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WPS NEWSLETTER

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ASSEMBLY VISITOR - DR SANDIE GRANT

This week we had a special visitor in assembly - Dr Sandie Grant who is a dentist and also a grandparent of two of our children at Woodridge.

Dr Grant talked to the children about how she came to be a dentist, what training she needed and what her job entails. She also talked about the science behind dentistry and asked the children questions about the formation of teeth, what they are made of and crucially, how to look after them. Thank you Sandie for visiting and sharing your expertise.



WARNING ABOUT WATER BEADS

Barnet have passed on a national warning regarding the use of water beads, also known as gel beads or sensory beads that can be regarded as a toy. These are made from super absorbent polymer. If swallowed, the beads can continue to expand, and causing intestinal blockages requiring medical intervention.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
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FOOTBALL TRIUMPH

On the last day before half term, the mixed team came out triumphant after a nail-biting Central Cup match against Akiva. It finished 2-2 at full time with Woodridge winning 1-0 in extra time. Well done team for getting the season of to a flying start. Scorers: James T x 2 and Elmir 1.



The girls' team also played on the same day against Akiva, making an encouraging start, but with Akiva coming out as 3-1 winners. Scorer: Neve Y5.

BOCCIA FESTIVAL

This week a team of three children represented Woodridge at a Boccia Festival. Boccia is like boules. The team played really well and have been invited to a tournament later in the year.



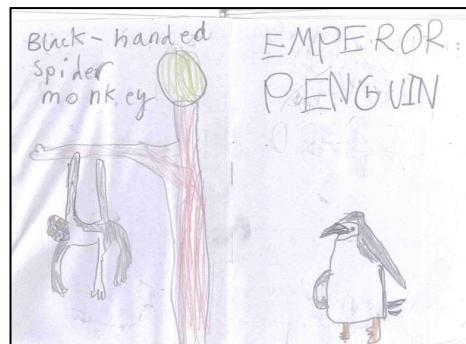
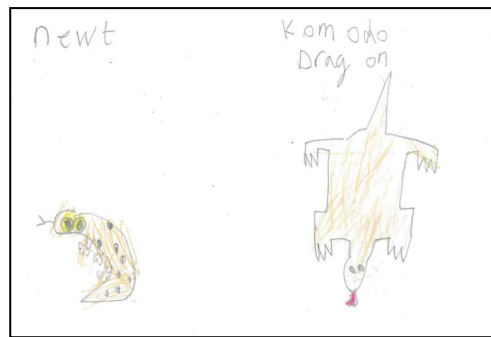
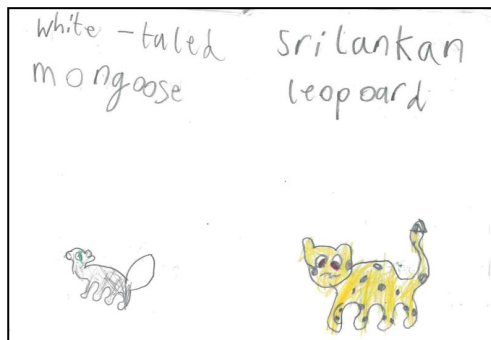
NOTICE OF ATTENDING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please remember that the deadline for letting us know if your child is attending After School Club is 1.00pm each day. This is to enable us to organize additional staffing if we have a sudden bulge in numbers. **This also applies to those children attending After School Club having finished a different club.**



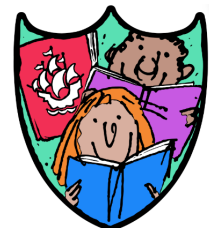
ANIMAL BOOK BY ARAN Y3

Aran in Year 3 has been working on an amazing little book of animals. At the moment it has over 90 different animals drawn on separate pages with great detail. Reading the book you can see how much time and care he has taken with it. Well done Aran and watch out David Attenborough! Here are a few sample pages:



BLUE PETER READING BADGE

Well done to Louis Y4 for being the first Woodridge pupil (as far as we know) to achieve the new Blue Peter Reading Badge that was highlighted in assembly at the beginning of the year.



To gain the badge, children need to write a short review about a book they have read and draw a picture of a character or scene from the book.

Here's the link to all the details about how to apply for a badge: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

PARENT WORKSHOP - GREATER DEPTH MATHS

On Tuesday 28th November, at 2:15pm, Mrs Norman will be holding a workshop to explain greater depth in mathematics and challenging children within mastery. This is open to any parents at Woodridge. It will give you an opportunity to understand what greater depth looks like, as well as how to challenge children who are believed to have a greater depth in their understanding of maths.

Maths Workshop

A parent sign up sheet for this workshop will be sent out on Monday.

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)



SARACENS ARFC SONICS NEED YOU!

Back in June, one of our former pupils, Emily Underwood, helped to re-launch girls' rugby at Bramley Road Sports Ground in Southgate.



The Sonics, who take their name from one of England's most successful female rugby players, Sonia "Sonic" Green, have since gone from strength to strength, with players at U12, 14 and 16 level.

The team is seeking new players from ages 10-16. No prior experience is necessary. The Sonics train at Bramley Road Sports Ground on Thursdays (6.30pm to 8pm) and Sundays (12pm to 1.30pm) and would be delighted to welcome you for an initial trial session.

So, why not join Emily in playing the fastest growing women's sport? Who knows? Maybe you could be the next Sonia "Sonic" Green! Call or WhatsApp Nash on 07507 798 271 or email girlsrugby@saracensarfc.com



Did you know that a driver can see a pedestrian 3 seconds sooner if they are wearing or carrying something bright or reflective? That's enough to prevent serious injury or save a life! **Now that the clocks have gone back, evenings become dark much earlier and it becomes more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.** Whilst we want children to get out and about more and have active healthy lifestyles, we also want them to be safe! Help your child Be Bright so they can Be Seen by making sure they are wearing something bright for daytime AND reflective for nighttime. If you are buying a new coat for your child, look out for brightly coloured ones with reflective strips.

For more information and support, please email: Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

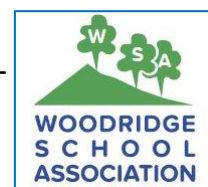
Be Bright, Be Seen and Be Safe!



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



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

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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	This week Reception Class went on an Autumn walk and had a leaf hunt. They also did some printing and some subitising in maths.
Year 1 Willow	Abdullah and Sana for writing fantastic sentences using 'I'.
Year 2 Rowan	Aki for fantastic work in Maths, you always go the extra mile and extend your learning. Mahi for being consistently hard-working, on-task and always ready to learn.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Ava for great maths vocabulary and excellent addition and subtraction. Aishini for amazing vocabulary in Reading for Pleasure and excellent addition and subtraction.
Year 4 Ash	Louis for his fantastic half term homework, taking care with his intricate details. Hana for her excellent homework on the Ancient Greeks, including lots of interesting facts.
Year 5 Lime	Maame for her friendly, happy nature and for fitting in so well to Lime Class. Lyla D for actively listening, showing high levels of engagement, working well as part of a group in all subjects.
Year 6 Maple	James T and Sophie for always doing their best at every task and always making a positive contribution to class discussions.
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 - Phoenix Y1, Chloe Y2, Matilda Y2 and Beatrix Y2
Gym - Sylvia Y5 and Ethan Y5



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)

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)

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