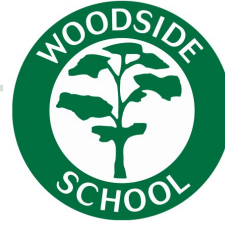


A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 9th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have already reached half term!
It's been a very short, but very busy term at Woodside.

We've packed a lot into the term, with many sporting events, school trips and even an author visit.

Today, we have had a visit from Sam Sedgman. He spoke about his latest book, "The Clockwork Conspiracy" and about life as a writer. He was an inspiring visitor and the children had many excellent questions for him. I hope that the children enjoyed his visit and can tell you lots about their day when they get home!

Mrs Tandara has written a section of today's newsletter about our recent sporting events, which you can read later in the newsletter. I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and staff at the school for supporting us with these events, as they would not be able to happen without the dedication of our staff and your support as parents.

At Woodside, we are really proud of our community links and the opportunities which we provide children at the school above and beyond the traditional curriculum. We believe that this is what makes Woodside special and I'm always delighted to hear stories from the children about their sporting successes or adventures on their school trips.

This week also saw a visit from Rob Halls, our ODBST Challenge Partner. Rob visited to look at our personal development offer, as well as behaviour across the school and was impressed with the offer which Woodside has in place. We also had a Governing Body meeting on Wednesday, where the Governors scrutinised the progress being made against the school plan, now that we are halfway through the school year!

It's been a really enjoyable half term, and I look forward to lighter evenings and, hopefully, drier weather in the next term!

I hope you enjoy a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February for the start of Term 4.

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
05.02.24 - 09.02.24	Children's Mental Health Week
09.02.24	PTA Mufti Day/ Express yourself day
09.02.24	Sam Sedgman Author Visit
09.02.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 3.15pm
19.02.24	Back to school - normal time
21.02.24	Year 5 Visit to Chesham Mosque
27.02.24	Year 5 Trip to the Living Rainforest
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
12.03.24	Year 4 Frisbee tournament at Amersham school
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 Beatrice in Year 6 for her 6 certificates in different types of dance, including modern and classical ballet!!!

House Point Totals

This Week	642	691	682	661
Half Term Total	2294	2444	2293	2825
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Cedar have won this half term, can they sustain the lead until the end of the Spring Term...?!



Woodside Sporting Success!!!

After school on Friday 2nd February, we had the second of our Primary Schools Year 4 Hockey Festival at Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club. The children were involved in a skills session before playing some 5 -aside matches against two other schools. It was a good opportunity to use the fantastic facilities at the club and practise all we have learned in our hockey lessons in the Autumn term. Well done to Hugh, Jackson, Seb, Oliver, Hrehaan, Arnav, Poppy, Gurisha, Urvi and Chloe.

On Saturday morning, 36 Woodside runners took part in the third cross-country event of the season at Lowndes Park in Chesham. 475 children across the area ran making it one of the largest competitive events. Congratulations to all the children who completed the tough, hilly course. There were seven individual medals.

Olly D and Emmie (year 3)

Audrey, Freddy and Herbie (year 4)

Ollie (year 5)

Jack D (year 6)

A particular mention goes to Olly D who came 1st out of 77 year 3 boys!

Team medals were awarded to Year 4 Boys (Freddy, Herbie and Teddy) who came 2nd. Year 5 Boys (Ollie, Charlie and Harry) came 3rd and Year 6 Boys (Jack D, Dylan and William) came 3rd.

Our final event of the season will be on Saturday 3rd March (venue to be confirmed) We would love to encourage more girls to participate, especially in year 5 and 6.



On the 8th of February, 8 Year 6 pupils took part in a School Games swimming gala. The competition was at Chesham Preparatory School and we competed against 2 other schools - Chesham Prep and Chesham Bois school. We each swam 3 individual races and 2 relays. The event was successful, advancing year 6 into the finals at Stoke Mandeville. The racers (Edie, Carter, Lucas, Isacc, Freddie K, Georgia, Beatrix & Emily W) were awarded 1st place. Quote from the swimmers "We loved it and it was such a fun experience (We got to skip science!)."

We loved the duck mascot!



Competition closing soon!!!

Chiltern Arts Festival- new exciting art competition

Competition Theme: Everyday Heroes

Heroes do not have to wear capes or have superpowers. Every day our lives are enhanced by small acts of heroism — and our competitions this year explore those real human stories: the stories of everyday heroes. Those real life, everyday experiences that remind us how lucky we are to have these good people in our worlds.

You do not have to reveal the name of your hero, and your work doesn't have to be about someone you know. It could be your best friend who makes your dark days that little bit brighter; it could be a stranger whose good deed turned your day around; or it could even be a well-known public figure whose actions have impacted your life — but whoever you choose, your piece of art must explore an experience that, in your world, is heroic. So, show us and be creative!



DETAILS

- Your artwork must be **2D** and can be produced in any medium or mixed medium e.g. -paint, collage, pencil, watercolours, pen and ink and must not be bigger than **A4** in size.
- Please write your **FULL NAME, CLASS** and **AGE** on the back of your artwork.
- Entries to be handed to **Mrs McCarthy** by **Thursday 22nd February 2024** who will submit all entries.
- You will retain copyright of your work, but by submitting an entry, you give Chiltern Arts permission to reproduce and use the work at its discretion, digitally and in print.
- Winners will receive a **£20 High Street gift card**.
- Shortlisted and winning entries will receive certificates and have their work displayed at selected **Chiltern Railways stations**.
- These entries will also be showcased in **Chiltern Arts Festival online 2024 art gallery**.

Good Luck and enjoy using your artistic talents to be creative!

Mrs McCarthy



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