

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 16th June 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

This week at Woodside Junior there has been a whirlwind of activity: starting with a visit from a local celebrity, school photos, golf, and plenty more.

First -some very exciting news! We now have a lovely outdoor classroom in the woods - just down from the large mound. As we currently have such hot weather, this outdoor area offers cool and shady space for the children to enjoy their learning. This project has been made possible by our wonderful PTA who have fully funded the classroom and all the equipment. This outdoor classroom provides numerous benefits for children’s learning and development. It offers a stimulating environment that encourages exploration and interacting with nature. Research shows that it may improve mental health and enhances children’s focus. Outdoor classrooms also foster a sense of environmental stewardship and instil a lifelong appreciation for the natural world. Overall, it provides a refreshing change from children’s usual classroom environment. A huge thanks to all staff who were involved in this project particularly Mr Appleby who set up the environment.



Gary Grant, the owner of the Entertainer chain of toy shops, shared his business expertise with our Year 6 pupils. Inspiring future entrepreneurs, he discussed business enterprise and provided valuable insights, therefore fostering a hands-on understanding of business innovation and fun. To make the experience even more memorable, he surprised all the Yr6 pupils with toy water guns. We are very grateful to Gary for giving up his time to talk to our pupils.

Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time during their golf taster session (TriGolf Festival). The children had an opportunity to take their first swings and learn the basics of the sport. Under the guidance of instructors, they practiced their grip, stance, and aim. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience a new sport and discover hidden talents. Thank you once more to Mrs Tandara.

Our Year 5 pupils took part in a sporting event at Dr Challoner’s School for Girls focused on athletics. Children enthusiastically engaged in various track and field events, showcasing their agility, speed, and determination. Not only did they exhibit physical abilities, but they also demonstrated exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done Year 5!

On a picture-perfect day, we decided to take our annual class photographs outdoors, making the most of the lovely weather. I would like to also say a huge thank you to Mrs Walsh for kindly taking a whole school photo for me to treasure. The natural surroundings provided a charming backdrop to children’s photographs. The proofs for the class photos should be available next week and will come home with your children.

Finally - a big congratulations to Mr Boobier for his incredible achievement in conquering the 3 Peaks Challenge! Scaling the highest peaks of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, and Snowdon is no small feat, and we commend his determination and physical endurance. Moreover, his efforts in raising money for our school deserve special recognition. Thank you, Mr Boobier, for being an inspiration to us all and thank you once more for raising funds for our school. All so very much appreciated.

With my warmest sunny wishes and looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow at our fete!

Dates for your diary	
Date	Event
17.6.23	PTA Summer Fair—2pm-4pm
19.6.23	Year 4 Trip to Verulamium
27.6.23	Year 6 Games at DCHS
29.6.23	Sports Day (reserve date 13.7.23) Children can wear a T shirt in their house colour (or accessories in that colour)
w/c 3.7.23	Bike-ability (Yr6)
4.7.23	Transition Day
12.7.23	Year 5 to St Clement Danes School
12.7.23	Year 3 to West Wittering Beach
13.7.23	Year 6 production PM and Eve (parents invited)
14.7.23	Ice-Cream van (funded by PTA)
17.7.23	Mrs Milner's leaving assembly 9-10am on the field (parents invited)
18.7.23	Rock Steady Concert to School 10am (parents invited)
18.7.23	Woodside's Got Talent PM
20.7.23	Year 6 Leavers assembly (AM) - parents invited Year 6 Water Fight (PM)
21.7.23	Break up 1.30pm
23.9.23	Cross Country event @ Gayhurst Park
11.11.23	Cross Country event @ Hervines Park
	Link to 2023/24 term dates on website



House Point Totals

This Week	158	144	138	135
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

THE TATE MODERN GALLERY TRIP

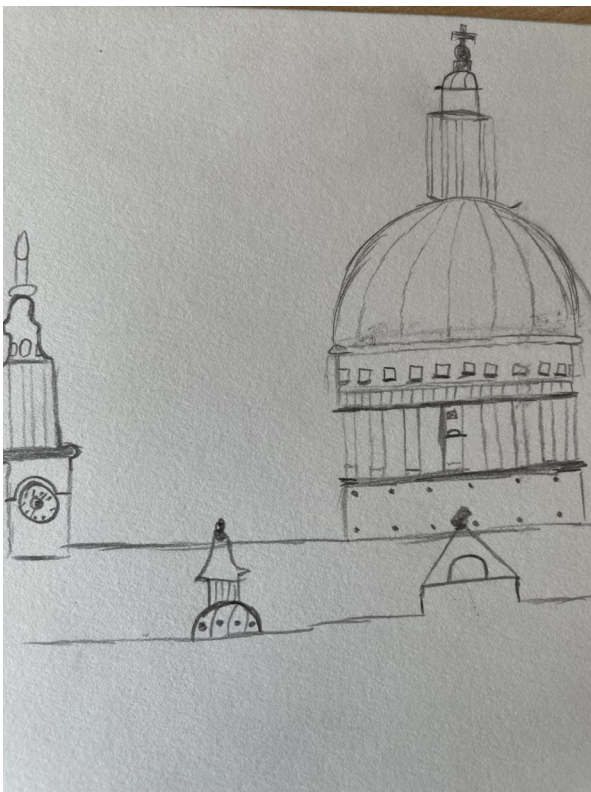
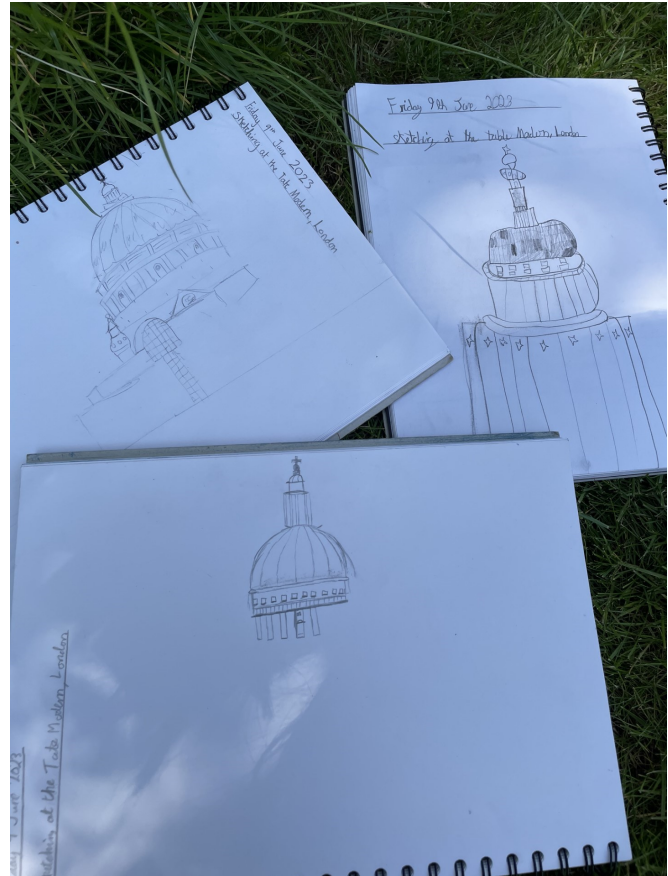
Year 5 experienced visiting one of the most famous art galleries in the world last Friday - The Tate Modern in London. There they saw famous artists work such as, Henri Matisse, Piet Mondrian, Pablo Picasso and Jackson Pollock. Children looked, questioned and admired.

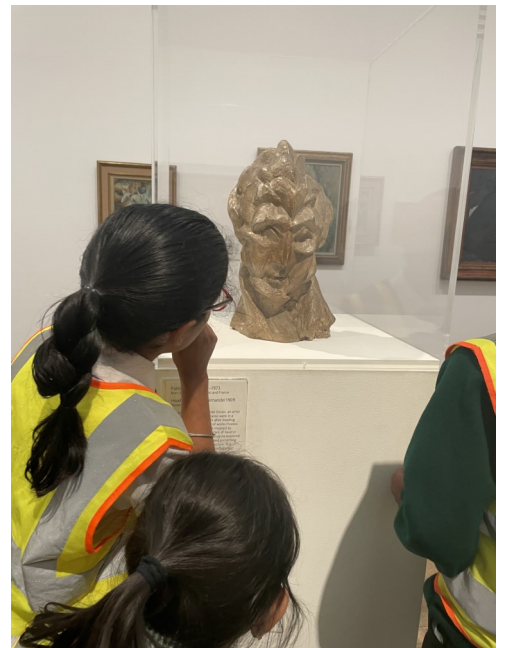
Located on the bank of the River Thames, it also provided the perfect cultural opportunity to point out famous London landmarks such as, St Paul's Cathedral, the Millenium and Tower Bridge as well as Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, which we beautifully sketched in our art sketchbooks on a sunny afternoon, just like many famous artists have done before us.

We travelled by train and the children's behaviour was a credit to Woodside. Several lovely comments were made to the adults throughout the day, well done children.

A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers from Mrs McCarthy who kindly volunteered their time and ensured the children had such a positive experience. Enjoy a selection of photographs from the day.

Mrs McCarthy (Art Lead)







Save the date!

Mrs Milner's leaving concert

Dear parents/ carers,

We would like to invite you to join us at Woodside School on the morning of **Monday 17th July 9:15– 10:00am**. The whole school, as well as individual year groups, will be performing songs and poems. This will take place on the school field to enable us to accommodate children, parents and guests safely.

We hope to see you there!



... to the following students at Woodside!

- Neev from Year 3 won a silver medal from a cricket match
- Dulcie, Emily, Erin and Sophie from Year 4 received medals for participating in a theatre production.
- Bethany from Year 3 has been awarded a medal in football

Well done to all our above students !!



Mile for Mental Health



We know how important it is for our wellbeing to exercise, spend time in the outdoors and spend time with friends and family.

Woodside School and our Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to invite you to **Walk a Mile for Mental Health**.

WHAT: Walk a mile for mental health around our track

WHO: Children of Woodside School and their family members (adults and children)

WHEN: Friday 7th July @ 3:15pm

COST: £2.00 per participant

TICKETS: Purchase these through the MCAS app. All participants will receive a medal and an ice pop!

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Monday 26th June

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks and stay on after the event until 4:15pm.



Wider Community Events

THE MISBOURNE

AGES 5-11 YRS

THE MISBOURNE FUN RUN CHALLENGE

2K Kids' Fun Run

Takes place after the Misbourne 5k & 10k
All participants will receive a medal

Start Time
11:30am

Enter
Online in advance or on the day
www.misbournetrailrun.org.uk

24TH JUNE

£5

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INCLUDING WE LOVE DOGS

INCLUDING:
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FALCONRY/DOG & DUCK
WRESTLING/CHAINSAW COMP
RURAL CRAFTS/MAGIC SHOWS
BARREL RACING/LIVING HISTORY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023
JULY - SEPTEMBER

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

WEEK 1
ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN
Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ, plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, world skills.

WEEK 2
MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING
Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors to create cool inventions powered by code.

WEEK 3
PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS
Is your child obsessed with YouTube and Tik Tok? Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst exploring safety and proper practices. Plus, a BONUS Arts and Crafts session each day that will become their content focus.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Packed Lunch and Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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Lucy Hart - St Ebbw's Primary School

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Hertford Museum
launch new 'Wellbeing Trail'

Hertford Museum have launched a Wellbeing Trail designed in collaboration with the children of Hertford St Andrew Primary School.

The trail is now available to collect from the Museum's front desk and provides a starting point for children, families and carers to talk together about ways to support their mental and physical wellbeing. Our new leaflet guides visitors around a number of exhibits with links to physical health, personal care, play, and music.

Children are encouraged to think about how they can incorporate some of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing into their daily lives.

Hertford Museum is free to visit. We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am -5pm and Sunday 12pm -4pm.

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Accredited Museum No. 807

Wellbeing Trail - Spring 2023

Why not try our trail which links to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing? Our Museum activities give you the opportunity to: Get Connected, Be Active, Take Notice and Keep Learning. Use the leaflet to take a guided tour of our exhibits and think about how you can incorporate some of these ideas to support your own daily life. Have fun!

For further information on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, visit www.5ways.org or info@hertfordmuseum.org

HERTFORD MUSEUM Inspiring Generations

Safeguarding

This week I am raising awareness about a deadly Tick Tok challenge, as well as making you aware about a loophole in vaping that, thankfully, is now being closed. As always, parental guidance is required.

Girl, 16, dies attempting TikTok 'scarf challenge'.

Dangerous TikTok challenges are back in the news again. A teenager in France has died while trying the viral "scarf game" on TikTok – a variation of the deadly "blackout challenge" – that has claimed several lives over the last year. And a mother has issued a warning about the viral "tap out" challenge – also known as the blackout game – after she discovered youngsters playing it in a playground in the UK.

Christy Sibali Dominique Gloire Gassaille, 16, was reportedly at home in France when she attempted the deadly stunt and suffocated on May 27, according to Jam Press. The challenge involves people putting cloth around their necks to asphyxiate themselves before passing out.

As with the blackout challenge, this can restrict oxygen to the brain, causing seizures, serious injury and even death. A mother has issued a warning about the TikTok "tap out" challenge after she discovered youngsters playing the game in a playground.

The trend – also known as the "black out challenge" involves being put into a chokehold to the point of passing out and has been linked to several deaths. Katy Spence, a mother-of-two from Boston, Lincolnshire, noticed a group of schoolchildren goading each other to do the dangerous activity, Lincolnshire Live reports. She said they had no understanding for the risks they were taking.

The tap out challenge is known as the fainting, hangman and elevator game. As well as it being played in a group, youngsters have tried it on their own to record to later upload on the internet.

No more free vapes for children and young people

A loophole that allows the vaping industry to give free samples of vapes to children in England is set to be closed under new plans announced by the Prime Minister to clamp down on youth vaping. This comes as recent NHS figures for 2021 showed that 9% of 11- to 15-year-old children used e-cigarettes, up from 6% in 2018.

Selling vapes to under 18s is illegal, however it is clear from this recent rise in teenage usage of vapes and the recent surge in the use and promotion of cheap, colourful products that businesses are targeting children, which has prompted today's action to crack down on this. The government has also announced today that there will be a review into banning the vaping industry selling 'nicotine-free' vapes to under 18s. This will ensure our rules keep up with the way that vaping products are being used.

A call for evidence on youth vaping launched last month will build on this by looking at evidence into the appeal of vapes as well as the marketing and promotion of vapes, including on social media, to identify opportunities to reduce the number of children accessing and using vape products - and explore where government can go further.

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities is also developing a new resource pack for schools on vaping, intended for children aged 11 to 13. The educational resource for young people will inform them about the addictiveness of nicotine and the evidence that young people's developing brains may be more sensitive to its effects. It will also inform them about other potential health risks, while making clear the distinction between these risks and the known serious health harm associated with smoking tobacco. This will be made available via the **Better Health School Zone** website by July.

Wellbeing

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announces [Fraud Strategy](#)

“Fraud now accounts for over 40% of crime. It costs us nearly £7 billion a year and it is known these proceeds are funding organised crime and terror. What’s more, new technologies are making these scams easier to do and harder to police. It’s time to take the fight to the scammers and fraudsters and put an end to these crimes which can devastate lives and livelihoods within seconds”.

We’re launching our new plan to tackle fraud. This is how the new measures will affect you.

We’re going to stop scams reaching people in the first place

Modern technology has opened up new ways for criminals to bombard people with a barrage of fake calls, texts, emails and WhatsApp messages.

Here’s how we’re going to stop it:

- We will outlaw so-called “SIM farms”, technical devices that allow criminals to scam texts to thousands of people at the same time
- We will work with Ofcom to stop more cases of number ‘spoofing’, where scammers impersonate UK numbers and trick people into thinking they’re speaking to banks, telephone companies or other legitimate businesses
- We will ban cold calls on all financial products, so that anyone who receives calls trying to sell them products such as crypto currency schemes or insurance will know it’s a scam

We will bring more fraudsters to justice

Here’s how we’ll make sure the scammers responsible face up to their crimes:

- By launching a new National Fraud Squad led by the National Crime Agency and the City of London Police – backed by 400 new posts
- We’ll step up work with international partners and make greater use of the UK’s intelligence community to identify and disrupt more fraudsters overseas

We will empower people to better protect themselves

We know that often when you fall victim to a scam, people feel upset, panicked, or embarrassed about being caught out, or worried about whether they’ll ever get their money back.

Here’s how we’ll help protect you:

- By investing £30 million in a state-of-the-art reporting centre which will be up and running in the year
- We’re also working with tech companies to make it as simple as possible to report fraud online. Regardless of which social media platform you are on, you should be able to find the ‘report’ button within a single click
- Looking at giving banks more time to process payments, to allow suspicious payments to be investigated and stopping people from falling victim to fraudsters”