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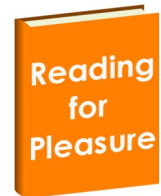
# WPS NEWSLETTER

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## READING FOR PLEASURE

This term we have launched a new initiative in response to a DfE report about reading. This initiative is known as **Reading for Pleasure** (which replaces Guided Reading) and includes whole class reading, story time, Book-Talk and Junior Reading Blogs. Ask your child about it.



## CROSS COUNTRY EVENT - WOODRIDGE COME THIRD

This week, Mr Mapes took a team of 12 juniors to a Cross Country Competition around a course beside Cophall Stadium.



The team raced very competitively, coming a magnificent 3rd place out of 25 schools. The team were also the top ranked one-form entry school.

There were several top 10 finishes gaining valuable points and on the back of finishing 6th in his race, James B Y6 was invited to be part of the Y6 borough team.

Congratulations to all the runners.



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### JUST ONE TREE - NON-UNIFORM DAY

Today we supported Just One Tree, by having a non-uniform day and collecting £1 for a project aimed at reducing CO2 globally and planting a Barnet-sponsored forest in Kenya where deforestation has decimated large parts of the country.



Thanks everyone for making the effort to dress up. The total raised was £96. This multiplied by about 50 Barnet schools helps plant a lot of trees.

### COME AND MEET THE GOVERNORS

It was great to catch up with a small group of parents at our Meet the Governors event this week. We had some interesting and helpful discussions and as a team of governors we came away with some useful ideas from parents.



We hope that the parents who came also gained an insight into the role of a governor and received answers to some of their questions.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023-24

At the Meet the Governors session week (see above), parents were asking what our main priorities are this year at Woodridge.



Below are a few of the areas we will be working on, which fit alongside the objectives in our Vision 60 document.

- *To embed the new Reading for Pleasure arrangements (see page one of this Newsletter)*
- *To review full range of activities offered in Wider Woodridge, including Wider Life visitors, trips and events and inter-school challenges*
- *To enhance the role of Subject Leaders in monitoring of their subjects*
- *To develop Pupil Voice and leadership opportunities across the school*

### 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.**



FREE LUNCHES FOR ALL CHILDREN

Please remember that all children (both infants and juniors) are now entitled to a free school lunch. Here's a flyer from our catering team at Radish.

There is such  
a thing as a  
**FREE  
LUNCH!**

Every London Borough Primary School pupil will be  
entitled to a free school lunch for the next academic year  
**This includes Key Stage 2 pupils!**  
(September 2023- July2024)

If you choose for your child to have one of our freshly prepared, nutritious and  
healthy meals every day you could save £475 per child!

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## SAD FAREWELL - MRS PARSONS

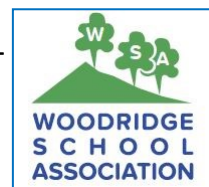
Today we say a sad farewell to teaching assistant Mrs Parsons. We thank her for all her input since June and wish her well for the future.

*Farewell!*

## 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.



## WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Panto 'Cinderella' pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Y1 & Y2 Meet the Teacher 9.10am	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov – Y4 Class Assembly
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 to Y6 Meet the Teacher 9.10am	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct - World Mental Health Day	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 'Plant One Tree' Day	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Class Assembly
WC 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – HALF TERM	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Dress 2.00pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET Day 2	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Perf 2.00pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 Class Assembly	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Last day of term 2.30pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Class Assembly	
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day 3	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March – WPS World Book Day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	WC 11 <sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Class Assembly
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Class Assembly
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March – Workshare Evening
WC 4 <sup>th</sup> March - ARTSWEEK	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term 2.30pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March – 'A Little Princess' Show pm	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day 4	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July – Infant Sports Morning
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Red Nose Day	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Y1 Phonics Parents' Mtg 9.00am	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC 27 <sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day 5	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Tables Check Week	Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Y6 to Conover Hall	

# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 20th October 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.

Reception Oak	This week the children have been reading Friends by Rob Lewis, talking about 'more' and 'less' and have made delicious cupcakes.
Year 1 Willow	Zuri for being a fantastic role model to her class. Always kind and polite, and doing the right thing. Raffi for his contributions during Geography lessons about hot and cold climates and their animals.
Year 2 Rowan	Harry for trying so hard in everything, persevering until reaching your goal. Chloe G for showing real resilience with writing, keeping going and producing a fantastic piece of work.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Ellaysha for wonderful place value knowledge and being a great help to her friends and around the class. Ahmed for fantastic reading during Reading 4 Pleasure.
Year 4 Ash	Tamer for working hard and earning 4 dojos' for being kind to others. Rohan for his excellent homework based on our geography topic, Europe.
Year 5 Lime	Halle for settling so in well to Lime Class and becoming more confident every day, particularly with her boot! Leo for demonstrating great enthusiasm and knowledge about our Anglo-Saxon topic.
Year 6 Maple	Dylan for showing great resilience in his maths work. Florence for a really interesting explanation text.
Value of The Month	October - FREEDOM

### SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Amelia Y2, Aarav Y2, Sienna y1 & Chloe G Y2  
Gym - Lyla F Y5 and Kaelyn 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)

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

## Year B (2023-2024)

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