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Woodridge Primary School

WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week at Woodridge, we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as '*The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.* '

The children have attended assemblies and completed related activities in their classrooms. Some of the children's work can be seen on the following pages.

The children have also chosen their Nominated Adult for this year, a person who they trust in the school and feel they can talk to if any problems arise.

PARENT GOVERNORS

Thank you to the three candidates who put themselves forward for the role of Parent Governor. The votes were counted yesterday and I am pleased to announce that Anna Ghobadian-Grinham and Anuksha Sachdev were successful. We look forward to you both joining the Woodridge team!

YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE GUDWARA

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Sikh Gurdwara, which helped to broaden their understanding of Sikh beliefs, traditions and practices. The children learnt about the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh holy book), the importance of the Five Ks, the values of equality and kindness and the tradition of sharing food in the Langar. They showed great curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating respect throughout the visit.







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FOOTBALL MATCH

Last Friday, the A-Team footballers played their first league match of the season against Northside. It was a really competitive and entertaining football match, with great football being played by Woodridge. After starting really well and going 1-0 up, we then went behind twice in the game but showed great team spirit and resilience to end up winning the game 4-3! Well done to goal scorers Harry, Hugo, Ezra and Jude.



BARNET BAR NO-ONE

On Wednesday, a group of thirteen children from Years 1-6 went to Hendon LC to take part in a sports event run by Barnet. There were around ten different stations, where the children got the chance to play and try different games. All the children had lots of fun and enjoyed the morning. Thanks to Mr Mapes, Miss Renzullo, Mrs Tait and all the parent helpers.







YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, Year 5 shared their learning so far this year through their class assembly, which they performed to Years 1 to 6 and their parents. They shared their amazing knowledge on rockets and space, as well as some of the sculptures they had made linked to the artist Giacometti. They ended the assembly with a song about the planets, with some very enthusiastic acting!



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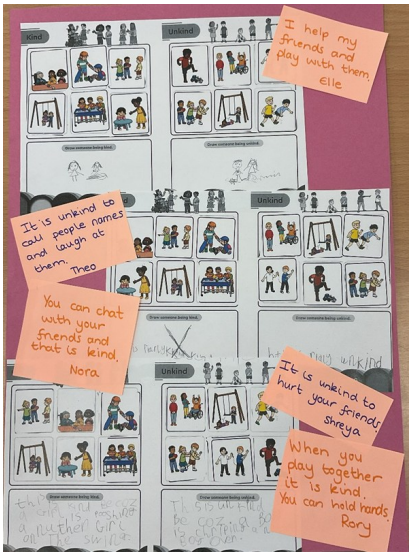
RECEPTION

Reception read two books by J Klassen called 'Triangle' and 'Circle' and used these stories to talk about how to be a good friend. They made circle and triangle biscuits to show how the circle and the triangle can be friends and fit together.



YEAR 1





YEAR 2







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YEAR 3





YEAR 4





YEAR 5

Year 5 thought about what might stop people from reporting bullying. The class went on to produce a poster with the response which they thought they, or other children, might choose and then justified their choice. Some of the reasons were - 'I don't want to get involved', 'It's not my business' and 'I don't know what to say'.

They had a lively debate about the difficulty of breaking the silence, but decided it was always better to speak up than stay silent.

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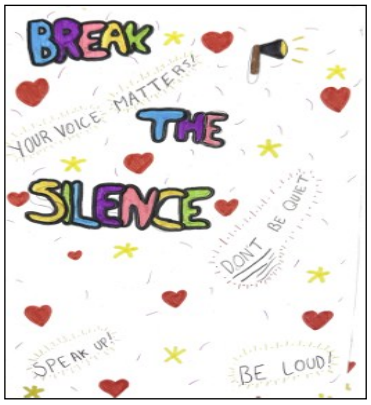
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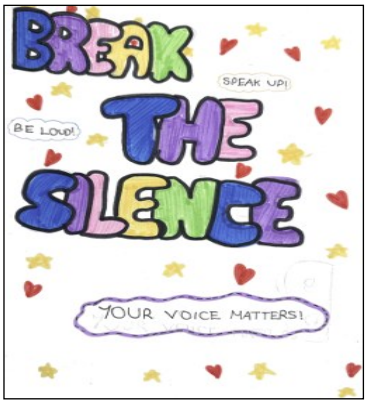
This week has been Anti-Bullying week in the UK. This year's theme is 'Break the Silence'. In Year 6, we have been looking at different scenarios for when we need to break the silence and why it might be difficult. Children don't say anything when they see something wrong. There are several reasons for this: they might think that people might laugh at them; they don't think anyone will listen; they feel it's not their business; or they simply do not want to get involved.

Children need to understand that breaking the silence isn't something to be scared of; it is the right thing to do. ''I think it is very important to stand up and speak up for yourself if bullying is a problem,' said a member of Year 6.
''Some children don't say anything when they see something wrong. It's time to put a stop to this ," said another pupil.

We have learnt that it is time to stand up and 'Break the silence' to make our world a better place.



By Aishini Thiruudaian, Y6



Year 6 also took part in a Banter to Bullying workshop led by Mrs Sperber, where children discussed the difference between banter and bullying by asking the questions:

- WOULD I BE UPSET IF SOMEONE SAID THIS TO ME?
- ARE WE FRIENDS?
- IS THIS FOCUSING ON SOMEONE'S INSECURITIES?
- IS IT HURTFUL?
- HAS SOMEONE SAID 'STOP'?
- IS EVERYONE LAUGHING?

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DIGITAL WORKSHOP—PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

We are pleased to be hosting a workshop on 'Parenting in the Digital Age' on **Tuesday, 24th November at 9:10am** in the school hall. The talk will explore the impact of technology on children's mental health and well-being, covering topics such as smartphones, social media, gaming and AI. It examines the effects of algorithms, screen use, and online content on adolescent mental health and identity, while offering practical strategies for promoting digital wellness within families.

The presentation provides guidance and resources to help parents support their children in navigating the digital world responsibly. It includes advice on encouraging healthy screen time habits and creating a balanced digital environment at home.



IMPORTANT LINKS:

School Term Dates: Woodridge Primary School - Term Dates

Woodridge Values Cycle: Woodridge Primary School - Values Based Education

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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards **Friday 20th November 2026**

Each Friday we hold an Achievement Assembly where two children from each class are awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement in the week. These recognise hard work, great behaviour or exceptional progress, as well as our Woodridge Values.

Due to this week being Anti-Bullying Week, instead of our usual Stars of the Week, each class presented some of the work they had completed to the rest of the school. We shared what the children had been learning about and any important messages that had been learnt.

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK	Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week for being sporting superstars: - Lev Yr R - Joshua Yr 2 - Adam Yr 1 - Matilda Yr 5 - Scarlett Yr 1 - Aimee Yr 6

OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Congratulations to Aki Year 5 for competing in the County Qualifier & Development Meet 2, representing Barnet Copthall Swimming Club. He achieved an excellent result, winning four gold medals in the Boys' 9 Years category.
- Well done to Shiv Year 2 for achieving his Junior Swimmer certificate, performing a range of skills in the water.

WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2026-27

Below is the list for your diaries/fridge of all the key events and dates for the whole of the 2026-27 year.
New dates, including class trips ,have been added in RED.

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AUTUMN TERM	
Tues 24th Nov – Digital Workshop 9.10am	Fri 4th Dec – Woodridge Christmas Bazaar
Tues 24th Nov – Year 6 to Islamic Centre	Mon 7th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Tues 24th Nov – Year 1 to Barnet Museum	Tues 8th Dec – Bollywood Assembly
Weds 25th Nov – Phonics workshop for Recep Parents	Weds 9th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Thurs 26th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 10th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Thurs 3rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)	Mon 14th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Thurs 3rd Dec – Year 3 to Hindu Temple	Fri 18th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
SPRING TERM	
Tues 5th Jan – INSET Day 3	Tues 9th Mar – Y1& Y2 to Postal Museum
Weds 27th Jan – Y5 to Neasden Temple	Weds10th Mar – Spark 2 Workshops
Thurs 28th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly (1)	Weds 10th March – Year 5 to Royal Festival Hall
Thurs 4th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 11th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly (2)
WC 15th Feb – HALF TERM	Thurs 18th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly (2)
Mon 22nd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri 19th Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Thurs 4th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly (2)	Tues 23rd Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
Fri 5th Mar – Woodridge World Book Day	Thurs 25th Mar – Y3 Class Assembly (2)
WC 8th March – Science Week	Thurs 25th Mar – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
SUMMER TERM	
Mon 12th Apr – INSET Day 4	Thurs 24th June – Sept '27 Reception Mtg 6.30pm
Thurs 15th Apr – Y6 Magistrates Court	Thurs 24th June – Y1 Class Assembly (2)
Thurs 22nd Apr – Year 5 Secondary Transfer Mtg	Tues 29th June – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Mon 3rd May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 2nd July – Introduce the New Teacher 11.45am
Tues 4th May - Y1 Phonics Mtg 9.10am	Fri 2ndJuly – Junior Sports Day 1.15pm
Mon 10th May – Y6 SATs week	Fri 2nd July – End of Year Reports sent home
Mon 17th May – Year 6 to Houses of Parliament	WC 5th July – ARTS WEEK
Tues 18th May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Mon 5th July – Treasure Island Performance
Thurs 20th May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 6th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Thurs 27-28th May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 6th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-6.30pm
WC 31st May – HALF TERM	Thurs 8th July-Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30pm
Mon 7th June – INSET Day 5	Tues 13th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC Mon 7th June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Thurs 15th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 14th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	Fri 16th July – Meet the New Teacher' 11-12
Mon 14th June – Year 1 Phonics Check (1 week)	Fri 16th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 17th June – Y2 Class Assembly (2)	Weds 21st July – Infant Singalong 9.10am
Tues 22nd June–Recep Celebration Event 9-10am	Thurs 22nd July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Weds 23rd June – Recep Celebration Event 2-3pm	Thurs 22nd July - Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)