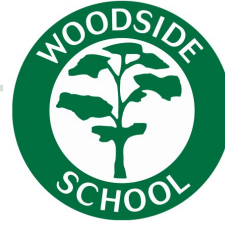


A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 17th November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I have been away from school for three days, taking part in "Step On" training. This is a training course purchased by the ODBST which is around the principles of behaviour management and de-escalation. It has been a really useful three days, during which Miss Richer and I have learnt lots of useful strategies which we will be using in school. Once the course is completed, we will be qualified as Steps tutors and able to train all the staff across our school to use the Steps principles when managing behaviour. Having access to these training courses and being able to work collaboratively with other schools is a great benefit of working within a Trust.

In school this week, the children recognised Anti-Bullying week. We began on Monday morning with an assembly about a girl with uncombable hair syndrome. The children learnt about how she overcame some initial struggles around her differences, to be able to go on and become an inspirational figure who supports others in need. The children also wore odd socks on this day, to recognise that everyone is different and that's ok!

Today, we are celebrating Children in Need Day. The school community have been able to be a bit more relaxed and come to school in their pyjamas and onesies! I hope that everyone is having a great day and raising lots of money for a very worthwhile charity.

This week, we also had our Ancient Greek Day in Year 4, where the children experienced aspects of a day in the life of a Greek citizen. Thank you to the Year 4 team for organising this memorable day.

On Wednesday, we held our Governors meeting for this term. It started with a session where Governors meet all of our teachers to discuss the subjects they lead and their plans for this year. It was a really useful session and the Governors were very impressed with the understanding and enthusiasm our teachers showed for their subjects. We were also delighted to welcome Mr Manoj Shakya as our new parent Governor, following the recent elections and a big thank you to Mrs Edwards, our new School Business Manager, who attended on only her third day in the job!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mr Lloyd



Request for Tissues!

In the winter months, we go through a lot of boxes of tissues. To help the school minimise our costs in this area, it would be very helpful if you could send your child in with some tissues for their own personal use. If anyone is able to donate a box of tissues to the school, that would also be very helpful! Please bring any donations to the School Office. Thank you!

Woodside children took part in the second cross country event of the season which was held at Hervines Park on Saturday. It was a beautiful sunny morning and all children completed the tough muddy course. There were ten individual medals. Team medals were awarded to Year 4 boys (2nd), Year 5 Boys (2nd) and Year 6 Boys (3rd). It was lovely to see five newcomers and they did extremely well! The next events will be on Saturday 3rd February and Saturday 2nd March. Everyone is welcome!

House Point Totals

This Week	454	460	453	471
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
17.11.23	Children in Need- wear Pyjamas/loungewear/onesies
21.11.23	PTA Disco
29.11.23	Chiltern Bookshop Book Fair @ 3.15pm in the School Hall
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W.C 04.12.23	Last week of After School Clubs
05.12.23	Year 5 Trip to Oxford Science Museum
08.12.23	Deadline for Rotary Young Artist competition
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](#)



Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need today!



Harry in year 5 received x2 gold medals in the Amersham Swimming Club Championships last week in the 25m backstroke and 25m butterfly. Well done Harry!

Mrs Harrison's Curriculum update

Last Friday the school learned all about the Hindu festival Diwali. Organised by Mr Brown, our RE lead, the children learned about the story of Rama and Sita through drama. The children also made colourful rangoli patterns with rice and visited a shrine that the children created in school.



Cross Country

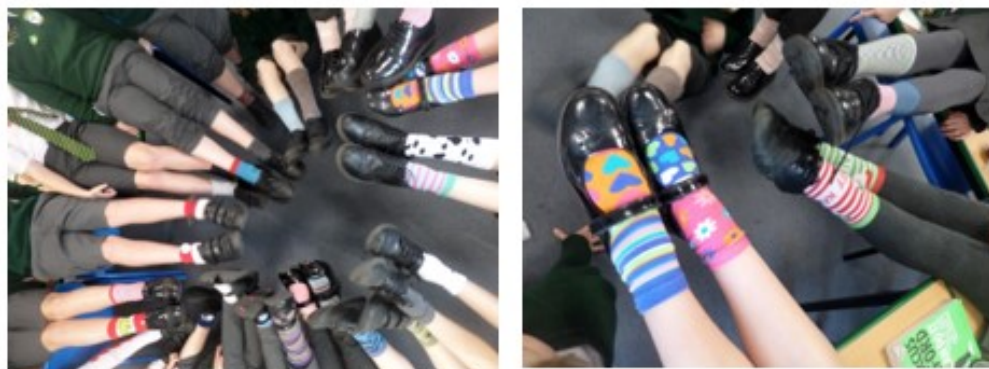
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As part of their learning about **Ancient Greece**, Year 4 were visited by a Greek warrior called Dionysis on Tuesday. The children were immersed in Greek mythology as he regaled the battles between the Ancient Titan and Olympic Gods. He told them about the feuding between the various city states and the weapons they used. They also had the opportunity to play the Ancient Greek game of 'Petteia', solve Aristotle's puzzle and take part in a mini Olympics.



Monday marked World Kindness Day. It is also anti-bullying week. During assemblies and PSHE sessions the children have spoken about what it means to be kind, positive relationships and being a good friend. The odd socks were a way of children celebrating their own uniqueness and diversity.



Book recommendations of the week

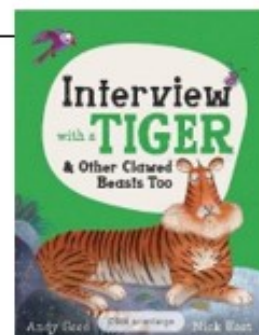
I thought I'd share some of the book recommendations from the Autumn term of last year for new parents and to offer some inspiration for a new read!



By looking back, I was reminded of my favourite LKS2 book- An interview with a Tiger. Great for year 3 pupils starting out on their independent reading journey, this book combines in interview format with humour and lots of interesting facts. A hard back book, this would also make a lovely gift! The sequel- An Interview with a Shark- is equally brilliant!

Clubs

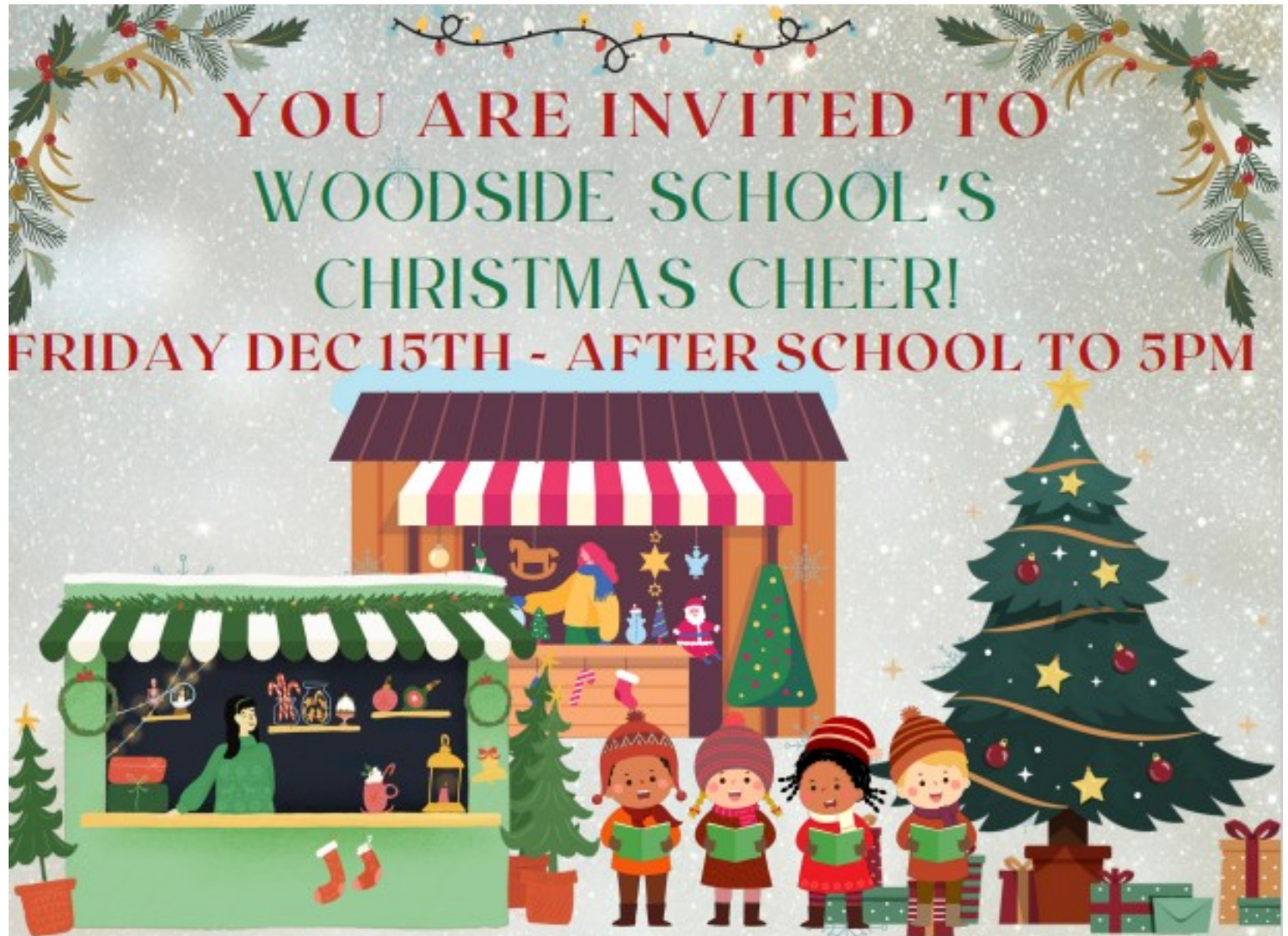
Staff-led clubs have started this week. Children have had the opportunity to sign up to a range of clubs including ukelele, choir, recorder, top trumps, coding, creative writing, lego, table top games. The staff run these clubs in their own time during lunch to make them accessible to as many children as possible. Big thanks to them!



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Harrison



PTA flyers to follow...



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
WOODSIDE SCHOOL'S
CHRISTMAS CHEER!
FRIDAY DEC 15TH - AFTER SCHOOL TO 5PM**

**OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL CHOIR &
YEAR 4 CHILDREN WILL BE SINGING!**

AND THERE'S LOTS TO ENJOY..

**STALLS WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS
& STOCKING FILLERS FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**MINCE PIES,
CAKES, SAMOSA**

**HOT CHOCOLATE
TEAS & COFFEES**

SWEET STALL, CRAFTS & MORE

**PLEASE DO SIGN UP ON CLASSLIST TO
HELP, WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR
SUPPORT!**

**ALL PROFITS GO TO ENRICH YOUR
CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND YOU CAN STILL
DONATE VIA OUR JUSTGIVING QR CODE**



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