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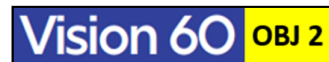
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SCIENCE WEEK

This week, children have been involved in all things science, as part of British Science Week.



This has included experiments and investigations about apples, seeds, water clocks, making bridges, *Skittles* and balloon powered cars, and much more besides.



Thanks to Science Leader, Miss McCleneghen, for organising the week and the workshops themed around, 'Time' - see below. (This was instead of the Bubble Workshop, which was unavailable and will be rearranged **for free**, in the Summer Term.)



See page 2 for more Science Week things.

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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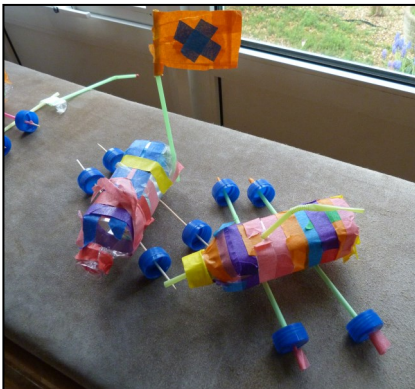


THE CGI SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

As part of science week, parent governor Parul Dattani was also able to arrange science workshops devised and run by CGI Group, the company that she works for. There were lots of facilitators who ran the morning and afternoon investigations for the junior classes. And what's more, it was free to the school.



Thanks Parul for a great day of science and for organising this at Woodridge.



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YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, it was the turn of Year 6 to tell us about what they have been learning this term at school. They told us about their research into fashion and the designers Mary Quant and Vivienne Westwood, their study of World War Two, their visit to the Central London Mosque, their participation in the Indonesian gamelan workshop and finished the assembly with a song in Spanish. Thanks go to the Year 6 team for organising such a great start to a rainy Tuesday morning.



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SWIMMING COMPETITION

On Monday a team of 12 boys and girls from the juniors took part in a swimming competition at Copthall. The team swam really well, winning individual heats and relays and coming 2nd in the final team relay.



The team finished an excellent 4th out of 16 teams and only half a point behind the third placed team. The three schools that finished above WPS all have their own swimming pools! Thanks to Mr Mapes and the parents for taking and supporting the children.

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WE'RE IN THE FINAL

After suffering a 7-0 loss against St Catherine's in the Dick Bailey Cup quarter final, the mixed team bounced back to reach the final of the Central League Cup.

The team went 1-0 ahead in the first half with a great goal by Elmir Y6. The second half was very tense, but the team held on and finished 1-0 winners. This will be the first sporting final Woodridge has competed in for the last 7 years at least.

The team play local rivals Alma in the final, after the Easter holidays.



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

Travel Plan Co-ordinator, Mrs Wheatcroft writes:

This week, the children took part in the UK's biggest inter-school active travel challenge - *The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel* - week one.



On Tuesday, Reception and Year 1 had a scooter skills workshop. They worked on learning and practising three important scooter skills: walk alongside their scooter, how to stop using the brake at the back, how to get off and walk to cross a road looking both ways, how to show courtesy to pedestrians by slowing down, ringing the bell and saying 'excuse me'.

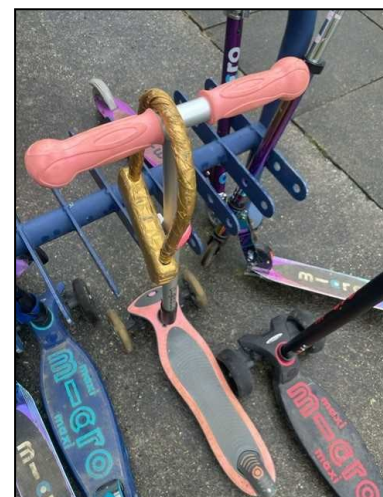
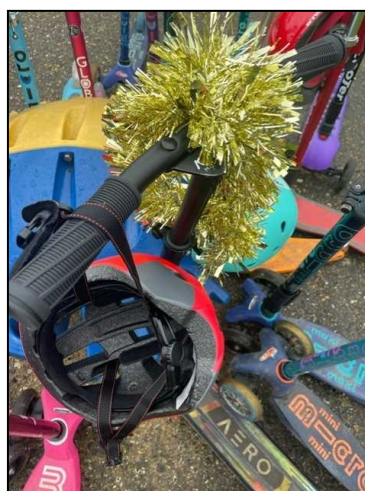
There was great scooting from everyone. Thank you so much to parents for going the extra mile and making sure your child had a scooter and helmet at school that day despite the terrible rain!



Some children's bikes and scooters were also randomly assigned golden locks and golden tinsel by the Y6 PHSE School Ambassadors who collect the travel data. Those lucky children won prizes.

Woodridge are currently 44th nationally for small primary schools, 10th in London and **1st place in Barnet**. Woo-hoo! Keep on walking and scootering next week!

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THE WSA QUIZ SUPPER

The amazing WSA Quiz Supper will be taking place this Sunday 17th March at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £20 per person (which includes a light fish and chip supper). Below is the booking form link or there is a QR code opposite, if it's easier. <http://bit.ly/WoodridgeSchool>



The WSA really need a team of people to help setup in the afternoon of the event from 1.30pm and also helpers on the night. Please email woodridgeptauk@gmail.com if you can spare an hour or two or can volunteer on the night.



Y1 To Y6 WORKSHARE EVENING

Next week, 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.

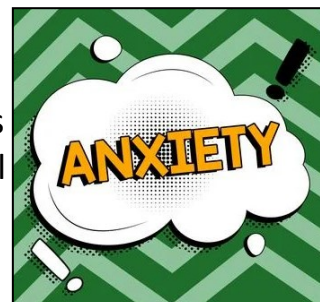
PARENT WORKSHOP ON ANXIETY

In last year's Parent Survey, parents were asking for more information about how they can support their child at home. So we have been doing that this year.



We had a great turn out for this week's parent workshop about anxiety. Led by Mrs Sperber, the workshop focused on what is meant by anxiety and some strategies to support children to manage their own worries. It was brilliant to hear parents sharing their own personal stories and supporting each other so well.

Mrs Sperber is happy to re-run the workshop if there is enough interest from parents. Please email senco@woodridge.barnet.sch.uk if this is of interest.



ZONES OF REGULATION

At Woodridge, as part of our PSHE curriculum, we use 'Zones of Regulation', designed by Leah M. Kuypers to help develop self-regulation.



The 'Zones of Regulation' supports 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.

These Zones are then meaningfully linked to readiness for learning and pupils develop an awareness of their own behaviours and use their personal set of strategies to bring themselves back to an optimal state for learning.

Through practice and application, the 'Zones of Regulation' helps pupils build skills that can serve them as they move through the school and face challenging situations in the wider world. Pupils are taught that there is no bad Zone, it is just the way they feel at a particular moment and there are things they can do to help themselves move to a different Zone.

The children have thought about different strategies that they can use to help get themselves in the Green Zone; where they are in the best place to learn.





The Zones

Blue Zone: Your body is running slow, such as when you are tired, sick, sad or bored.

Green Zone: You are ready to GO. You may feel happy, calm and focused.

Yellow Zone: You need to proceed with caution and SLOW DOWN. You are frustrated, silly, excited, worried, anxious or surprised. You are starting to lose control.

Red Zone. You need to STOP. You are out of control, angry, scared or over-excited.

			
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

TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 12 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%**.

MEALTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY - STARTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The school is looking for a mealtime supervisor to join our lunchtime team. If you would enjoy taking on a variety of roles and are confident working with children, supervising them in the dining room and helping them to play together in the playground, we would like to hear from you.

Mealtime Supervisor

Part-time – 6.25 hours a week. 12 noon to 1.15pm. Monday to Friday on a permanent Contract.

For more details follow this link to our website:

<https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/vacancies/>



WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

After a suggestion by the WSA, we would like to compile a list of local services that might be useful for parents, such as garages, plumbers, electricians, garden services and the like. These will then be posted on our WPS Community Services tab on the school's website which would be linked to an article in the School Newsletter every week.



Businesses would be asked to donate a fee for this service, which would run on an annual basis until the end of July each year. The contact for this is our School Business Manager email - sbm@woodridge.sch.uk Here's the link to the page on the website: <https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/wps-community->



'EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM' CAMPAIGN

This week in the lunch hall, we have continued the 'Eat Them To Defeat Them' campaign, which encourages children to eat more vegetables.

This is being run by our caterers *Radish*.

You'll also see adverts on the television about it!



WOW TRAVEL TRACKER

Each month, Mrs Wheatcroft totals up the number of children who travel to school sustainably.



The class winners for the month of February were Year 6.

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. **THE CAFÉ WILL REOPEN NEXT WEEK - Fri 22nd March.**



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 Condoover Hall	

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards - Science Week Friday 15th 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	Lara for trying lots of different types of apples and telling us what will happen to the apple cores over time! Sophie R for having some excellent ideas in the science workshop and for following instructions well!
Year 1 Willow	Arthur and Sienna for creating fantastically detailed and scientific observational drawing of a plant.
Year 2 Rowan	Oscar for your enthusiasm and incredible scientific knowledge-you are a brilliant budding scientist! Gray for your hard work and incredible scientific drawings.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Adiel, Ava, Thomas and Noah for being great scientists and showing great teamwork when making a bridge.
Year 4 Ash	Takumi and Emily G for their fantastic team work during our science STEM workshop, and for using their prior knowledge to support their ideas.
Year 5 Lime	Leo for great science thinking and engagement during the lesson about skittle science. Neve for using good science language during our skittle investigation.
Year 6 Maple	Max and James B for thinking scientifically in the STEM workshop.
Values Awards	James T Y6 - Thoughtfulness Megan Y3 - Kindness and Friendship
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 - Sophie R YR, Sophie G YR, Toshi YR & Sienna Y1
Gym - Ethan Y5 and Amy Y3



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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.