school year. This means that we can minimise any disruption with works being undertaken during the school holidays. Feedback on our proposal largely centred around concerns about parking/increased traffic which have now been addressed with adjusted start times.

We will shortly begin contacting all those parents who registered an interest, with further information and details of how to formally apply for a place. Any enquiries about the pre-school should be emailed to [preschool@wellow.hants.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@wellow.hants.sch.uk).

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**Waitrose Community Token Scheme – Wellow Pre-School**

If you are visiting Waitrose in Romsey this month, don't forget to drop your green tokens into the box for the Wellow Pre-School. Although we were successful with a grant bid we are still trying to fundraise to match fund this project. We have a chance

to win a share of £1000 so make sure you tell your friends and family too!

**Wellow School Book Fair – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

In celebration of World Book Day we will be holding our Book Fair on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March. After collecting your child/ren at 3.15pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> we welcome parents to come and view the books available for purchase in the school hall. The Book Fair will continue on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm in the school library, providing plenty of opportunity for you to purchase some wonderful books for your home library; and remember every book you buy earns us vouchers which we can use to buy books for our school library – we look forward to seeing you there! **We will only be accepting cash payments at the book fair. Thank you.**



**Netball Club**

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be **no Netball Club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** The final session will now be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.





Letters Home

What	Who	When
Mother's Day Gift Sale	All	Tuesday

**INSET DAYS – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

Calendar Dates		
<b>March</b>		
<del>2<sup>nd</sup></del>	5.45pm-6.45pm 7.00pm-8.00pm	KS1 WSA Spring Disco KS2- POSTPONED
5 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm-5.00pm - cancelled	Netball League at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year 1 Winchester Science Centre Trip
6 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Hampshire Schools Cross Country Championships in Basingstoke (Selected Children)
9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm-4.00pm	Multi-skills Festival at Mountbatten School (selected Year 1&2 children)
9 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm-4.15pm	<b>No Netball Club</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm-5.00pm	Netball League at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
16 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Rock Steady Concert for Parents
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 1 Class Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup>		WSA Race Night (further details to follow)
19 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm-5.00pm	Netball League at Mountbatten School (selected Year 5&6 children)
21 <sup>st</sup>		The Mayflower in house Writer in to work with Year 5
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Year 2 Class Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00pm-4.00pm	Netball Festival at Mountbatten School (selected



		Year 5&6 children)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15pm-4.15pm	<b>No Netball Club</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am-5.00pm	Hampshire Schools Indoor Athletics Competition (Selected Year 5&6 Children)
26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm-5.00pm	Cross Country Competition 4 at Mountbatten School Years 1-6
27 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents Evening
28 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents Evening
29 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
30 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>		Easter Holidays
<b>April</b>		
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16 <sup>th</sup>	8.35am	First day of Summer term
19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Year 5&6 to the Mayflower to see 'Titanic'
20 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm-4.00pm	Quicksticks Year 5&6 at Mountbatten School (selected children)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.00pm-5.00pm	Cross Country Competition at Mountbatten School
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	WSA Bag2School Collection
<b>May</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning	Fraser Portraits Class Photos
4 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm-4.00pm	Football Festival Years 3&4 at Mountbatten School (selected children)
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>		Year 5 Fairthorne Residential
18 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm-4.00pm	Year 3&4 Tennis at Mountbatten (tbc)
21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>		Walk to School Week
24 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm-4.00pm	Change 4 Life Festival Years 1&2 (selected children)
25 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm-4.00pm	Tri-Golf Festival Years 3-6 at Mountbatten School (selected children)
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>INSET DAY</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Half Term</b>
<b>June</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.35am	First day of term



**WSA NEWS**

- Spring Disco – **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** – Those who already have tickets can use them at the next disco which will be scheduled soon.
- Mother's day Sale, £3 per gift - **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**
- AGM, everyone welcome, especially potential new members - **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm** 17 Wheaters Drive SO51 6RA
- WSA Race night on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm** - **Tickets on sale now from the School Office.**
- Easter Egg Hunt - morning of **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday)**, further details to follow
- Bag2School has been booked for **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am**



The Wellow School Association

**RACE NIGHT**

**Saturday 17th March**

At Wellow School

Doors open at 7pm, Races start at 7.30pm

Cash Bar



£7.00 per ticket. Includes entry and hot food.  
Available to buy from the School Office until the 9<sup>th</sup> March.  
Tables of 8 or individual tickets available.

