



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
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15th Nov 2024

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Honeywell

Thank you to the lovely team of volunteers from Honeywell for the amazing work they did in school on Tuesday including painting a classroom and clearing the leaves from the outside areas as part of their volunteering month.



COMMANDO JOE'S

Woodlands presents: 'Let's Play' - a pupil-led play enrichment programme delivered by children for children. Promoting positive behaviours and a proactive mindset. Putting the structure into unstructured times.

We have successfully recruited 20 Junior Joe children in Years 5 and 6 to deliver the programme. They are easy to spot with their blue jackets and black caps!

This week, the Junior Joe's started their 'Let's Play' sessions on the Infant and Junior playground and did an amazing job in leading mini missions and activities for anyone who wants to join in!

Junior Joe's will be on both playgrounds every lunch time so encourage your child/ren to get involved!



This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - It's been really lovely to see the interactions and language being used between the children this week. The children are working together in their play and really building on their social skills.

We have been practicing our independent skills too by trying to find where our belongings are and practicing putting on our own coats! With support, the children are really keen to have a go and try themselves. One of our older children even surprised us by putting their own coat on, zipping it up and putting their hat on. WOW! Perhaps this is something you can continue with at home with support as the weather is starting to get colder.

Now the festive season is upon us, we have started practicing our Christmas songs. Listen out for the children letting you hear these at home We had some spotty fun on Friday too for Children in Need with different crafts so thank you to everyone who donated. Thank you for all your support for a great cause.

A polite ask, if your child has a temperature or appears under the weather or is having medication to make them feel better, its best to keep your child at home where they are more comfortable and able to rest. At this age some children are unable to tell us they are poorly but it also minimises germs and illnesses going around. If you could also let the office know if they are going to be absent.

Thank you for your continuous support—Squirrels team.

Foxes - Another busy week in Foxes! On Monday, we commemorated Remembrance Day by creating some beautiful poppies and the children were very respectful as we joined the rest of the school for a minute's silence. Well done Foxes.

In Literacy, we introduced our new focussed story; 'I'm Going to Eat an Ant' and the children enjoyed going for a minibeast hunt around the class room and they also enjoyed drawing their favourite mini beasts!

In Maths, we have enjoyed counting objects and exploring numbers from 0 to 3. We have also begun to subitise numbers to 3. (Recognising the amount quickly, without counting)

Foxes loved their PE sessions this week, travelling in different ways and carrying out their second CoJo mission where they got to know "Charlie Communication". This time the children were challenged to guide a friend over an obstacle course by giving clear instructions!

Great work Foxes! foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

Acorns - This week, the children in Acorns have continued to enjoy practising their counting using the ladybirds and their spots. We have had some amazing "wow" moments in class this week - well done! We created our very own Autumn pictures with leaves collected from our outside area and enjoyed dancing like a bug in PE around the classroom.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - 1AA & 1LW - Another busy week in Year 1!

On Monday we welcomed Ann into school and she spoke to us about Judaism, our RE topic at the moment. She taught us about Shabbat, how Jewish families prepare for it and what happens on the day. We learnt a Jewish song and how to say hello to each other in Hebrew.

In English, the children have worked on changing singular nouns into plural nouns by adding the suffix -s or -es. We wrote about what Plop the owl could see from his branch and thought about how he was feeling before he flew down and spoke to the boy.

In Maths, we have used part whole models and bar models to create fact families of number sentences.

In Science, we have planned an investigation to measure rainfall and made our own rain gauge. We talked about the type of container needed and made predictions on how much rain we thought we would collect.

In **1KS** this week, we have drawn around and named some 2D shapes and we have done some lovely owl colouring. We are learning a shape song and we have become more familiar with the Owl Babies story. We see our faces with our names every day now and practice our writing. We played in the hall on the apparatus again and created Pudsey pictures with bingo dabbers on Children in Need day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support, The Year 1 Team

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This Week's Year Group News

KS1 Continued...

Year 2 -

This week, in English, we have been using the wonderful *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson to inspire our English work. The children have been learning to change adjectives into adverbs and adding -ly to the end of words. They have written about fireworks and described how Plop felt as he took his first flight. As part of our English work, the children have also been learning to spell words with the diagraphs ay and oy. During our shared reading sessions, the children have been learning about the features of a non-fiction text. This has included using a contents page. In Maths, we have continued learning about number bonds to 100 and solving mathematical problems.

Thank you for your continued support, The KS1 Team

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - Another busy week in Y3/4 with designing odd socks as a symbol for anti-bullying week, marking Remembrance Day respectfully and taking part in wonderful gymnastics sessions creating bridges in unison. In English this week, we were very excited to write creative setting descriptions about Diagon Alley from Harry Potter. The children brought the scene to life brilliantly using high quality language choices, noun phrases and fronted adverbials. Later in the week, we moved back to our narrative, 'Leon and the Place Between' to focus on sentence construction using co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions. In Maths, our Y3 children have been practising both column addition and subtractions with and without exchanging. They have used this skill to solve worded problems involving both one and two steps. Y4 have now begun their unit of work on multiplication. As part of this, they have been practising speedy recall of their 3,4,6 and 8 times tables in and out of order. Please encourage them to practise these in short bursts, regularly.

Christmas songs - As we begin to prepare for our Christmas concerts at Hope Farm Church, we have been singing some familiar and unfamiliar Christmas songs. On our school website (Y3/4 page) there are two songs with lyrics for the children to practise at home.

Reminder - There will be no young voices club next Monday due to staff training. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Many thanks, The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6—It has been a brilliant week in UKS2!

On Wednesday and Thursday, Y5/6 completed their fantastic artwork for this half term, inspired by the works of Maggi Hambling. They evaluated Maggi's work, experimented with painting techniques and created their own colour palettes inspired by wave art. Then, Y5/Y6 created their own wave art using acrylic paint and other materials to create texture and depth. We are so impressed with their pieces!

In Maths this week, Y6 have been working on addition and subtraction of fractions, including adding and subtracting mixed number fractions. Y5 meanwhile have been converting fractions to the same denominators in order to complete addition and subtraction of fractions within 1 whole.

In English, Y5/6 have learnt more about the fascinating daredevil that was Annie Edson Taylor. They discovered that she loved to travel and previously owned a charm school before she decided - at the age of 62 - that she would be the first person to travel down Niagara Falls in a BARREL! Y5/6 then worked hard on creating a variety of multi-clause sentences all about Annie.

We wanted to say a big well done to our Y5/6 Junior Joe's who have got stuck into their roles this week and have been fantastic leaders at lunch time in KS1 and KS2. Keep up the great work team!

Thank you for your continued support. UKS2 Team

Have A Wonderful Weekend!

Whole School Attendance 94.77%

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, regardless of length, via the Exceptional Leave of Absence forms which can be collected from the school office. These forms should be completed and handed to school 4 working weeks in advance of the first day of absence.

We aim to reply to you within 10 working days of your application.

Dates – Week Beginning 18 November 2024

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Lunches Week 2	
Mon 18 Nov	Y2 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 18 Nov	After school club – Y3 & Y4 Table Tennis 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Pick up from Junior Playground
Mon 18 Nov	After school club – Y5 & Y6 Shadazzle Street Dance 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Pick up from Junior Playground
Mon 18 Nov	After school club – Y3-Y5 Young Voices CANCELLED DUE TO STAFF TRAINING
Tue 19 Nov	
Wed 20 Nov	After school club – Y5 & Y6 Table Tennis 3.20pm to 4.20pm pick up from Junior Playground
Wed 20 Nov	After school club – Y6 Football Team 3.20pm to 4.20pm pick up from Junior Playground
Wed 20 Nov	After-school club KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Thu 21 Nov	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with hello@edsential.co.uk)
Thu 21 Nov	After school club – Y3 & Y4 Boccia 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Pick up from Junior Playground
Thu 21 Nov	After school club – Y3 & Y4 Shadazzle Street Dance 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Pick up from Junior Playground
Fri 22 Nov	Y3 Group Violin lessons with Edsential
Fri 22 Nov	Y4 Swimming - Group A

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR FRIDAY, THE 15TH, AT 10 AM

FREE SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL



WINNERS!!!

13TH NOVEMBER IS WORLD KINDESS DAY. TO CELEBRATE WE ARE GIVING AWAY £100.00 WORTH OF FREE EQUIPMENT TO A PRIMARY SCHOOL. SIMPLY COMMENT THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL BELOW!

WWW.VARASPORTS.COM

Thank you so much to Vara Sports for this wonderful prize for World Kindness Day! Thank you to all our lovely families that nominated us especially Sam H who's name was chosen from all the entries.

www.Vara Sports.com

Parent-Governor Elections

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all Parent-Governor Nominees. The ballot outcome was extremely close. We would like to announce the new Parent Governors joining our board of governors are:
Emma Hamilton
Richard Longhurst



Stanlaw Abbey Development Trust

Christmas Toy Appeal

10 Years of Bringing Joy to Ellesmere Port

We're teaming up with some amazing local charities! Koala Northwest, People's Pantry, KidsBank, Passion for Learning and Healthbox - to make a real difference in our community. Together, we're aiming to provide more gifts for children in need (last year, we supported 1,200 children and we hope to reach even more this year!) as well as much more....



For more information Email: toyappeal@stanlawabbey.com

**Thank you for your continued support
our closing date for donations is: 13th December**

#EllesmerePort #CommunitySpirit #ChristmasToyAppeal
#BringingJoy @KoalaNorthWest @ThePeoplesPantry
@KidsBankChester @PassionForLearning @HealthBoxCIC

**Nearest Donation Point:
Woodlands Primary School**

We will be in touch with more ways you can get involved this year!



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Saturday morning football fun
for children 18 Months - 5 Years

Sessions will be held every Saturday between 9am - 12pm. There will be 3 different age groups: Baby Bees, Mini Bees & Baller Bees. Sessions will be for children aged 18 months - 5 years. Sessions are themed with one of our 6 topics: Animals, Colours, Numbers, Story Time, Healthy Food & Our Planet. Places will be limited for each age group.



Info@footibees.co.uk www.footibees.co.uk



Mystery Readers wanted..

Who?

All parents, older siblings, grandparents or other special people! Surprise your child by being a mystery reader in our classroom!



Why?

Children at Woodlands LOVE to read! We can not wait to welcome family members into our classrooms to share in our learning by sharing a favourite story aloud with the class, during ERIC time, at the end of the day.

What?

Mystery readers can bring in a book from home or one chosen by the teacher selected from our class libraries.



If you are able to be a mystery reader, please contact your class teacher using the class email address e.g. 31b@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange a suitable day and time.

We are so grateful for any volunteers and are hugely grateful of the time given to enhance our child's story time experiences.





'WOODLANDS WAR ON FOOD WASTE'

We are pleased to announce that Woodlands Primary School is one of four schools within the local area working with The Port Grocery to promote 'War on Food Waste'.

The Port Grocery has been serving our community with good healthy food for coming up to 8 years. They operate from the centre of our town.

Woodlands have arranged for The Port Grocery to be on site every

Tuesday

(term time only) in the junior staff car park.

The Grocery will bring 20 bags of shopping that parents are able to purchase for £10 each (cash or card). The bags will include: Greggs, KFC or Nando's, sometimes meat, ready meal items from Tesco, Costco, M&S and fruit & veg from various stores. The value of each shop should be approximately £30.00 sometimes more.

The bags are offered on a first come, first serve basis and do not need to be reserved, just turn up at 2.50pm and purchase a bag from the Port Grocery team!

For any further information, please contact c.cotton@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk.

Please be mindful that Eddisbury Road remains closed between 2.45pm and 3.30pm. Please ensure you park safely away from school if you wish to purchase a bag.



Guided Self-Help for Better Behaviour Group

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port is pleased to offer this 7 week evidence based intervention group for parents & carers who want to encourage better behaviour at home.



Kingsley Resource Centre
Coronation Road,
Ellesmere Port
CH65 9AA

**9.30am -
11.30am**

Session 1 Goals and Play/Special Time - Tuesday 5th November
Enhancing the relationship with children through play

Session 2 Praise and Rewards - Tuesday 12th November
Promoting positive behaviours and routines with praise and rewards

Session 3 Selective Ignoring - Tuesday 19th November
Reducing undesirable behaviour through selective ignoring

Session 4 Effective Instructions - Tuesday 26th November
Increasing compliance with clear calm commands

Session 5 Consequences - Monday 2nd December
Promoting boundaries with consequences

Session 6 Time Out and Family Rules - Tuesday 10th December
Creating clear expectations with family rules and time out to calm down

Session 7 Ending and Trouble Shooting - Tuesday 17th December

Please note you must book a triage appointment with us before starting the group. These will be held on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October. Please email cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net to book an appointment