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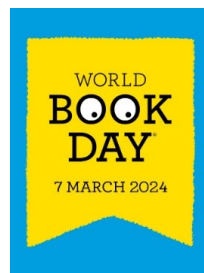
WPS NEWSLETTER

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READING YOUR WAY

We had over 80 entries to our 'Reading Your Way' photo competition. They were all so incredibly creative. Thank you.



Our Y6 Ambassadors for English (Flo, Isabella and Erim) have looked at all the entries and have come up with a list of winners (see below) who each win a small prize. Thanks to Leader of English, Mrs Hooper, for organising.

The photos are now all up in the entrance hall as a 'We love reading' display. Have a look when you come to the Workshare evening next week (for Y1 to Y6).

The winners:



- YR: *Eva*
- Y1: *Sienna*
- Y2: *Amelia*
- Y3: *Millie*
- Y4: *Florence*
- Y5: *Danielle*
- Y6: *Dylan*



LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM

The last of the Spring Term is Thursday 28th March. School will finish earlier at 2.30pm that day and there will be no After School Club.



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THE WSA QUIZ SUPPER

On Sunday we had a great Woodridge community event at the WSA Quiz Supper. The hall looked spectacular, there was a really lovely atmosphere and the fish and chips was big-portioned, hot and delicious. There were almost 100 competitors spread over 10 teams.



Thanks to WSA Chair, Hannah Sweetman, for coordinating such a successful event with the help of a great backstage WSA team.

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Thanks also go to the main sponsors - *Real Estates, Charmrace Garage* and *Dutt Designs*.

Extra special thanks go to the fantastic quiz setters for such a great variety of fun and challenging questions. They also donated £100 to *Crohns UK*. The amount raised on the night was around **£2000**. Brilliant.

HAPPY NOWRUZ

As well as highlighting Nowruz in junior assembly this week, parents from Reception Class also came into school to talk about it.



Ella's mum came in and shared a story about a snow giant who wanted it to be Winter forever and some brave children who lit torches and went in to the mountain to melt him, so that Spring could come. She bought the children little electric torches and we acted out melting the snow giant. She also brought in seeds for the children to plant and made some lovely buns.

Maral's mum, Ryan's mum and Luna's mum also came into Reception Class to share how Iranian Nowruz is celebrated and the children decorated eggs.

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Thank you parents for sharing your celebration with us.



YEAR 4 VISIT TO THE SIKH TEMPLE

Year 4 have written about their recent school trip:

In Year 4, we visited the Gurdwara at Nanak Darbar and we learnt about the 10 living Gurus and the Guru Granth Sahib (their holy book) which is treated like a human, as it is put to bed and they take it out again at 5am.



When we entered, we took off our shoes, and we were given a covering for our heads, so that we could show respect to the Sikh religion. We learnt about how Sikhs were previously persecuted. They taught us how important equality was to the founding of Sikhism and we all sat on the carpeted floor together, so that we were lower than the Guru Granth Sahib.

After we had learnt some more about the Sikh way of life, we were allowed to get a close look of the Guru Granth Sahib and we listened to the priest singing a hymn.

As well as visiting the inside of the Gurdwara, we visited the Free Kitchen, where we were given biscuits and a drink. We could smell the food that they were cooking - which smelt delicious- this would be given later in the day to anybody who visits the Gurdwara (regardless of their religion). Some of us sat on rugs on the floor, whereas other sat on the benches, which were available for anybody who struggled to sit down.

We had a great time and learnt lots about the Sikhism religion.



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INFANT CHOIR

This week, Miss McCleneghen's Infant Choir gave a confident performance of three songs, to an audience of Y1, Y2 and Y5 children.



Well done choir for making it a lovely end to the day. Thanks go to Miss McCleneghen.

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YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday it was Year 5's turn to share what they have been learning about this term. The children told us about studying and making Giacometti inspired sculptures, the Laws of Motion in science and displayed their Postcard Pieces, a joint music and art project prior to their trip to see The London Sinfonietta next week.



Thanks to Miss McCleneghen and the Year 5 team for organising the assembly.

BARNET YOUNG CARERS

Who are Young Carers?

Young carers are children or young people aged between 5 and 17 who provide regular care to a family member, or are affected by the needs of a relative they are living with. Here's a link to their website:

<https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk/>



Y1 To Y6 WORKSHARE EVENING

Today, Y1 to Y6 parents will receive their child's Mid-Year Report.

WorkSHARE

Following on from this, we will have a Workshare Evening on Tuesday 26th March, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

This is a chance for parents to come with their children to see the work they have been doing. There are no appointments or sit-down meetings, but the teachers will be on hand for informal chats as parents look at their children's work.

FENCING CLUB

It has been great to see the children enjoying our new morning and lunchtime Fencing Clubs this term.

During the final lessons, the children competed in teams against each other and were all awarded medals.



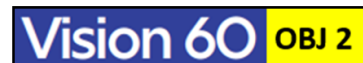
THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL: 11th -22nd MARCH

Travel Plan Co-ordinator, Mrs Wheatcroft writes:

We have continued with Week Two of the UK's biggest inter-school active travel challenge - *The Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel*. So far 78.3% of journeys to school have been scooting, walking or cycling - 1438 journeys in total. This is 107 more journeys than last year. Year 6 did the most with 281 journeys. Thank you Y6 PHSE School Ambassadors who collected the data.



With just one more day to get in today's results, Woodridge are currently 54th nationally for small primary schools, 12th in London and still in **1st place in Barnet**. Well done everyone!



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Monday a team of 12 juniors from Y3 to Y6 took part in the borough Cross Country Competition around Oakhill Park. It was a wet and muddy day! There were over 20 schools taking part and the Woodridge runners did really well finishing in top ten (out of 40) places in many of the races. Particularly notable results were Alice Y4: 7th, Scarlett Y5: 8th, James B Y6: 8th.



We won't know about the full results until they have been combined with the results from the races back in October.

Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising the team and to the parent helpers.

ZONES OF REGULATION

At Woodridge we use the 'Zones of Regulation' to support pupils to focus on how they are feeling and creates a simple shared language for everyone to use.

Pupils are taught to recognise their own behaviours and feelings and to describe themselves as being in one of 4 Zones: blue, green, yellow and red.

A fuller explanation can be found in last week's School Newsletter.

The Blue Zone section contains four icons: a sad face, a tired face, a bored face, and a sick face.	The Green Zone section contains four icons: a happy face, a focused face, a calm face, and a ready face.	The Yellow Zone section contains four icons: a worried face, a nervous face, a silly face, and a not ready face.	The Red Zone section contains four icons: an angry face, a frustrated face, a terrified face, and an out of control face.
Blue Zone Sad Tired Bored Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Ready	Yellow Zone Worried Nervous Silly Not ready	Red Zone Angry Frustrated Terrified Out of control

BREAK THE RULES DAY

On the last day of the term, next Thursday 28th March, we will be having a Break the Rules Day. This is a WSA initiative. See the details below.



THE WOODRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Thursday 28th
March

**BREAK
the
RULES
DAY**

Rules to be broken include

- NO coloured tights or socks
 - NO funny hats
 - NO fun hair accessories
 - NO temporary tattoos
 - NO nail varnish
 - NO glitter hairspray
 - NO non-school shoes to be worn
- Bring healthy snack or lunch

Each rule costs 50p to break.

- A maximum of 6 rules can be broken per pupil.
- On the day please give all cash in an envelope to your form teacher.
- Normal school uniform should be worn, this is not a non-uniform day.



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TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 11 of this Newsletter are the term dates for 2024-25. Please do not book holidays or trips during term time.



The national expectation on attendance is **96%**. This week, we sent out letters to parents of all those children whose attendance is **below 90%**.

THE WIDERNESS CAFE

On Fridays, from 3.00pm, The Widerness Café is open, led and run by pupils in Year 6 as part of Wider Woodridge.



Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes will be on sale. **CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME!**

Please bring your own cup if you can.



UPDATED KEY DATES, EVENTS AND TRIPS

For your diaries - below is the updated key dates, events and trips list.



Newer events are in red.

WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



SPRING TERM	Tues 5 th March – ‘A Little Princess’ Show pm
Mon 8 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Thurs 7 th March – WPS World Book Day
Mon 15 th Jan - HSBC Bank workshops YR-Y6	WC 11 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 16 th Jan - Y5 Science Museum	Weds 13 th March - Bubble Science Day YR-Y6
Tues 23 rd Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	Weds 13 th March – Parent Workshop (Anxiety) 9-10am
Thurs 25 th Jan - Y6 to Central London Mosque	Tues 12 th March – Y6 Class Assembly
Tues 30 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 19 th March – Y5 Class Assembly
Tues 6 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	Tues 19 th March - Y4 to Nanak Darbar Sikh Temple
WC 12 th Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 22 nd March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Tues 27 th Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 th March - Y6 to Houses of Parliament
WC 4 th March - ARTSWEEK	Tues 26 th March – Workshare Evening
	Thurs 28 th March – Last day of term 2.30pm
SUMMER TERM	Mon 17th June – Y5 at Barnet Music Festival
Mon 15 th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 18 th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 30 th April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 5 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 th May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 th July – Infant Sports Morning
Fri 17 th May – Red Nose Day	Tues 9 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Mon 20 th May – Walk to School Week	Thurs 11 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Tues 21 st May – Y1 Phonics Parents’ Mtg 9.00am	Fri 12 th July – Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 22 nd May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Mon 15 th July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Thurs 23 rd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 16 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC 27 th May – HALF TERM	Tues 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Mon 3 rd June – INSET day 5	Weds 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Tues 4 th June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	Fri 19 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 4 th June – Y4 Tables Check Week	Weds 24 th July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 10 th June – Y6 to Condo Hall	

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 22nd March 2024

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.

Reception Oak	Carmel for showing lots of enthusiasm for activities at school and for improved concentration. Lyra for showing great imagination and completing excellent drawing and writing during 'Drawing Club' this week.
Year 1 Willow	Emma for using the correct phrases to describe volumes of water in containers. Kayhan for writing excellent adjectives for fairytale settings.
Year 2 Rowan	Olivia for your wonderful twisted tale, with some fantastic adjectives. Daniel for your super twisted tale – it had all the ingredients of a great story: Cool characters, great descriptions and a nail-biting plot!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Arun and Aran for amazing spellings, fantastic story writing and great attitudes for learning.
Year 4 Ash	Bareera for her fantastic (and completely independent) Maths work on lines of symmetry. Alice for her excellent sentence starters in her English work, making sure to engage the reader.
Year 5 Lime	Scarlett for demonstrating great focus and good mathematical reasoning during maths lessons. Amelia for showing resilience during our rounding lessons in maths this week.
Year 6 Maple	Elmir for upholding the school value of kindness. Tom for trying really hard in all activities.
Values Awards	Ophelia YR - Courtesy Richard D Y3 - Thoughtfulness & Courtesy
Value of The Month	March - THOUGHTFULNESS

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week for being sporting stars:

Multisports - See Newsletter next week
Gym - See Newsletter next week



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TERM DATES 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Monday 30 October INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 31 October First day back for pupils
Thursday 21 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 9 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February First day back for pupils
Thursday 28 March Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 16 April First day back for pupils
Monday 6 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 June First day back for pupils
Wednesday 24 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 4 September 2023
Monday 30 October 2023
Monday 8 January 2024
Monday 15 April 2024
Monday 3 June 2024

(Plus Monday 6 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)



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TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 3 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 November First day back for pupils
Friday 20 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 7 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February INSET Day: School Closed for pupils
Tuesday 25th February First day back for pupils
Friday 4 April Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Wednesday 23 April First day back for pupils
Monday 5 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June First day back for pupils
Tuesday 22 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 2 September 2024
Monday 4 November 2024
Monday 6 January 2025
Monday 24 February 2025
Monday 22 April 2025

(Plus Monday 5 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)





Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle



Year B (2023-2024)

September	Kindness
October	Freedom
November	Understanding
December	Co-operation
January	Responsibility
February	Tolerance
March	Thoughtfulness
April	Perseverance
May	Compassion
June	Courtesy
July	Humility

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Our strategic objectives

- 1**
Through quality teaching and learning, to improve outcomes for all children by building a culture of achievement through progress across the curriculum.
- 2**
To extend the Woodridge curriculum to create wider opportunities for all children to develop their skills and talents.
- 3**
To develop sustainable, high quality and accountable leadership at all levels throughout the school.
- 4**
To work in partnership with other schools, parents and the wider school community to enrich our school.