

## A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 18th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have just left the hall after a wonderful Year 3 Harvest assembly. As one of the parents said to me, it was a joyous way to start the day! The Year 3 children performed amazingly well and it always astounds me that they can put on such a performance after only six weeks in the school. Well done to all of the children involved and a massive thank you to the Year 3 team for preparing the children so well!

This week also saw our first visit of the year from our ODBST school effectiveness partner, Lorraine Quirk. She spent all day in school, visiting classes, looking at the school's work and meeting Governors. After a walk around the school, her first words on returning to my office were: "I can see why you're so proud of the school". It was lovely to get such a positive view from a visitor to the school, well done everyone!

Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum yesterday and had a fantastic day exploring all of the different galleries. It was a very long day, travelling through London on the tube; all the children and adults were tired at the end of the day! Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped us on the day.

We also had the Woodside Association AGM on Wednesday this week, where we elected the new Committee for the year. They have great plans for the year, but need your help to support and help at events. Please get in touch with the PTA if you're able to help and look out for requests to help at events such as the disco and the Christmas Cheer. Our first big social event for parents is the Quiz Night on Friday 8th November. I look forward to seeing many of you there at this great event!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr Lloyd

### Eco Council

The Eco Council have launched a new scheme to encourage the recycling of items we produce a lot of in school such as pens and glue sticks. The Eco Councillors will sort the items that are brought in and we will be sending the pens to Ryman's to raise funds for the charity Starlight. We are also asking for milk bottle tops to be brought in and we will send these off to raise funds for the charity Water Search and Rescue.

Please help us to rescue these items from the general waste by bringing them into school.

Many thanks from the Eco Council



### Diwali Day– Friday 25th October

Woodside will be celebrating Diwali day by running an Indian Bollywood dance workshops and visiting a shrine at school. Children who celebrate Diwali can wear traditional clothes for the day (but to be mindful of the need to be able to dance) with all other children coming to school in PE Kit.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
18.10.24	Year 3 Harvest Assembly to parents 9.15am
24.10.24	Open Morning 9-10.30am
24.10.24	PTA Disco
25.10.24	Diwali Day
25.10.24	Last day of half term - School finish at 3.15pm
05.11.24	Year 5 Trip - Oxford Science Museum
06.11.24	Flu Vaccinations
08.11.24	Break the rules day
08.11.24	Year 6 Height & Weight Check
12.11.24	Open Morning 9-10.30am
14.11.24	Year 5 & 6 Cinema trip (details to follow)
15.11.24	Year 4 Greek Day
20.11.24	Year 6 Cross Country @ Amersham School
21.11.24	Year 3 & 4 Cinema trip (details to follow)
22.11.24	Year 3 Gymnastics @ DCHS
26.11.24	Amersham Band Workshop - Year 4
29.11.24	4B Hockey Tournament after school - Invitation Only
06.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day
06.12.24	PTA Christmas Fair
09.12.24	Year 3 visit to St George's Nativity
10.12.24	Choir Christmas Concert– 6pm
11.12.24	Year 3 to Amersham School for Basketball

[Click here for the calendar of 24/25 Term Dates](#)

Please see our brand new Easyfundraising QR code for anyone who is able to make a donation towards school activities and events which are additional to the regular curriculum. If you are able to, please scan the below code and donate what you can- thank you on behalf of all at Woodside!



### House Point Totals

This week	489	414	289	280
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar



- Huge well done to Viraaaj for achieving his black belt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan) in karate from the TISKA association. He passed his black belt grading on May 15th, 2024, and this week he received his certificate and official named black belt. Please see the photo below receiving the award.

Also very well done for these special awards:

- ⇒ Isabel Yr6: initial grade piano
- ⇒ Raffy Yr5: Player of the day in football



Please see below for some useful and interesting links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...

- Please click [here](#) to see details on the Amersham Swim Club– which takes place at the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre.
- If you would like to see what fun October Half Term activities the Discover Bucks Museum have on, please click [here](#).
- If you are interested in learning about a new vacancy- Parish Administrator Job at St Michael's please click [here](#).
- Another job vacancy which might take your interest, there is a Finance office role going at the Curzon school – see [here](#) for further information.

Please see below for an exciting competition set up by Miss Croot...



### House Writing Competition

Write an engaging description which will **entertain** the reader.

It will be a narrative, so think about the skills you have learned in class and put them into practise.

Handwritten, MAXIMUM 1 page of A4.

Entries to be given to Miss Croot by the **12<sup>th</sup> November.**



Come to 6C at lunchtime on Wednesday if you would like some ideas!



## Woodside's Sporting Success!!!

On Saturday, over 500 children took part in the Local schools' Cross country held at Hervines Park. Woodside had 42 runners participating who all completed the course. Well done in particular to year 3 (and children in other year groups) who represented Woodside at cross country for the first time.

We had lots of individual successes (children coming in the first ten to cross the line receive a medal):

Alfie (Y3 boys) 7th

Emmie (Y4 Girls) 8th

Olly (Y4 boys) 1st

Freddy (Y5 boys) 1st

Teddy (Y5 boys) 4th

Charlie (Y5 boys) 6th

Herbie (Y5 boys) 10th

Audrey (Y5 Girls) 9th

Charlie (Y6 Boys) 2nd

Harry (Y6 Boys) 6th

Isabel (Y6 Girls) 6th

Amelia (Y6 Girls) 10th



As a result of those excellent positions, year 5 Boys' team (Freddy, Teddy and Charlie) and year 6 Boys' team (Charlie, Harry and Dylan) received 1st place team medals. The year 6 Girls' Team came 2nd (Isabel, Amelia and Millie). Well done to everyone!

Thank you to parents for all your support on the day. The next cross-country is Saturday 1st February 2025 at Lowndes Park, Chesham.



Last Friday, year 4 had the first of six Hockey Festivals at Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club. There was a skills session to begin with and then some small, friendly matches against three other local schools. They enjoyed improving their skills on the large astro turf. Thank you to the organisers from the club and young leaders who encouraged and coached the children.





# WOODSIDE QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER  
8PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL



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

£12 PER PERSON, INCLUDES FOOD  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON CLASSLIST

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



# SCHOOL DISCO!

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

YRS 3&4 - 3.30 TO 4.30PM

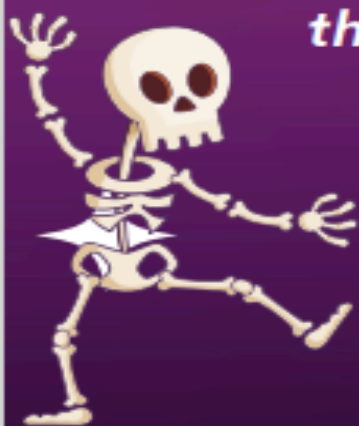
YRS 5&6 - 4.45 TO 5.45PM

**£5 per ticket - buy on Classlist:  
includes bottomless squash & snacks**

**Wear your best Halloween outfit, see  
you in the School Hall!!**

*Yr 5 & 6 in Hideout Zone: children will be supervised  
between the club and disco and returned to Hideout  
if needed*

*Yr 3&4 will get ready in their classrooms & taken  
to the disco. Hideout Zone children will be taken  
there after the disco if needed.*



**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE  
SIGN UP ON CLASSLIST WHEN YOU BUY  
YOUR TICKETS**

*Please note: no mobile phones allowed, if bought  
along they will be held until the end of the event*

Woodside PTA raising funds to enhance the children's educational experience

# BROWNIE

# CAFE



Chiltern Food Bank

At Amersham Free Church  
from 2pm - 5pm On the  
10th of November

Includes:

- Coffee & Cake
- Games
- Crafts
- And More!



All Money  
goes to  
the Chiltern  
Food Bank

Everyone  
Is  
Welcome