

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been an amazing first half term at Woodside, which has flown by in the blink of an eye.

On Monday, we held an assembly where we reflected on the first half term and our favourite memories so far. There was a wide range of answers, including cooking in DT, taking part in the cross-country events and participating in school trips to the Natural History Museum and the Elgiva Theatre. It was lovely to listen to the children's ideas about their favourite parts of the year so far.

This week also saw the fantastic Harvest Assembly. The performance was incredible and demonstrated all of the hard work put in by the Y3 pupils and team. It was great to see so many family members in the school hall enjoying the show. Thanks to all of the Y3 team and everybody involved in putting on such a great performance.

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who attended a Bench Ball festival at Dr Challoner's today. All the Woodside teams were impeccably behaved, showed great sportsmanship and competed fairly. There were two tournaments, one of which was won by a Woodside team, whilst we were pipped to the post in the second tournament. It was a great morning, thanks to the Year 5 team for giving our pupils such a great opportunity.

After half term, we will be moving to the "Winter uniform". This is when children should begin to wear a white shirt or blouse with the Woodside tie instead of their polo shirts. Should children wish to continue wearing grey shorts alongside their white shirt, this is acceptable as part of the winter uniform.

We will also be making some changes to the homework procedures at Woodside to help ensure consistency and that the homework provided is meaningful. Each week, the children will receive spellings homework, Maths tasks (usually through My Maths) and will be expected to complete reading on Boom Reader as per their year group expectations. Each half term, one activity will be set using Google Classroom. This will be a slightly longer task and may involve preparation for an upcoming lesson, or consolidation work from an earlier lesson. We are confident that these changes will ensure homework is meaningful and continues to be linked closely to your child's learning in school.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you after the break!

Kind regards,

Mr Lloyd

Half-Term Activities

- Woodrow High House October Half Term Camp - Click [here](#).
- Chesham All Girls Band recruitment- Click [here](#).

House Point Totals

This Week	504	554	478	451
This Half term	2394	2470	2170	2245
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
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
01.11.23	PTA meeting via Zoom @8pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5753949165
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
W.C 04.12.23	Last week of After School Clubs
05.12.23	Year 5 Trip to Oxford Science Museum
13.12.23	Year 5 Yoga @ Amersham School
13.12.23	Year 4 Christmas Production
15.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day, Santa dash and Christmas Cheer !
19.12.23	Rocksteady Christmas Performance
19.12.23	Last Day of Term (Autumn) School finish @ 1.30pm

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

WELL DONE!

- Freddie Year 3 for completing his swimming level 4!!
- Raffy Year 4 for FTF player of the week and cycling race award!!

Rotary Young Artist Competition



EXCITING NEW ART COMPETITION

Rotary Young Artist Competition 2023/24

The Rotary Club in Amersham are pleased to invite our school, to participate in this year's Rotary National Young Artist Competition once again.

The theme of this year's Competition is simply: 'REBUILDING' so it enables young people the widest opportunity to share their creative talents. 'Rebuilding Lives and Rebuilding Communities' is one of the three unifying themes of Rotary International.

The deadline for our entries will be Friday 8th December 2023.

Please hand your entry with the required completed entry form signed by parents/guardians (find attached on 20/10/23 newsletter) directly to Mrs McCarthy or to the School Office before or on this date.

Children can pop into Mrs McCarthys drop in Art Competition Club during Friday lunchtimes for any help with creative ideas.

YOUR TASK

To produce one finished 2-dimensional, up to a maximum size of A2, unframed, piece of artwork based upon the theme, 'REBUILDING'

Artwork can be produced in any medium or mixed medium: e.g. pen and ink, pencil, paint, collage, watercolours, print making. So be creative!

On the back of your artwork, please print carefully

- 1. Your full name**
- 2. Our school's name – Woodside Junior School, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6NW**
- 3. Your age as on 31st August 2022**
- 4. Write a brief sentence (best handwriting), describing the relationship of your artwork to the competition theme, 'REBUILDING'.**

The competition aims to encourage young people to be:

- creative
- develop skills in using traditional, contemporary or digital media
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express personal ideas through a selected medium

At ALL stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation and prizes are awarded at heat, district and national levels.

Good luck and enjoy using your artistic skills to be creative! **Mrs McCarthy**



Prizes include:

Amazon Gift Vouchers for heat Winners (£50, £25 and £15) National Winners £150!

*****Click [here](#) for the entry form*****

Click [here](#) for the information Pack



Woodside 2022: Young Artist Competition (Junior Section) Highly Recommended winners were Gracie (Year 4), Pavan (Year 6) and Amara (Year 6)



Train to be a Primary School Teacher

Have you ever dreamed of a career as a primary school teacher? A job where you are having a direct impact on the lives of young children; improving their life chances, nurturing them to fall in love with learning, ensuring each child reaches their full potential whilst protecting their well being and happiness at school. Demanding, a huge responsibility, but truly the best career in the world.

Our school is part of a partnership of local schools who work with CVPA SCITT, the only Primary Specialist Initial Teacher Training provider in Buckinghamshire who provide the highest quality primary teacher training. visit Web: www.cheppingviewscitt.com

The training is school centred, meaning that the majority of your training happens in the classroom. You can choose to specialise in the 3-7 or 5-11 programme, both leading to Qualified Teacher Status.

For the last 5 years, 100% of trainees who graduated gained employment as a primary teacher.

Please get in touch with us, or a member of the Chepping View Primary Academy SCITT team if you'd like more information:

Tel: 01494 535564



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Partnership School Head Teacher, May 2023

Primary Teacher Taster Day

Friday 24th November 9:00am – 12:00pm

Chepping View Primary Academy
Cressex Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP124PR

- Course and profession overview with SCITT Leaders
- Observe a lesson
- School tour with Head Teachers
- Meet trainers and mentors
- Meet current and past trainees
- Ask questions and gain all of the information you need

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