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WPS NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 6 LEARNING AMBASSADORS

After writing excellent letters of application to Miss Monroe, we can announce the Year 6 Learning Ambassadors for this year.



These children will help to promote and develop the Woodridge curriculum.

English - Flo, Erim & Isabella

Maths - Sophie, Humna & Kaylan

Science - James T & Kaelyn

Computing - Max, Kaelyn & Alex

History - Brody & Dylan

Music - Tom & Brody

Geography - Conor & Oliver

Art - Molly, Agata & Dylan

D & T - Aarav & Marissa

P.E. - Elmir, Zoe & Evie

P.S.H.E. - Marissa & Kaylan

Spanish - Dev & Zoe

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - On Monday

Don't forget that it will be individual school photos day on Monday



THE WOODRIDGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Save the date! And see page 2 for bring-ins!

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

3.15-5.30PM



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LONDON**

stars
Gold level accreditation



Woodridge Xmas Bazaar 2023
Thursday 14th December 3.15-5.30pm

The Xmas Bazaar is just over a month away! To help make the event a success, please bring in the following items on the dates listed below.

If you can't make the specific dates, or would like to give all items in one go, that is also fine.

| Date to bring in items | Item | Description |
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| Friday 16 th November | Bottle Tombola | Any type of unopened bottle Alcohol/soft drinks/bubble bath/perfume NO BLEACH |
| Friday 23 rd November | Sweet Tombola | Fill a glass jar (with a lid) up with sweets. Please mark if veggie/halal/kosher NO NUTS OR CHOCOLATE |
| Friday 30 th November | Gifting Stall - Small Gifts (value under £5) | Small unused or new gifts for the gifting stall. eg. Toiletries, candles, chocolates etc Children will be able to buy a gift for under £5 and have it wrapped ready to give for xmas. |
| Friday 7 th December | Anything from above | |
| Thursday 14 th December | Cakes for the Cake Sale | Homemade or bought, cupcakes, muffin biscuits, pastries NO NUTS PLEASE |

Please leave all your items in the school reception where they will be stored until the event.

YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

It was great to have our first Class Assembly since Covid back at Woodridge. Parent turn out for this was great. Thank you for your support

In the assembly Year 6 told us all about the Tudors, the Spanish Armada and the sculptor Augusta Savage. Next week - Year 5.



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 October were Year 6.

HAPPY DIWALI

A Happy Diwali to all those who are celebrating this weekend. It was lovely to see parents in school today sharing their Diwali experiences with the children.



YEAR 1 IN THE NATURE RESERVE

It was great to see Year 1 with their wellies on and heading to The Nature Reserve for a 'senses walk' this week. Thanks to all the parent helpers.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Earlier this week, the juniors had an assembly all about Remembrance Day, which ended with a minute of silent reflection whilst Mrs Hooper played *The Last Post* on the cornet.



INTER FAITH WEEK

The 12th-19th November is Inter Faith Week. Every class will be spending the week developing their understanding of different religions as well as those who do not associate with a religion.



We would really like to have some of our parents come into class to talk to the children about their religious experiences.

If you are able to talk to the class, and answer a few of their questions, about the topic they are learning about, please email the office, for the attention of Mrs Norman.

Year 1: worship at home- special places and symbols

(Christianity, Judaism, non-religious and Humanism)

Year 2: worship at home- special places and symbols

(Hinduism, Christianity and Islam)

Year 3: daily routines- eat/dress/when they worship

(Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Humanism, non-religious)

Year 4: daily routines- eat/dress/when they worship

(Sikhism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Humanism, non-religious)

Year 5: places of worship in our local community

(Sikhism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Humanism, non-religious)

Year 6: pilgrimages –worship around the world

(Sikhism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism Christianity, Humanism, non-religious)

YEAR 6 TfL WORKSHOP

Year 6 had an interactive *Transport for Learning* workshop this week to prepare them for secondary school.

The class learnt about the benefits of walking, cycling and taking public transport. They also learnt about Zip-cards that they will need as and when they turn 11.



The presenter told them: with power comes responsibility and highlighted some of the dangers and what they can do to mitigate this when they are travelling on their own.



BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION ENTRY

Over the next few weeks, the Newsletter will include several of the Woodridge entries for the *BBC 500 Words* Competition. All of the juniors took part in this and fifteen were chosen to be entered into the competition.

Here's one from Eli in Year 4:

THE SHWA SHWA SHOWDOWN

It was here. Why wouldn't it be? I felt it was here. I heard its ferocious roar. Now we were eye to eye. I couldn't run. I was frozen with fear.

I remembered my fathers words. This was my time to take the name of Hercules, the boy with the father of all Gods, but was too scared to even hurt a fly.

It was him. The monster feared by all. The ferocious jaw dropping Shwa Shwa! His yellow sharp teeth were gleaming against his dark blue fur. Suddenly, it went at me. I tried to hold him back. I thought he would be too strong but I somehow lifted him and twirled him around the dark blue sky. Woosh! He was gone. He looked smaller than a speck of dust.

I thought it was over but it didn't give up. Faster than lightening, it recovered and came back at me. I was so close to meeting my father and the other generations of my family. He swung at me. His punches felt like a hundred bolts of lightening hitting me. I managed to dodge its punch and needed to recover fast. He thought that he got me but I used that time to fight back. One punch and he was gone. For sure this time. I watched as he crashed to the ground. I was delighted to see that he didn't come up this time. I finally defeated him.

I did it!

I can finally meet my father.

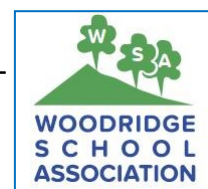
By Eli Year 4



WSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Woodridge Association AGM will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm. This will be a chance to discuss fundraising and social events this year and to elect the new WSA Officers.

ALL PARENTS are welcome to this event. Please do come along.



WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS 2023-24

In order to help you to plan ahead, below is a list of all the key events and dates in the Woodridge calendar so far.

Please put these in your diary.



New or updated dates are highlighted in **RED**.

WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



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| AUTUMN TERM DATES/EVENTS | Tues 21 st Nov – Y4 Class Assembly |
| Mon 30 th Oct – INSET Day 2 | Tues 21 st Nov – Parents' Evening |
| Tues 7 th Nov – Y6 Class Assembly | Wed 22 nd Nov – Parents' Evening |
| Tues 7th Nov - Y1 to Nature Reserve | Tues 28 th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly |
| Mon 13th Nov - Individual School Photos | Weds 29th Nov - Y4 to Science Museum |
| Mon 13 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week | Mon 11 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2.00pm |
| Mon 13th Nov - Y2 at Infant Music Festival | Weds 13 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2.00pm |
| Tues 14 th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly | Thurs 14 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am |
| Weds 15th Nov - SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am | Fri 15th Dec - Bollywood Assembly |
| Weds 15th Nov - Y2/Y5 Music Assembly 9.10am | Thurs 21 st Dec – Last day of term 2.30pm |
| Mon 20 th Nov – Panto 'Cinderella' pm | |
| SPRING TERM | |
| Mon 8 th Jan – INSET Day 3 | Fri 8 th March – WPS World Book Day |
| Tues 23 rd Jan – Y1 Class Assembly | WC 11 th March – SCIENCE WEEK |
| Tues 30 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly | Tues 12 th March – Y6 Class Assembly |
| Tues 6 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly | Tues 19 th March – Y5 Class Assembly |
| 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 – Workshare Evening |
| WC 4 th March - ARTSWEEK | Thurs 28 th March – Last day of term 2.30pm |
| Tues 5 th March – 'A Little Princess' Show pm | |
| 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 27th 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 Condover Hall | |

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 10th November 2023

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.

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| Reception Oak | Along with their number work and phonics, this week Reception class have been learning all about fireworks and using this to inspire art activities. |
| Year 1 Willow | Anish for excellent contributions in carpet time – always trying his best. Phoenix for his excellent attitude to learning and being more confident in class discussions. |
| Year 2 Rowan | Aarav for focusing so hard on his independent work and producing a super non-chronological report. Ruchira for being such a kind, compassionate member of the class – you are one in a million! |
| Year 3 Silver Birch | Khadija and Millie for wonderful story writing, great addition and subtraction and being all round great students! |
| Year 4 Ash | Termeh for her amazing short story about Hercules. Oli for his amazing body percussion in PE. |
| Year 5 Lime | Daniel for his excellent attitude to learning in all subjects, impeccably neat handwriting and his enthusiasm for his role in the class assembly. Tuna for working hard on his 500-word story competition story. |
| Year 6 Maple | Nikhil for his amazing 500-word story. Alex for always working to the best of his ability. |
| Value of The Month | November - UNDERSTANDING |

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Hugo YR, Hugo Y2, Raffi Y1 and Lyra YR
Gym - Aimee Y3 and Molly Y6



Woodridge Primary School



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)





Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle



Year A (2022-23)

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| September | Respect |
| October | Unity |
| November | Friendship |
| December | Peace |
| January | Honesty |
| February | Resilience |
| March | Hope |
| April | Love |
| May | Empathy |
| June | Courage |
| July | Trust |

Year B (2023-2024)

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