



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
READY — RESPECTFUL — SAFE

22nd March 2024

LUNCH MENU: 2

TERM DATES:

Term Dates:
https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/21528161

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FROM SEPT 2023**

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Sports for Champions: Thursday 18th April 2024!

Danny Purvis, Olympic medallist Gymnast, will be coming to Woodlands to go head-to-head with the pupils! Danny will be delivering an inspirational assembly all about his career, achievements, training regimes and sacrifices made. As well as talk about the highs and lows of his career. After this the children in classes will go head-to-head with Danny to complete 4 simple circuits.

If you would like to sponsor your child here is the link for our crowd funding page!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/woodlands-primary-school-1>

Your child will also be bringing home a sponsor form this week to fill in if they wish to receive sponsors from family or friends.

****Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to wear their own sportswear or dress as their favourite sports personalities on MONDAY 25TH MARCH in exchange for donations to the crowdfunding page.****

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Crowdfunder

www.sportsforchampions.com

LIFESTYLE PRODUCTS



This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - We have had another wonderful and busy week in Squirrels! This week, we have been meeting and holding the chicks. The children have been so excited and gentle in their approach towards the chicks! We have also been developing our fine motor skills using Easter crafts and tweezers to pick up the soft eggs and place them in the pot. We have also been practicing throwing and catching in the hall. Well done Squirrels! Super ball skills!

Foxes - What a lovely week! The children have been learning all about the lifecycle of a hen and have enjoyed observing the chicks throughout the week to see how they have changed and grown. Everyone has been keen to look after the chicks and to help clean the brooder out and make sure the chicks always have enough food and water. Lots of children were brave enough to hold or stroke the chicks and everyone remembered to be very gentle with them. This week, we have also created some lovely chick artwork and observational paintings of flowers.

Badgers & Owls - What a fantastic week in Reception! In Literacy, we have completed our work on our focused story; 'The Pirates Are Coming' and some of the children have enjoyed making their own story maps and pirate stories. In PE, the children have had fun developing their ball skills, using their hands to throw, catch and bounce balls with increasing control. In Maths, we have worked hard on our number bonds to 5 and 10, using objects to help us make these numbers in different ways. Thank you so much for the wonderful work around sea creatures that many of you have created with the children. The children have loved sharing their work with us and we have learned some amazing facts!

Acorns - This week the children in Acorns have enjoyed singing and signing lots of songs - we are doing really well with sitting and staying engaged during our singing activities. We have loved our messy play this week, which started off with marshmallow playdough. The children had a wonderful time feeling, rolling and making shapes with the dough. Towards the end of the week we enjoyed scooping and pouring porridge oats. Our favourite part was when we added water and we could make a big mess!

Thank you for your continued support.
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - In English, we wrote our own versions of the story 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. We used capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. We added detail to our story using adjectives, prefixes and suffixes. Our teachers were so impressed!

In Maths, we have continued our work on place value to 50, using number squares to find one more or one less and estimate missing numbers. We continued our History unit on Mary Anning by researching and recording facts about her. In Science, we sorted metal and plastic toys by their properties and discussed their common uses. It was brilliant to see your odd socks and crazy hair this week! Thank you for supporting these great causes.

Year 2 - In English this week, we have completed our work based around 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' by Ellie Hattie. The children planned and wrote their own version of the story. They then proofread their writing to check it made sense and that it had the correct punctuation. In shared reading, we have continued reading the wonderful 'Claude in the City' by Alex T. Smith to help develop our comprehension strategies. This includes answering questions by using the strategy of reading and retrieving the correct information and making inferences based on what has been read. In Mathematics, we have continued learning about capacity and temperature. The children have also been revisiting strategies for adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. As part of our work in History, the children completed a timeline of Mary Anning's life and sketched fossils.

Thank you for your continued support,
The KS1 Team

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This Week's Year Group News

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - Another jam packed week in Year 3 and 4! We have completed our end of term assessments and look forward to celebrating your children at parents evening next week. We have discussed the negative impact that humans are having on marine life and the reasons why, if we know it is happening, people are continuing to behave in this way. We decided that we needed to educate people and have planned an information leaflet, which will form our 'writeaway' next week. In History, we have drawn and labelled hillforts, whilst in Science we have discovered like poles repel and opposite poles attract. Crazy hair day was fabulous, the children loved looking at each others' hair designs. We hope you enjoy the Easter bingo if you are able to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.
The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6 - It has been a busy assessment week in UKS2 this week! The children have been very busy with Maths and Reading end of term assessments, as well as beginning their 'writeaways' in English. Well done to all the children for their hard work all term - we are very proud of you. In History, we have been learning about the ancient city of Baghdad, as well as investigating what England was like during this time in history. In Science, we have learnt about evolution and inheritance and how animals, including humans, have evolved over time. Y6 had a fantastic visit from the Zengage team on Wednesday and really enjoyed their interactive performance which focused on online behaviour and staying safe on social media. We look forward to seeing parents in school on Monday and Tuesday evening next week for Parents Evening. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Next week, Y5 and Y6 will be having an art day on Tuesday (26th). Please send the children into school in clothes which are suitable for art on this day as they will be using paints.

A quick reminder to 5/6LT parents that we have outdoor learning on Mondays for the rest of this half term, so 5/6LT pupils need to come to school in appropriate outdoor clothing these days.

Thank you for your continued support.
The UKS2 Team

Have A Wonderful Easter Break

Whole School Attendance 94.62%

Reporting Children's Absence

School must be informed of children's absence on the first day by ringing 0151 329 3164 and pressing 1 to leave a message. This must be done before 9am. Please ensure you provide the child's name, class and reason for absence.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will be unable to return to school for 48hrs after their last episode. This is inline with the Public Health Agency guidance to reduce the risk of the illness spreading. Any absence not explained is registered as unauthorised.

Appointments

Parents and carers should make every effort to book routine dental and GP appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, children should only be absent for the time needed for the appointment and travel to and from.

For any prebooked medical appointments copies of appointment letters can be emailed to n.brown@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk in advance so that a note can be added to the register. The school will work with all families on an individual basis if medical absences exceed the maximum threshold.

Holidays During Term Time

Can we politely request that parents inform school of any upcoming holidays via the Leave of Absence forms which can be collected from the school offices. These forms should be completed and handed to school 4 working weeks in advance of the first day of absence.

Dates – Week Beginning 25 March 2024

Lunches Week 2

Mon 25 March	Sports for Champions Fundraiser – Children to wear Sportswear https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/woodlands-primary-school-1
Mon 25 March	Before-school club – KS1 Judo with Judo Education 8 to 8.45am, drop off Junior Hall (book direct with Judo Education)
Mon 25 March	Foxes Parent/Teachers meetings – please sign in at the infant office
Mon 25 March	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Mon 25 March	After-school club – Y3 & 4 Recorder 3.20-4.20pm CANCELLED
Mon 25 March	After-school club – K5 & 6 Cheerleading with Shadazzle 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground
Mon 25 March	Reception to Y6 Parents Evenings – face to face.
Tue 26 March	After-school club – Y3 & 4 Table Tennis Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground
Tue 26 March	After-school club – Y4 Times Tables Club Miss Woodland 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground
Tue 26 March	Y6 Reading Workshop - CANCELLED
Tue 26 March	Reception to Y6 Parents Evenings – face to face
Wed 27 March	Y2 Residential
Wed 27 March	After-school club – Y5 & 6 Indoor Athletics 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground
Wed 27 March	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Thu 28 March	Y2 Residential
Thu 28 March	Y4 Assembly to Parents – 9.10-10am – Junior hall – Parents Invited
Thu 28 March	Reception Drawing Club – Lunchtime (club full)
Thu 28 March	After School Club – Mad Science 3.20-4.20pm pick up Infant Office or Junior Playground
Thu 28 March	Y6 Maths Workshop 3.20 to 4.10pm – book on via ParentPay
Thu 28 March	School Closes for Easter Break (normal pick-up time)

Return to school Monday 15 April 2024



HELP US PICK THE ROBOTS NAME

Help us decide on three names for our three Robots to be in with the chance to eat and be served by him!


Frankie & Benny's



The three winners will get a meal for free with their family!

Details on how to enter in your child's homework book this week (Y1-Y6).

Competition entries must be in school by 27.03.2024



Woodlands Nursery/Pre-School September 2024

If you, family or friends have a child who turns 2 or 3 before the 1st September 2024, please do not hesitate to ask us about our Nursery & Pre-School provisions. Woodlands offer half day and full-time sessions up to a maximum of 30 hrs per week and you can use your 15/30hrs free childcare funding with us. You can also use our wraparound to top up your provision with Breakfast & After-School club. Holiday Clubs can be booked and paid for separately so that all your childcare needs can be met under one roof. For more information, please email or call Jann in the Infant Office on 0151 329 3164 Opt 2 or j.bell@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk



Working at Woodlands...

We currently have **two** vacancies to fill:

- **Midday Assistant**—1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 38 weeks per year.
- **Cleaner**—10 hours a week (approx. 3.15-5.15pm, 5 days a week), 41 weeks per year

If you are interested in applying for either position please email:

admin@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk or speak to Sue in the Junior office

Live Well - Cheshire West and Chester Council

Please find attached link, QR code and PDF of the latest Parent Carer Forum Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/e296bd62cc81/pcf-news-and-events-march-2024-16933348>





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Cheshire Horse Sanctuary

Car Boot Sale

Monday, 6 May

Come and join us for our 2024 Annual Car Boot Sale at the Cheshire Horse Sanctuary

**The Six Acres, Picton Gorse lane, Chester,
CH2 4HA**

Open: 8 am - Close: 1 pm

- . £10 to hire a pitch
- . £1 visitor parking

Book at: chseventscordinator@gmail.com

07515857082



Thank you for your support ♥





Changes to Childcare Choices from April 2024

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

The Childcare Choices website brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it. Visit the site at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to check your eligibility and see if you can benefit from additional support.

And from this year even more help is on the way:

From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.

From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.

From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

If you are eligible, you need to apply for your funding at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>.

You do not need to apply if you are only claiming the standard 15hrs from the term after your child's 3rd birthday. This is automatically in place for all children of that age.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as '**wraparound care**'.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the Childcare Choices website shown above to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

We would also encourage parents to sign up to the Childcare Choices newsletter to receive updates about the changes coming from April 2024.

More information on wider financial support is available on the Help for Households website and leaflet at:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/campaign-toolkit/>
