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Welcome

to Woldgate School

Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome

A warm welcome to all our Year 6 pupils and parents as we share the first edition of the Woldgate Transition Newsletter. As Head of Lower School, I am incredibly proud of the achievements of our Year 7 students during their first term, and I hope this newsletter offers you a glimpse into the exciting developments happening within Lower School and our wider school community.

Looking ahead, Mrs McDonough and I are thrilled to host the Year 6 Virtual Christmas Quiz in December, and we hope to see as many of our feeder primary schools as possible join in. There will be prizes for the winning teams, which will be presented in January—let the festive competition begin!

Don't miss the Year 6 Christmas Photography competition at the back of this newsletter—another chance to win some great prizes. As the holiday season approaches, our Lower School is once again collecting for the Pocklington Pantry, a long-standing tradition that reflects our commitment to supporting our local community through acts of kindness.

We wish the entire Pocklington community a joyful, safe, and restful Christmas. Take care, Year 6, and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

Ms Minton
Head of Lower School





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"Wonder is the beginning of wisdom" Socrates



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New build progression

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School News

Hannah won Silver at the WKC Karate World Championships



Hannah started Karate when she was 8 years old and because my family had restarted their sessions, I decided to go as well. My first belt, after my White, was Red, followed by Orange, Yellow, Green, Purple and I am currently on a Brown. Hannah trains twice a week for an hour and a half at the Drifffield Karate Association.

There are various kinds of Karate – Hannah started with Shotokan, then Shukokai and now it's Shito- Ryu, for about a year.

Hannah was fantastic at the 15th WKC Karate World Championships.

She got Silver in her Kata Section and Silver in her Team Kumite (fighting) Section.

The Kumite Medal is particularly important as she got three of her ribs broken 12 seconds into the fight, because of a massive kick by her opponent. She refused to retire and continued to the end of her bout! Her opponent won this fight and went on to win the Gold Medal – I was pleased to be beaten by the Gold Medalist!

In the photo, Hannah was about 5 feet off the ground in the jump! Her Dad did OK too – he got Bronze in the Masters section!

We are immensely proud of Hannah's Achievement and privileged that she is part of our Woldgate Community.





School News

Autograss British Champion – Junior 600 – Alfie

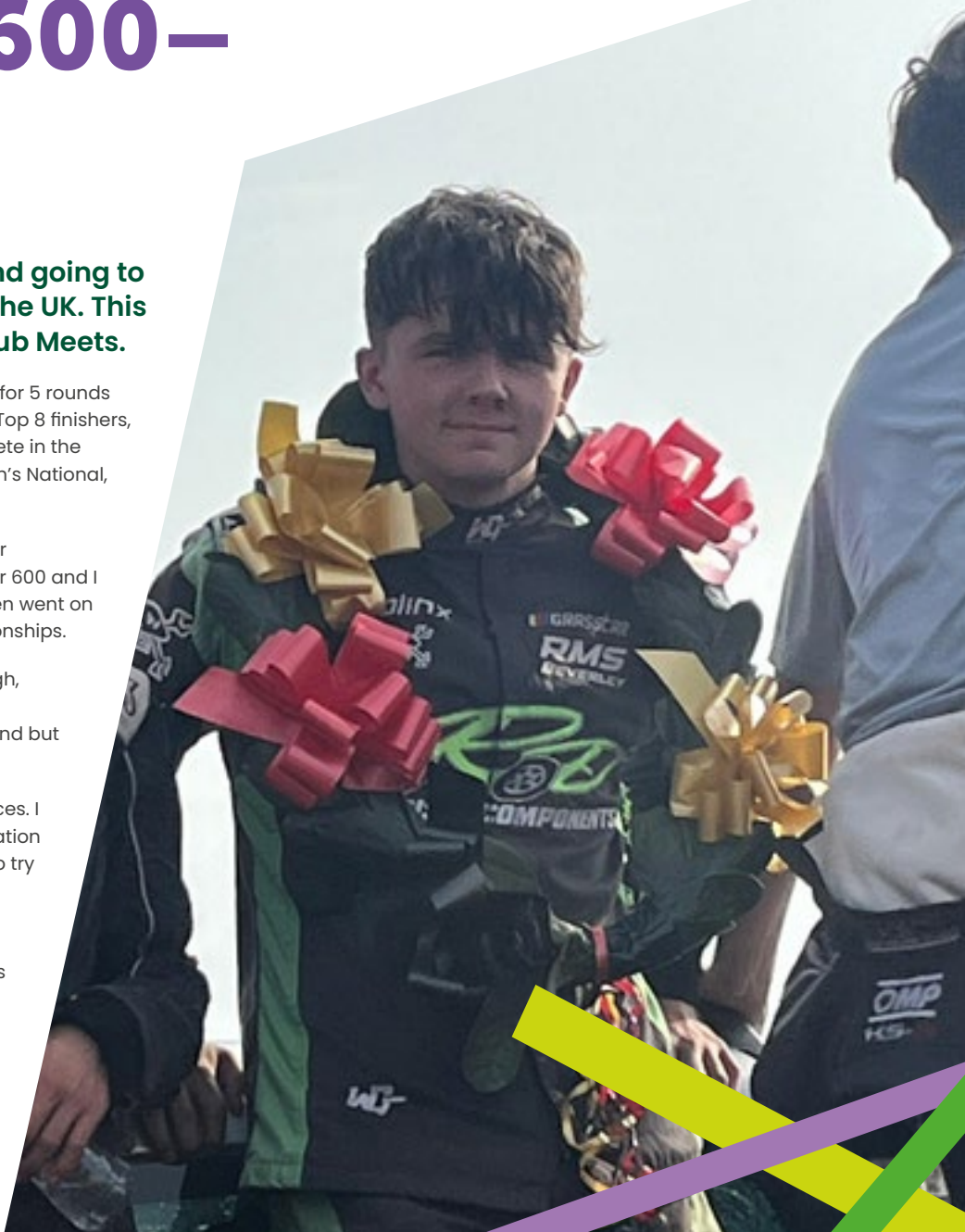
I started training in 2021 and going to different clubs all around the UK. This was my first year doing Club Meets.

British Autograss Series involves racing for 5 rounds with everyone getting 3 Races and the Top 8 finishers, go to the finals. I then went on to compete in the Junior Nationals and my dad, in the Men's National, which he won!

A new class was introduced this year for 14–16-year-olds. This is called the Junior 600 and I competed in this. I won this title and then went on to win the British and National Championships.

I continue to train, mostly in Scarborough, in preparation for the next meeting. Unfortunately, this was to be this weekend but has now been postponed.

I love my training and especially the races. I have put in a lot of effort and determination and of course, many hours of training to try to become the best in my sport. I would like to thank my family for the support they continue to give me so that I can achieve my goal of becoming the Men's National Champion. I am determined to put all my efforts into making this dream become a reality.





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Alfie and his mum's swimming success

Alfie and his mum entered the Open Water Swimming Event at Grimwith Reservoir in North Yorkshire in September. Mum told us that these types of events are few and are far between for 14-year-olds, and so this was a great opportunity for Alfie to test his swimming skills in open water. It was time to see if his practice swims in the Allerthorpe Lake, 3-4 times a week during the summer holidays, would serve him well. Mum said that Alfie has been competing in the pool for a while now which he does enjoy, however, he is gradually becoming more interested in the open water side of things which is why he was encouraged to enter the race.

They had an excellent day, despite the camper van getting stuck in the mud at Masham and then nearly overheating on the way to the reservoir! Alfie did brilliantly and finished 5th Male and 6th Overall in his 1.2 - mile swim for his first ever Open Water Race.

The conditions were horrendous; it was so windy! Mum said that her race was shortened and unfortunately, a lot of people either didn't start or got out early. Alfie was fortunate to get a photo with Max Litchfield who won the longer event, which mum had entered. Max holds the British 400m IM Record!

What an incredible weekend for Alfie and of course, mum! Congratulations to you both! Thank you for sharing your amazing swimming experiences with us.





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Visit from YouTube star Danny Mellin

On the 24th September we welcomed Danny Mellin into school. Danny is an Oxfordshire-based singer/songwriter, who started playing guitar at the age of seven, penned his debut single, 'Without You', when he was just 14 and in 2016, he started his own YouTube channel, covering popular chart hits whilst continuing to write his own songs. He is currently touring the UK with his band.

Alongside this, Danny also spends time visiting schools to talk about his musical career and the educational journey that led up to it. When he visited a few weeks ago, Danny spoke to Year 7 and 8 pupils not only about his huge successes but was also honest about his own struggles in school and the importance of mental health. Danny covered topics such as use of smartphones and the challenges they pose as well as the impacts of cyber bullying and how to stay safe online. The highlight of Danny's visits were his performances with his guitar, which staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed. A massive thank you to Danny for visiting us for what I know was a really enriching afternoon for our pupils.





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Woldgate Year 6 Festive Photography Competition 2024

Calling all you budding Year 6 photographers!

It's time for our Christmas competition where you can showcase your photography talents!

There are three categories in which you can enter and you can submit more than one photo in each.



A Christmas Carol:

Scrooge found a love of Christmas in the end! Take a photo that shows what the festive season means to you.

Winter Wonderland:

Fog, frost or freezing days! You could take a landscape shot or a close-up to enter this category.

Christmas Curiosities:

Family traditions, quirky decorations and stunning celebratory food! Share a picture of your own Christmas customs.

The Transition Team will judge each category and the winners will receive £20 worth of Amazon vouchers. Good luck everyone. We are eager to see your photographic masterpieces!

Closing date: 6th January 2025.

How to enter

Please ask your Parents/Carers to tweet your entries. Please tag the **@WoldTransition** X account with **#woldgatephotocomp2024** and the category. Alternatively, email **transition@woldgate.net**

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Christmas

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(2 Adults, 2 Children)

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