

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's Woodside Newsletter!

This week, I joined members of the Woodside Association to discuss their plans for the coming year. We are fortunate to have a very active Association, who are planning many exciting events throughout the year including a quiz, school discos, the Christmas Cheer event and many more. Thank you to everyone involved in the Woodside Association for the time and effort put in to support our school.

On Tuesday, our pupils from Years 4 & 6 competed in a cross-country event at Amersham School. The pupils were a credit to the school and achieved some fantastic results, especially in the Y4 Boys' competition, where the first five places were Woodside pupils! Well done to all involved for their work and to Mrs Tandara for her ongoing leadership of PE at Woodside.

Year 6 also visited the Natural History Museum this week, whilst the whole school had a visit from author Frank Cottrell-Boyce. You can read more about these events in Mrs Harrison's curriculum update later in this newsletter.

I am delighted to be able to confirm some new additions to our Woodside team. On Monday, Miss Tomlin will be joining the school as a teaching assistant based in Year 3. We will also be welcoming our new School Business Manager, Mrs Edwards, who will be joining the school in mid-November. We look forward to welcoming both Miss Tomlin and Mrs Edwards to the team.

Later in the newsletter, there is some information on the latest guidance around Covid. Please read and contact the school if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lloyd



- Well done to Antoni in Year 4 who won a medal at First Touch Football this week!
- Also to Mrs Harrison and her A Cappella Group winning Gold in the International Chorus category on Saturday in Killarney, Ireland!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
17.10.23	Parents Evening 1
18.10.23	Harvest Assembly to Year 3 Parents
19.10.23	Parents Evening 2
20.10.23	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee @ DCHS
20.10.23	Last day of first half term (Autumn) School finish @ 3.15pm
30.10.23	First day back to school for second half of Autumn term
30.10.12	School Nurse Team for year 6
31.10.23	Break the Rules Day
07.11.23	Open Morning from 9.15am
11.11.23	Cross Country event Hervines Park
14.11.23	Year 4 Ancient Greek Day
21.11.23	PTA Disco
13.12.23	Year 4 Christmas Production
15.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Cheer

[Click here for the calendar of
23/24 Term Dates](#)

House Point Totals

This Term	363	358	274	323
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Mrs Harrison's Curriculum Update



On Monday, Year 6 had an exciting trip into London by tube to visit the **Natural History Museum** as part of their Evolution and Inheritance science topic. Once there, the children participated in a workshop on evolution with museum staff and were able to apply some of their learning over the past few weeks on how fossil evidence illustrates how life has changed over the course of the Earth's history. After this, year 6 spent some time in the 'From the

Beginning' gallery which tells a history of life on Earth through fossils of plants and animals, starting from 545 million years ago. One of the highlights was riding the escalator through the giant Earth model and spotting the Dodo, sadly now extinct, on the way to lunch.

On Tuesday, the **award-winning author Frank Cottrell-Boyce** visited the school and delivered a captivating assembly! Frank has won the Carnegie Medal in the past and was also the writer for the 2012 Olympic opening ceremony- so what a treat it was to have him join our pupils. He read from two of his books- 'Wonder Brothers' and 'Cosmic' and shared the inspiration for his stories.



We always strive to make our lessons interactive, memorable and enjoyable. On Wednesday, the **year 5** children were scouring the courtyard for clues related to their new text 'The Highwayman'. From the clues, the children had to work out what their new text study might be about. The children were so engaged and I enjoyed talking to the children about their theories.

Look out for a letter about a **Christmas Concert Choir** for years 4, 5 and 6. I will be starting this after half term and we have some lovely performances to look forward to- including singing with my own choir,

Amersham A Cappella, who have just returned from winning a shiny gold international medal in Ireland 😊



Book recommendations of the week:

Why not try some of Frank Cottrell-Boyce's other books?

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Harrison



A note from Mrs Tandara...

All the children in year 4 and year 6 took part in a cross-country festival at Amersham School on Tuesday. This was part of Amersham School Sports Partnership and four local schools took part. It was a lovely sunny day and all our children completed the course but a particular well done to year 4 boys who gained the first five positions (Jackson, Freddie, Herbert, Teddy and Charles) and the year 4 girls gaining first, second and third positions (Audrey, Felicity and Eva) Well done also to Jack, who came 2nd in year 6 boys and Edie who came 4th in year 6 girls. We were proud of the way Woodside cheered and supported all the participants.



Upcoming dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2023



Woodside PTA
Registered Charity 296361

Tuesday 31st	October	Break The Rules Day! Wacky hair, funky footwear, cool accessories, go wild and raise money!! Details coming soon!
Wednesday 1st	November	Next PTA meeting – 8pm on Zoom Please do join us to volunteer your help and get involved
Monday 13th	November	Christmas jumper & 2nd hand uniform sale, after school – more details to follow soon
Tuesday 21st	November	Childrens Disco! After school event for years 3&4 and 5&6 – more details to follow soon
Friday 15th	December	Christmas Cheer! Our annual event bringing the school community together for carols, hot chocolate, present shopping and LOTS more!

Reminder of ways to help fundraise!

Supermarket voucher scheme,
School Lottery, Justgiving & easyfundraising



**WELCOME BACK!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
PLAY OUR LOTTERY**

Join the lottery to support our school
Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
Free entry into the bonus Super Draw

BUY TICKETS
Go to: www.yourlocalauthority.co.uk
And search for 'Woodside'

Shop for Woodside
Raise money for the school on your weekly shop

With the Woodside Voucher Scheme, you can earn money for the school when you shop at Tesco and Sainsbury's (in-store) and John Lewis and Waitrose online and in-store. Simply order your groceries gift card(s) and set up a one-off or regular payment. All the money you load onto your card is yours to spend – and the shops pay Woodside 1% commission.

How do I sign up?

1. Decide which shop(s) and the value of the vouchers required eg. Tesco £200, John Lewis £50
2. Set up a standing order* for each month or transfer a one-off payment.
3. Email woodside.voucher@gmail.com with the details of your order

*Standing orders must arrive by the 1st of the month, please use your name as a reference

Bank Details: The Woodside Association
Account #: 20524168 Sort Code: 20-90-18

Justgiving link & QR code to donate to the Woodside Association Fund -
<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3066916>





Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust guidance for education settings regarding Coronavirus



At ODBST schools, we follow the NHS guidance with regards to Covid 19. Since March 2022, when the final Covid restrictions were lifted, the UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) has advised that COVID-19 should be managed like other respiratory infections, such as flu.

COVID-19 presents a low risk to children and young people. This, combined with high vaccination rates in the population, means there are no longer specific rules relating to COVID-19 in schools, colleges, childcare and other education settings. The guidance below is taken from the NHS and government websites to produce guidance for schools.

What to do if a pupil has symptoms of covid 19:

As individuals are now mixing regularly and there are no covid restrictions, regular testing is no longer as effective as it once was, it is therefore, no longer required to take a lateral flow test if you have symptoms of covid 19 unless you are clinically vulnerable.

Those who are eligible for treatments if they were to catch covid-19 should still take a lateral flow test as soon as possible and get in touch with their health care provider for assistance if they test positive.

For everyone else, you should be able to look after yourself at home if you have symptoms. The NHS advises that you should try to stay home and avoid contact with other people if you or your child have symptoms and either:

- Have a high temperature.
- Do not feel well enough to go to work, school, childcare or do normal activities.

You can return to normal activities once you feel well enough or you no longer have a temperature.

What to do if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19:

The NHS advises that you are no longer required to do a lateral flow test if you have symptoms, however if you have tested positive, you should:

- Pupils under the age of 18 should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.
- Avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, for 10 days after testing positive.
- If the pupil is clinically vulnerable, and eligible for treatments, they should contact their health care provider.

To enable schools to protect vulnerable staff and children, it is recommended that parents inform the school that their child has tested positive, so that arrangements can be made to protect vulnerable staff and students for the remaining 7 days after their return.

HOZ in action...

Mrs Winson and the team have been busy with the children in HOZ this half-term, arts and crafts, sewing and baking. Please see below, some children displaying their efforts!! Well done Juliette, Audrey, Maggie and Beatrix.



If your child would like to continue their netball skills this half-term, please click the link below to find out more information on a camp which will be running locally...

Mighty Netball Camp- click [here](#)

You can also click [here](#) to see more information on local swimming classes with Seriously fun swimming.