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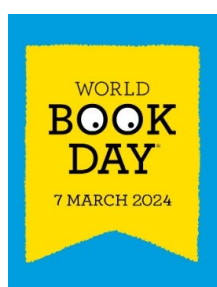
WPS NEWSLETTER

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NEXT WEEK - ARTSWEEK & WORLD BOOK DAY

It's Woodridge **Artsweek** next week with gamelan workshops, a whole school show and special visitors. Please pay your voluntary contribution if you



can, since we have less than half the contributions needed at the moment to cover the costs.

Thursday is also World Book Day - children can wear comfortable clothes for (eg. a onesie, pyjamas etc) to link with the 'Read Your Way' theme. If your child is 'comfortable' in a book character costume, that's ok too. **And don't forget to send in your photos of reading in unusual places or unusual poses** - by Thursday.

THE WSA QUIZ SUPPER

The amazing WSA Quiz Supper will be taking place on Sunday 17th March at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £20 per person (which includes a light fish and chip supper) and go on sale soon - so get your team of 8 people ready for the launch as the event is always a sell out!



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.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
LONDON



YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, it was the turn of Year 4 to tell us about what they have been learning this term at school. We heard about different beliefs and values in RE and the children acted out their own scripts based on two faith stories - *The Good Samaritan* and *The Story of Guru Nanak*. They also sang a lovely rendition of the song 'You Can Count on Me,' and finished by sharing their artwork inspired by Rene Magritte. Thanks to Mrs Norman for collating the assembly and to Mrs Tait and Mapes for running it on the day, in Mrs Norman's absence.



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GREAT CHARITY INITIATIVE - FOOD BANK AID

Last week, Molly and Sophie, both from Year 6 made a donation of £50 to Food Bank Aid. They raised the money through making keychains and bracelets for family and friends in their spare time. Food Bank Aid is a local charity which raises money to buy produce for over 30 Food Banks, and helps to feed over 20,000 people a week.

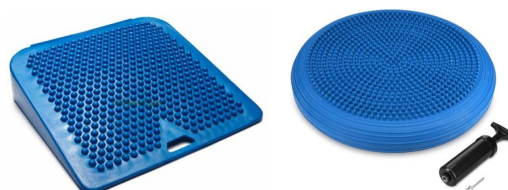


At the end of half term, Food Bank Aid had a 48 hour fundraising appeal and so the girls specifically decided to donate their money during this period, which meant that the money that Sophie and Molly donated was then matched by local contributors. **This meant that the girls raised a total of £113** (inc Gift Aid) for the local charity. Brilliant!

The two girls worked so hard and were adamant that they wanted to donate any proceeds to charity, and they chose the charity themselves.

WANTED - WOBBLE CUSHIONS

If anyone has a spare wobble cushion at home that they would like to donate to the school, that would be amazing. Please let the office know, or bring it in. Many thanks.



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



Woodridge Primary School celebrates 15 years of the UK's biggest active travel challenge.

Woodridge pupils will be taking part in the UK's biggest inter-school active travel challenge which is taking place between 11-22 March 2024.

The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. The event sees schools compete each day to make the most journeys by walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school.

The challenge is seeing its 15th anniversary and is celebrating the success enjoyed across the years for pupils, parents, and schools. Just under 2.7million active journeys to 1,862 participating schools took place during the 2023 challenge, saving an estimated 1,890 tonnes of CO2 emissions if the journeys logged had otherwise been made by car. Also, not only does the event help reduce pollution around the school gates but in recent years has helped parents to save £1.6million in petrol costs during the fortnight.

Last year Woodridge logged 1,331 sustainable journeys across the two weeks and our final position was 16th for small primary schools in London, which was a brilliant achievement.

To make it even more fun there are National prizes to aim for, local schools to compete against and prizes for the classes that record the most walking, scooting and cycling journeys over the two weeks. Please encourage your children to take part on as many days a possible between 11-22 March 2024 and let's see if we can make a difference.

Have fun walking, scooting, cycling.

Mrs Wheatcroft - Travel Plan Co-ordinator



PC LEE REDWORTH WORKSHOPS

Today, all the children have taken part in workshops led by Barnet PC Lee Redworth from the Metropolitan Police.



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Lee talked to the children in Reception to Year 5 about keeping safe from strangers, with the slogan 'Clever Never Goes' having met a robot called Clever.

**clever
never
goes**

HOW TO STAY SAFE
WHEREVER YOU ARE

The focus for Year 6 was the danger of gang culture and county lines - the exploitation of children to transport illegal substances.

**COUNTY
LINES**

It was great to have a police visit back in school after a period post-Covid when these were not available. The children were thoughtful in their responses and received lots of good reminders about how to keep safe.



STARS OF THE WEEK

There are no Stars of the Week this week since we had PC Redworth's police talks instead of Friday Achievement Assembly.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 8 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!



PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS

This week there was a Woodridge parent's car parked across a neighbour's driveway for several minutes at home time, preventing the neighbour from turning into their own driveway. The neighbour was quite rightly very annoyed by this.

We ask Woodridge parents never to park over our neighbour's driveways at drop off or pick up, even for a short time. This also comes Under Rule 243 of the Highway Code, for which a fine can be issued.

**PLEASE
DO NOT
BLOCK
DRIVEWAY**

THE WIDERNESS CAFE

On Fridays, from 3.00pm, The Widerness Café will 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 IN TWO WEEK'S TIME.**

**THE
WIDERNESS CAFÉ**
@ Woodridge Primary School

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UPDATED KEY DATES, EVENTS AND TRIPS

For your diaries - below is the updated key dates, events and trips list. World Book Day for Woodridge will now be on the national World Book Day - Thurs 7th March. **Newer events in red.**

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WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24

Woodridge
Primary School 

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 19th 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 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 Conover Hall	

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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
Tuesday 3 September

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November
Tuesday 5 November
Friday 20 December

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January
Tuesday 7 January

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February
Tuesday 25th February
Friday 4 April

INSET Day: School Closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April
Wednesday 23 April
Monday 5 May

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June
Tuesday 22 July

First day back for pupils
Last day of term 2.30pm finish

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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

Happy
Creative
Aiming High
Woodridge **Vision 60**



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.