

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 23rd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Woodside, we have six key school values: Proud, Responsible, Resilient, Collaborative, Inquisitive and Positive. Each term, we focus on one key value and hold assemblies related to this, whilst the weekly certificates in celebration assembly will generally link to the value of the term. This term's value is "Positive". We had a very positive start to the term on Monday, when Mrs Tandara celebrated all of our recent sporting achievements. This included sharing the successes from our cross-country events, recent sporting festivals and celebrating Woodside's victory in a recent swimming gala!

As a school, we are currently looking at refreshing our vision and values and have held meetings with staff, children and Governors. Look out later this term for an opportunity for parents to contribute to this valuable project.

This week saw a fantastic Year 5 visit to a local Mosque. The children were shown around by Hammad and Imran, who spoke with the children about Muslim teachings on the 5 pillars of Islam, rites of passage and the prophet Mohammed, contributing to Year 5's RE topic for this term. Many thanks to Mr Brown for arranging this trip and for Hammad and Imran for their time. There are some photos of the Mosque visit a little later in the newsletter.

We have also started to work with some fantastic providers to support delivery of our PE lessons in school. Year 6 have worked with First Touch Football, who will be leading their unit on football this term. We have had a professional dance teacher working alongside our staff to deliver dance lessons and have benefited from a netball coach working with our Year 5 pupils. It's fantastic that so many children are getting an opportunity to benefit from high quality sports coaching at Woodside.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you next week,

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd

Next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 27th February

If you would like to join the meeting, please see the below details below:

Microsoft Teams meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#) or alternatively, please use these details to join:

Meeting ID: **382 910 212 373**

Passcode: **LErCzt**

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27.02.24	Year 5 Trip to the Living Rainforest
28.02.24	Year 5 to Amersham School to watch 'We Will Rock You' performance
27.02.24	PTA Meeting via Teams
28.02.24	Year 3 Skipping event at Amersham School
01.03.24	Bags to School Collection
02.03.24	Cross Country
07.03.24	World Book Day—Pupils invited to dress up
08.03.24	Year 6 Trip to RAF museum
08.03.24	Year 4 hockey Tournament—invited pupils only
12.03.24	Year 4 Frisbee tournament at Amersham school
13.03.24	Visiting Poet—Ash Dickson
14.03.24	STEM day
16.03.24	PTA Quiz night
18.03.24	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta
Wk. Bg. 18.03.24	Last week of after school sports clubs
21.03.24	Spring Parents Evening 1
25.03.24	School Escape Rooms
26.03.24	Rocksteady Concert 10am-12pm
26.03.24	Spring Parents Evening 2
27.03.24	Year 5 Easter Assembly
28.03.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.

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

Well done to Charlotte in Year 3 and Isabelle H in Year 5 for their dance medals. Also well done to Antoni in Year 4 for his football medal.

House Point Totals

This Week	451	421	412	418
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

An update from Mrs Harrison

Children's Mental Health Week

Before half term, it was Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was 'Your Voice Matters' and the children talked about this in their PSHE sessions. Our Well-Being Ambassadors also led an assembly to kick off the week, as well as running an extremely fun and incredibly loud Karaoke session! Thanks to Mrs Cave-Hawkes for organising this. We also ran a photo booth to celebrate friendship, kindness and positivity. The photo booth will make it to years 5 and 6 next week.



On Thursday, our House Captains delivered assemblies to each of their houses. They prepared the assemblies themselves and introduced our two house competitions for the term- our Poetry Slam and our Recycling competition. Well done to the house captains! Some details to keep you informed about our competitions:

Poetry Slam

- Children to perform a poem on their own or in pairs/ groups. This can be any poem or even a poem that they have written.
- Auditions on 12th March
- House points for all children who take part
- 2 x finalists to perform in assembly on 21st March

Recycling initiative- in collaboration with Amersham Town Council and Medic to Medic

We are collecting the following:

Old washing up gloves **Old plastic pens/ felt tips** **Old plastic make up eg compacts, lip gloss, lip stick, mascara**
Toothbrushes **Pringles tubes** **Electric toothbrush heads**

We are **no longer** collecting toothpaste tubes



Year 5 Trip to the Mosque

We were shown around by Hammad and Imran who explained how and when Muslims worship. They went on to discuss Muslim teachings on the 5 pillars of Islam ,rites of passage and the prophet Mohammed (PBUH) to fit in with our RE topics in year 5



Year 4 visit from Chief Zoological Officer from ZSL London Zoo

Year 4 had a visit from parent Mr Fitzpatrick who is the Chief Zoological Officer from ZSL London Zoo. He talked about conservation efforts in Nepal and India with reference to tigers and snow leopards. This supported our current science topic 'living things and their habitats' and our current English reading book 'The mountain that roared'.



Discovery Sprouts

In the Easter holidays, Discovery Sprouts will be running a Forest School camp for 2 days in our fantastic woodland at Woodside. Forest School encourages independence with the freedom to play, explore and gain new skills. The days will be spent outside in the fresh air; in the mud kitchen, bug hunting, campfire cooking, den building, crafting and working with tools. There will be challenges and projects and plenty of time just to play.

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April, 9am – 3pm at Woodside School for children aged 5-12 years.

For more information and to book www.discoverysprouts.co.uk



DON'T MISS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

WOODSIDE QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



**A GUARANTEED FANTASTIC EVENING, WITH A
BIT OF HEALTHY COMPETITION THROWN IN...**

**£10 PER PERSON INCLUDES PIZZA
TICKETS ON CLASSLIST**

**SNACKS & DRINKS BAR ON THE NIGHT PLUS ...
THE FAMOUS PUDDING AUCTION!!**

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



Toy & Costume Swap

Sat. 24th February 10-12 am
Amersham library

Bring your pre-loved
toys and costumes
and swap them for
different ones



little green adventures

by Sustainable Amersham

with thanks to the Amersham & Villages Community Board





SCHOOL UKULELE LESSONS



If your child is interested in beginning ukulele tuition, please fill out the form below, and return to the school office. There will be a **FREE TASTER SESSION** taking place at your child's school soon.



I would like my child to attend the free ukulele taster session.

Child's Name:

Child's School:

School Year:

Contact Name & Mobile Number:

Email:

Allergies/Medical Conditions:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

There are currently a limited number of spaces available for group ukulele tuition for pupils at your child's school (**existing students please disregard**).

KEY INFORMATION

Lessons take place on a set day/time of the week at each school. We will confirm prior to the lessons beginning, which day they will take place at your child's school.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place either during the school day, or afterschool.

Lessons are ongoing throughout the school year. Each group usually contains between 3-6 students.

Lessons are £6.25 per student, and fees are invoiced on a half termly (5-7 weeks) basis.

Students can borrow a ukulele in school for their lesson, but we advise they purchase their own instrument at some point so they are able to practice at home.

Further details about our lessons can be found on our website at:

www.wecreatemusic.co.uk



Contact Us:
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