



CELEBRATING EDWARD WILSON - YEAR 7 FOUNDER'S SERVICE

Imagining what Wilson's School might have been like 400 years ago is very challenging. Today Camberwell is a very lively and populous district of South London, whereas in 1615 it was a small village in the country which was popular with retiring merchants and officers attracted to the peace and quiet (and the company of sheep, horses and geese). We find it equally hard to know what our founder was like: we have no pictures nor recorded memories of him. But respect for Edward Wilson's faith and spirit of generosity is an essential part of the school's ethos and Year 7 pupils recently celebrated a special Founder's Service in his honour at St Michael's and All Angels Church.

This was a very enjoyable event, with excellent performances from the Chamber Choir, the presentation of the banner by the CCF and Lieutenant Colonel Burton to The Reverend Canon Angela Gbebikan, an address from the Headmaster, and rousing renditions of the School Song and Jerusalem.

Reflecting on the school's long history, we can take inspiration from its success in overcoming some great challenges and in the courageous decisions that have allowed the school to survive: the total closure of the school and its re-formation in 1880, the relocation of the entire school during the Second World War, and all the other threats to the school's existence and character that have been overcome – including the one that required the school to move to Sutton borough in 1975. We can learn something about resilience from being part of a school that has survived such hardships and Wilson's School's history lends credence to the old saying: "This too shall pass".

We all share a direct link to the school that Edward Wilson founded in 1615 and this contributes to the special character of togetherness and equality at Wilson's. We hope that Edward Wilson would be proud of us too.



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Looking Ahead

- Monday 21 March - Maths Circle Lecture (4:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March – Year 7 Showcases (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 25 March - MUFTI Day
- Monday 28 March - Maths Circle Lecture (4:00 p.m.)
- Thursday 31 March – Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 1 April - TERM ENDS (3.05 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Promoting Positive Mental Health

We are delighted to be hosting our latest 'Promoting Positive Mental Health' conference for school leaders across London and South East England on Wednesday, 18 May. Any parent or friend of the school with a particular interest in attending this event should contact the school office for further details.





“ABOUT US” CREATIVITY COMPETITION

We were thrilled this week to learn that Varad (7D) was selected as a national winner in the “About Us” poetry competition. His brilliant poem “The Fungi” was placed in the top ten entries nationally. With more than 1500 entries to the competition this is a very impressive achievement. Zyaan, also in 7D, was a winner in the equivalent scratch animation competition for his innovative scratch animation about litter, called “The Journey of a Wrapper”. Only nine animations were selected, so again this is a noteworthy achievement.

Varad’s poem and Zyann’s animation will now tour the UK as part of the “About Us” exhibition. “About Us” is the opening event for UNBOXED: Creativity in the UK, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of creativity taking place across the UK this year. It is a free open-air spectacular event using cutting-edge projection mapping, animation, music and poetry to celebrate our connections to everything around us: past, present and future. The spectacle is touring five locations from March to May 2022. 25-minute projection shows will immerse audiences in a journey through 13.8 billion years of history since the dawn of the universe celebrating the infinite ways in which we connect to the cosmos, natural world, and one another. Varad’s poem and Zyaan’s animation will be part of the projection. The show has been scored by the acclaimed composer and musician Nitin Sawhney.

Varad’s poem celebrates the connectivity of fungi. We loved the way the poem unites Varad’s interest in creativity and science. Well done Varad! The judges of the competition were very complimentary about Varad’s work.

Zyaan’s animation uses humour to recreate the journey of a hot dog wrapper, from when it is dropped by a careless young person, to its destination in the stomach of a fox. His animation also makes good use of music!

You can see Varad’s poem and Zayaan’s animation, as well as the other winning entries, at <https://aboutus.earth/competition-winners/>. The exhibition will be in Luton during the Easter holidays, in front of the Town Hall, from 14 - 20 April 2022. You can find out more about this here: <https://aboutus.earth/luton/>



MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

This week we had the return of our Wilson’s School Maths Circle lectures and a superb first lecture to kick off the 2022 series. Dr Vicky Neale from the University of Oxford spoke about “The importance of being accurate” and focussed on how maths can be used to check and correct information sent over the internet such as ISBN book codes and bank details for transactions. We also had the most students that we have ever welcomed to one of the lectures, including over 100 students from 8 different schools (well over 200 students in total).

Students had the opportunity to ask questions about the University of Oxford, as well as studying maths at university, and could also buy one of Vicky Neal’s books “Why Study Mathematics?” and “Closing the Gap: The Quest to Understand Prime Numbers”.

We hope that the students found the lectures both intriguing and enjoyable as well as providing a valuable insight into university studies.

Next week’s talk will be on “The mathematical equation that caused the banks to crash” by Mr Jerrom from Wilson’s.

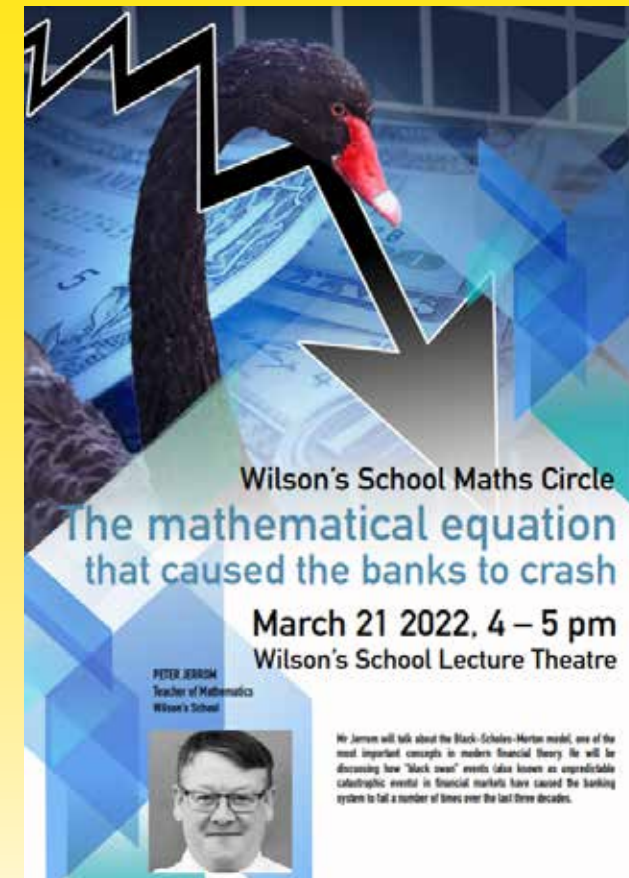


Pictured above: Vicky Neal

GARDENING CLUB



Thank you to all the families who collected Morrisons ‘It’s Good to Grow’ tokens for our School when doing their grocery shopping during the Autumn. We have received a fantastic selection of free gardening equipment which will be used by the gardening club over the coming weeks.



OXFORD VISIT

Article by Kristian (Year 12)

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Brasenose College, currently the most sought after college at Oxford for Classics as well as being Mr Lawson's "alma mater", in the delightful company of my Latin class (Aayush, Bryn and Ethan). After a long journey on the Oxford tube, we had an enjoyable second breakfast in the Queen's Lane Coffee House. Waffles and pancakes were devoured with a side of Catullan poetry - this would be our supplement for the exciting, academic morning we would experience. As we walked to Brasenose College, we managed to glean insight into a typical Tuesday at Oxford, with many students either cycling or walking to their morning lectures, encumbered with all manner of books and laptops.



Pictured above: During the Brasenose visit.

We had an extensive tour of the college and asked questions about both classics and life as a student at Oxford. As a Classics student myself, I was thoroughly impressed by the huge library in Brasenose. The next meal of the day was lunch at the High Table in Brasenose Hall, a delicious affair with more opportunities to converse with other students as we were surrounded by portraits of great scholars of the past, including William Golding. The highlight of our day was our tutorial with Dr Llewelyn Morgan, who discussed with us meter in Catullus' poetry- though at first daunting due to the unfamiliar topic, we quickly became immersed in conversation about both Catullus and ancient literature at large. We ended our day at The Ashmolean museum with a tour of the Arthur Evans exhibits – Arthur Evans discovered the actual labyrinth in Knossos, Crete and was a Brasenose undergraduate.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those involved in organising this trip. After our day at Oxford, I would say that contrary to popular belief, reading Classics at university is not solely reserved for those who are privately educated, but instead an engaging, interesting opportunity for everyone to consider for their futures.



Pictured above: Enjoying the Queen's Lane Coffee House.

Summing up a tremendous day, the students commented:
"I had the best day of my life" (Bryn)
"Classics has become my sole passion in life" (Aayush)
"The Bodleian library thoroughly entranced me" (Ethan).

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING

On Wednesday evening, our wonderful PFA handed over a cheque for £56,000 towards the fitting out of the new buildings.

Wilson's Parents and Friends' Association (PFA) formed in 2012 to raise funds for the school and to encourage and develop Wilson's community through involvement in social events. The PFA works in conjunction with the Head. The PFA is a fun way to meet other parents and get involved with the Wilson's community. The PFA welcomes any help you are able to offer to make a tangible difference to Wilson's and your boys.

Mr Cole writes:

The school's motto is NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS (not for oneself, but for all!). The Parents and Friends' Association at Wilson's embodies this motto in all that it does. Through its work, the experience for Wilson's boys has been improved in very significant ways. I would particularly like to thank Nina Guha who is stepping down as Chair and has been outstanding in every respect.

As Headmaster, I am tremendously proud of their success and grateful for their efforts. All busy professionals, their commitment to Wilson's highlights the way in which our community works together to achieve the very best for current and future Wilsonians.



Pictured above: The PFA Team presenting a cheque to the Headmaster.

RUGBY NEWS

The U12A rugby squad travelled to Twickenham last Friday, to take on a hotbed of rugby schools in the Orleans Park Rugby Sevens Tournament.

On a day where the weather was more akin to the winter months, the boys still managed to play with an element of skill and panache, which showed the progress they have made in their first season of Wilson's Rugby.

The group stage saw us pitted against Hampton Boys and Isleworth and Syon School. Despite a strong start, Hampton were always a bit too strong and we could not compete with their speed, knowledge and understanding of how to play the shortened format of the game. With matches only six minutes each half, any mistake was capitalised on and lapses in concentration usually led to conceding tries. The second game in the group was a much closer affair. With the scores tied at two tries each, the last play of the match saw Vincent Y finish a slick move that ran the length of the pitch to score the winner!

Finishing second in the group meant we went through to the Plate competition, playing the runners-up from the other three groups. This saw us matched against the hosts (Orleans Park), Richmond Upon Thames School and Kew House. Some tenacious tackling from Ryan and the all-firing Philip contributed to another win, loss and a draw, meaning we finished as runners up in the Plate Competition. A really excellent effort from all those involved. This bodes very well for next season.



Wilson's Update
Non sibi sed omnibus



SPORTS NEWS

Football

Player Of The Week:

Max (Yr 11) put away the goalkeeping gloves to make his left wing debut for the 3rd XI and was inches away from scoring the winner. Two U14As to impress this week were Tom and Joshua (both Year 9). Tom curled in a perfect strike to grab the equaliser in their game versus Forest while Josh was excellent in playing up a year group for the U15As. Player of the week is Muizz (Year 11) who made an outstanding penalty save right at the end of the game to earn a draw for the 3rd XI.

Team Of The Week:

The 3rd XI had another successful week beating Freeman's 1st XI and drawing with Forest 2nd XI. They go into their Sutton Cup Semi final this week against Cheam in good form and full of confidence. The U12Es continued their successful season beating Forest 2-0 in the rain and mud! Team of the week are the U13As who won 1-0 away against Wimbledon College. An excellent away performance against a very good side, Atharv (Yr 8) with the winning goal.



Pictured above: U13A Team of the Week



Pictured above: U12E Team win again!

Match Report Wilson's U14B 3 vs 2 Trinity

On Thursday 7 March Wilson's U14Bs faced Trinity U14B having lost the previous fixture 0 - 7. Wilson's started the game brightly, pressing the opposition with intent. Lofted through balls from the midfield allowed Sam (Year 9) to get through on goal with just the goalkeeper to beat and all our pressure was eventually rewarded with a goal. Sam managed to take the ball around the keeper and provided a composed finish from a tight angle. However, Trinity began to grow into the game, showing good link-up play in midfield. A lapse in concentration from the Wilson's back line allowed Trinity a tap-in from a free kick. Despite this setback we held firm to go into half time at 1-1.

After an inspiring half time team talk, Dilakshan replaced Jeremy hoping to get us back in the lead. Early in the second half the Trinity striker was clean through, and he calmly finished into the bottom corner: 2-1 to Trinity. We knew we should've prevented that goal, but we were determined to score. A quick break forward resulted in a cross to Dilakshan. He controlled the ball with one touch and smashed it into the top corner with the second. 2-2 and we were back in the game. However, Wilson's didn't stop there, and we continued to press the opposition; Sam won the ball in the centre circle and ran towards goal. He fired in a cross-come-shot and Dilakshan was there again to tap in. 3-2 Wilson's! In the dying minutes of the game, we stayed deep in our own half soaking up Trinity pressure. Attack after attack came, but we stood firm. Eventually the final whistle blew, much to the delight of the tired Wilson's team. Overall, an excellent attacking second half performance that deserved a win.

Match Report: Zac (Yr 9)



Pictured above: Tom with a stunning free kick for the 1st XI.

Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

[Sports Fixtures](#)

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 7 March

Wilson's vs Wallington (Friendly)

U15B lost 1 - 7

Tuesday 8 March

Wilson's vs Wimbledon College (Friendlies)

U13A won 1 - 0
U13B drew 4 - 4
U13C lost 0 - 4
U13D lost 0 - 5

Wednesday 9 March

Wilson's vs London Freeman's (Friendlies)

3rd XI won 2 - 1
5th XI won 4 - 0

Thursday 10 March

Wilson's vs Wallington (Friendly)

U14B lost 0 - 2

Friday 11 March

Wilson's vs Wimbledon College (Friendlies)

U12A lost 2 - 5
U12B lost 2 - 5
U12C lost 2 - 3
U12D lost 2 - 3
U12E won 2 - 0

Saturday 12 March

Wilson's vs Forest School (Friendlies)

1st XI drew 2 - 2
3rd XI drew 0 - 0
U15A lost 0 - 3
U14A drew 1 - 1
U13A lost 0 - 1
U12A drew 2 - 2

