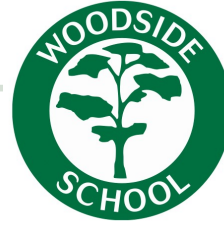


A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 29th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another great week at Woodside, following on from a fantastic cross-country event last weekend. Congratulations to all who took part and a big thank you to all the staff members who attended and helped Woodside participate in such a great event. You can read a little more about the event later in the newsletter.

This week, I have enjoyed visiting classes across the school to look at our reading lessons and have been impressed by the participation and effort from all our pupils. Year 4 celebrated Italian Day on Tuesday, learning about the culture, language and traditions of Italy. They even got to taste some Italian food and had a visitor from Italy to talk about the country. Year 3 also enjoyed a visit to the Elgiva Theatre to watch Stone Age Girl. Their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable and a credit to Woodside. Well done Year 3!

Next week, we have our first Open Classroom event of the year. This is where pupils and parents are invited to visit their classroom at the end of the day. Pupils will be able to show their parents around the classrooms and their work so far this year will be available for parents to look at. Whilst teachers will be present in the room and able to answer brief questions, any private questions or queries which will require longer discussion will not be suitable for this event and a private appointment should be made through the school office.

We are also holding our first Open Morning next Friday. This event is for prospective parents for next years' intake. If you know someone with a child in Year 2, please invite them to register via our website for this event.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr Lloyd

Class Elections 2023-2024

Class	School Council	Sports Crew	Eco Council	Well-being
3F	1. Nico 2. Maggie	1. Shivaan 2. Jessica	Maddie	Suki
3J	1. Hetsi 2. Alex	1. Ollie. D 2. Niamh	Juliette	Emmie
4B	1. Kateryna 2. Cassidy	1. Bethany 2. Nathun	Audrey	Felicity
4TB	1. Charlie 2. Dakshith	1. Hugh 2. Ben	Vihaan	Bhuvi
5HM	1. Millie 2. Evelyn	1. Sophie 2. Harry	Sadie	Denis
5WM	1. Bhavika 2. Maanav	1. Isabel 2. Virraaj	Niaz	Emily. P
6C	1. Zenab 2. Hugo	N/A	Ollie	Arisha
6CH	1. Caleb. H 2. Sophie	N/A	Harry. H	Samuel

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
04.10.23	Open Classroom for Parents 3.20pm-4pm
06.10.23	Open Morning from 9.15am
09.10.23	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum
10.10.23	Year 4 and Year 6 Cross Country Amersham
10.10.23	Author Visit Frank Cotteroll Boyce 9am-10am
10.10.23	PTA AGM Meeting at school @ 8pm
12.10.23	Flu Vaccinations
13.10.23	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee @ DCHS
17.10.23	Parents Evening 1
18.10.23	Harvest Assembly to Year 3 Parents
19.10.23	Parents Evening 2
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
07.11.23	Open Morning from 9.15am
11.11.23	Cross Country event
14.11.23	Year 4 Ancient Greek Day

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

Please note, if your child has a school meal through our catering company 'The Kids Lunch Company', they have asked us to share the following message: **Orders must be placed by Friday for all lunches commencing the following week. If an order is placed after this time, lunches may not be delivered but you may still be charged.**

House Point Totals

This Term	964	998	964	898
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

House points from Week 1 - Week 4

Mrs Harrison's curriculum update

On Tuesday, **Year 4** took part in **Italy Day**. The children had lots of fun tasting food, learning the language and creating some wonderful fact files.

How does this fit into our curriculum?

The children learn about the UK in year 3, including countries, capital cities and counties, as well as the physical and human geography of the UK. In year 4 the children go on to learn about Europe, including countries, capital cities and seas, with in-depth studies on Italy and the Alps. They build on this in year 5 when learning about the geography of North and South America.



The **year 3** children visited the Elgiva to watch a performance of '**Stone Age Girl**.' Not only was this an important link to their history unit of study, but opportunities to travel by train and visit the theatre are also an important part of our enrichment and 'life experiences' offer here at Woodside.

How does this fit into our curriculum?

The children learn about British History in chronological order at Woodside (with an additional local history study of Amersham in year 3) so year 3 begins with a study of the Stone Age followed by Ancient Egypt.

I've personally been having a great time teaching **music** in both years 5 and 6 over the past few weeks. Year 6 have been learning to compose and play rhythms and sing traditional African songs, whilst year 5 have been learning to create digital soundtracks and complex 'beats' using the digital platform 'Soundtrap.'



How does this fit into our curriculum?

The children use digital tools to compose in years 3 and 5. Throughout the curriculum, the children learn to play and compose rhythms using body and untuned percussion before moving onto the djembe in year 6.

Cross Country News

On Saturday, Woodside runners took part in the first cross-country event of the season. It took place at Gayhurst School in Gerrards Cross and the sun was shining! All our 41 children participating demonstrated the Woodside values and successfully completed the course (1 mile for years 3/4 and 1.5 miles for years 5/6).

For some children across all year groups, this was their first competitive cross-country race. Well done to you all. Some races had up to 80 children running! A particular well done to the following children who received individual medals for coming in the first ten to complete the race:

Olly – 8th (year 3 Boys) Emmie – 9th (year 3 Girls) Freddy- 3rd (year 4 Boys) Teddy- 4th (year 4 Boys) Jackson -7th (year 4 Boys) Audrey -3rd (year 4 Girls) Ollie – 8th (year 5 Boys) Stanley – 9th (year 5 Boys) Jack – 9th (year 6 Boys) Dylan – 10th (year 6 Boys)



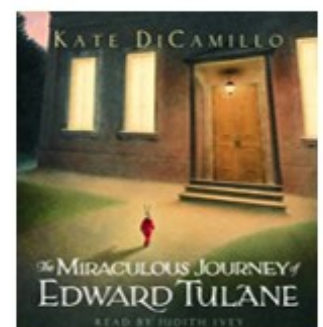
As a result of these positions, Woodside also achieved team medals success. Year 4 boys came 2nd place as a team (Freddy, Teddy and Jackson). Year 5 Boys gained 2nd place (Ollie, Stanley and Harry) and Year 6 came 3rd (Jack, Dylan and Isaac).

Our next event is **Saturday 11th November at Hervines Park, Amersham**. So why not give it a try. Everyone is welcome to sign up. [Mrs Tandara](#)

My book recommendation of the week

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

I came across this book during the summer holidays thanks for a fellow parent and read it all in one go! I was really gripped by it from start to finish. Edward Tulane- a china rabbit- is extremely vain but is adored by a girl named Abilene. One day, Edward falls overboard and becomes lost, and so begins his journey from the bottom of the ocean to the top of a garbage heap. This book is often aimed and lower key stage 2 children, but the themes in the book are certainly appropriate for older children too.



Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Harrison 😊

A word from Jenny Faulkner- Chair of Governors

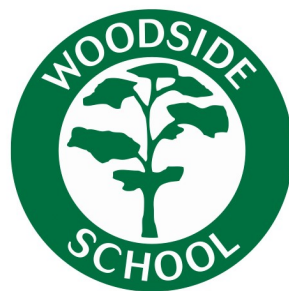
Do you want to make a difference to Woodside School?

School governors and trustees play an important role in leading our schools. They set the strategic vision and direction, approve the budget and hold the senior leadership team to account. Our Local Governing Body is made up of external governors, and governors elected by parents and by the staff. We need to appoint one more Parent governor. The current governors bring a wide range of experiences to the LGB and we like to think that we are friendly and supportive, whilst taking our responsibilities seriously. Training and advice is always available.

Some of the benefits of becoming a governor include:

- First and foremost you would be supporting all of the children in your child's school.
- You have a chance to develop your professional skills and experience such as strategic planning, chairing, financial planning, and team working, all of which are valued by employers and can assist your own career development;
- Building relationships and networks in your locality

If you think that this might be a role for you, please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Jenny Faulkner at lgbchair@wsd.odbst.org to arrange an informal chat.



St George's Open Day...



<https://www.stgeorgesamersham.org.uk/>



Preschool Stay & Play

Wednesday 18th October

9.15 - 10.15 am

or

2 - 3 pm

This will be an opportunity to meet the staff and see our preschool in action.

To book a place please email:
Preschool@st-georges.bucks.sch.uk

We are delighted to announce the dates of St George's school tours, for prospective parents looking for their child to start school in September 2024. Please contact the school office, office@st-georges.bucks.sch.uk if you would like to book a space on one of our tours. Tour dates can be found on the scrolling banner at the bottom of our home page on the school website. <https://www.stgeorgesamersham.org.uk/>

Please also get in touch if you wish to visit our Preschool by emailing preschool@st-georges.bucks.sch.uk We will be holding 2 stay and play sessions for prospective parents and children on Wednesday 18th October from either 9.15am-10.15am or 2.00pm-3.00pm. Please email to book a space.

Bucks Music Trust...

Following on from Suzanne Poulter's Woodwind demonstration in assembly last Friday, Suzanne has sent the below link to the registration form for parents/carers of children that would like to sign up for lessons.

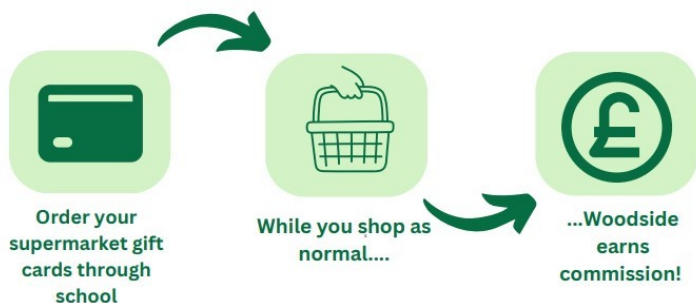
<https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>



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 reloadable 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 4% commission.



How do I sign up?

1. Decide which shop(s) and the value of the vouchers required eg. Tesco £100, 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 settle by the 1st of the month, please use your name as a reference

Bank Details: The Woodside Association
Account #: 21514168 Sort Code: 30-90-18

FAQs

What is the voucher scheme?

The voucher scheme was set up by Dr Challoner's High School and has been running for several years. Together with other local schools we are able to bulk-buy supermarket gift cards at a discount.

Do I lose money by using the scheme?

No! If you load £100 onto a gift card, that is yours to spend. But Woodside receives 4% of that in commission; so for every £100 you spend, Woodside gets £4.

Do I have to pay every month?

No, you can order one-off gift cards. If you're ever buying gift cards as birthday or Christmas gifts, remember to purchase them through the school!

Can I still collect supermarket loyalty points?

Yes, using the gift card does not stop you collecting loyalty points as normal.

Who can sign up?

The scheme is open to all, not just Woodside parents and carers. If you know grandparents, friends, neighbours who would be interested in supporting the school they can sign up for gift cards too.

How do I get my card?

The best way is to arrange to meet Kate Wagstaff (Year 4 and Year 6 parent) at drop off or pick up. If this is not possible, the card can be left for you to collect from the office.

Do I need a new card every month?

No, the cards are reloadable so please keep hold of them. Money needs to be received in the Woodside account by the 1st of the month, and cards are reloaded around the 8th of the month. You will be emailed to confirm when this has happened and that your money is ready to spend.

Can I have a card for more than one store?

Yes - you just need to email with clear instructions as to how much money is going on which card, eg. Tesco £75, John Lewis £25.

I used the scheme previously at a different school, do I need new cards?

You can keep using the same card(s), you just need to email with your details, a photo of the card number and remember to change the standing order to pay into the Woodside account.

How much money do I need to put onto a card?

The minimum amount is £5, and all orders need to be in increments of £5. All the commission adds up, so having a small amount on a gift card is still worth it. The maximum allowed on John Lewis and Waitrose cards is £2,500, Sainsbury's £2,000 and Tesco £1,000.



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Fundraising 2023!

A very warm welcome to all new parents and carers who have joined the Woodside Junior School community this month, and hi! to everyone who's already familiar with the PTA.

We've got lots of exciting things planned for this new academic year which includes a big DIY project more info to follow.....!

But here's a bit of a hint..... !!

