

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 15th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a true "gold medal" week at Woodside, as we've celebrated amazing successes and taken part in lots of different learning activities and experiences. Mrs Harrison has penned a section of the newsletter around our trips and visitors for you to read later in this edition.

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to take a group of Year 6 swimmers to the finals of the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes School Games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. This swimming gala consisted of teams from eight schools across Bucks & MK, each of which had won a qualifying tournament just to take part yesterday. Our swimmers were an absolute credit to Woodside with their impeccable behaviour, clapping and supporting every swimmer and giving encouragement to all. Their swimming was also fantastic, as we won three out of four of the relay heat and many, many more individual heats. We are delighted to announce that Woodside won the Gold medal and that we are now the Buckinghamshire School Games Champions for swimming! Well done, everybody!



This evening, more Year 4 children will be attending a hockey session at Amersham and Chalfonts Hockey Club. I believe this now means that every Year 4 child has had an opportunity to attend a session at an excellent club, receiving high-quality coaching from A&C's junior coaching team. Hockey really is a great sport to get into and it would be lovely to see many more Woodside children joining A&C and taking advantage of the walk-up sessions which they offer.

With all these successes and the brilliant learning experiences which the children have had this week, it's been a week where I've been really proud to be associated with Woodside School. I hope to see many of you at the Woodside Association Quiz tomorrow evening!

See you there!

Mr Lloyd



- Well done to Henry in Year 5 for achieving the 'Most Improved Player' in his Rugby Class!!
- Congratulations to Oliver in Year 3 - he has received a Bronze award in Beavers!!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
16.03.24	PTA Quiz night
Wk. Bg. 18.03.24	Last week of after school sports clubs
18.03.24	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta
20.03.24	Visiting Poet—Ash Dickson
20.03.26	3F (only) Parents Evening
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.
15.04.24	Back to School - Normal time
18.04.24	Year 5 Amersham Field Studies Trip
22.04.24	After School Clubs re-start
25.04.24	PQA Workshops all Day
29.04.24	Year 4 Frisbee Tournament at Amersham School
29.04.24	Year 6 Personal Best at Amersham School
29.04.24	Year 3 Benchball at Amersham School
06.05.24	Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed
09.05.24	Year 4 Amersham Field Studies Trip
13.05.24	Year 5 Rounders at Amersham School
13.05.24 - 16.05.24	SATs week for Year 6
24.05.24	Last day of the Half-Term School closes 3.15pm

House Point Totals

Last Week	612	543	552	481
This Week	416	481	462	472
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

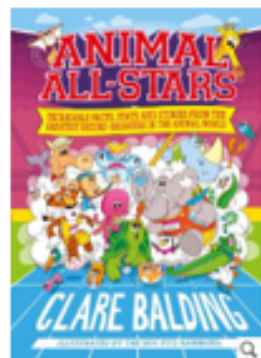
[Click here for the calendar of 23/24 Term Dates](#)

An update from Mrs Harrison

The fantastic curriculum enrichment offer at Woodside continues and here are some of this week's highlights:

Clare Balding visit

We were so lucky to have Clare Balding visit us on Wednesday, promoting her new book 'Animal All-Stars.' What a treat it was to have such a well-known sports journalist and presenter in our midst! Clare captivated the attention of the children for an hour. She talked about the animals in her book and linked them to their sporting strengths. As well as this, she gave the children lots of important messages around over-coming fears; bravery; communication; discipline; focussing on the people and friends around you and teamwork. Clare echoed the messages we promote in school including the importance of immersing yourself in activities you love. The children also had the opportunity to ask her questions and discover her favourite pizza toppings as well as the incredibly long list of famous people she has met and interviewed.



Year 6 trip to the RAF Museum



Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant trip to the RAF Museum where they explored the role of the RAF in WWII more closely. In particular, they learned about different roles which people played within the RAF and acted out specific war stories in a workshop focusing on The Battle of Britain. They also loved being able to see both allied and axis powers' fighter planes!

Community Allotment

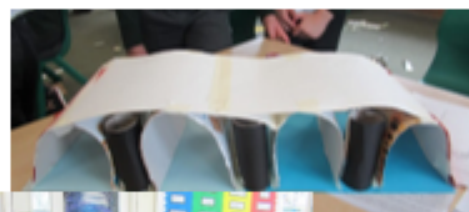
Last Friday, a group of pupils visited the Amersham Community Allotment on Woodside Road. The children were involved in planting pollinators, sowing seeds, potting pond plants, and made progress on the dead hedge, painted planters and spread wood chippings. The children were enthusiastic and engaged with one boy declaring it 'the best day



ever.' Thanks (as always) to Bizi and Michelle for always reaching out to us to involve us in these exciting outdoor projects.

STEM Day

Yesterday, pupils across the whole school took part in STEM Day. The children in year 3 spent time in the morning learning about bridge structures, famous engineers and designing. They spent the afternoon working in groups to design self-supporting 50cm long bridge structures. In year 4, the children learnt about earthquakes and then spent time designing buildings with spaghetti and marshmallows. The children had to put their designs to the test using jelly to simulate an earthquake. In year 5 the children learnt all about catapults and were given a variety of materials to build their own from scratch. Some of the designs were amazing! In year 6, the children worked in house teams to design marble runs. The whole day was fantastic with lots of links to our Maths, Design and Technology and Science curriculum- as well as plenty of opportunities for the children to work on life skills such as collaboration, organisation, leadership, listening and problem-solving skills.



Wonders of the Wild

Amersham Town Council are inviting children to submit entries for publication in their upcoming book 'Wonders of the Wild.' They are inviting children in Amersham to submit either a full-page illustration, photo or poem that celebrates nature. Whether it be a favourite animal, landscape, fungi, season- or something else that fascinates and inspires them!

100 entries will be chosen by the judges and published in a book which will be printed in full colour. In school- as a part of our focus on poetry this half term- all children will be writing poems about nature. We will submit all of these to the Town Council.

*If your child would like to also submit a photo or illustration or their own poem, please either bring these in and give to Mrs Harrison or send via email to the school office: office@wsd.odbst.org **FAO Mrs Harrison- Wonders of the Wild.***

Book recommendation of the week

I haven't included one of these for a while, but I was delighted to see two children this week reading 'The Wild Robot' which is one of my favourite books. This coincided with me seeing an advert for The Wild Robot being made into a film this year- and I would recommend reading the book first!

I was equally delighted to see some of our Woodside families at an Amersham A Cappella concert at the weekend. It was lovely to see your friendly faces in the audience! And our Sing into Spring school choir has also now begun with over a quarter of the school having signed up! You are in for a real treat! Have a lovely weekend and I will see some of you at the quiz. Mrs Harrison 😊

Sporting Success



SUCCESS
DOESN'T JUST
COME AND
FIND YOU,
YOU HAVE TO
GO OUT
AND GET IT.

On Friday 8th March, a group of year 4s took part in a Hockey Festival at Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club. We were excited and ready with our mouth guards, shin pads and hockey sticks. On arrival, we had a warm up to get us ready. We then had lots of short matches against other teams. There were two other schools there – Great Missenden and Chartridge. It was really fun to play hockey on such a large astro turf. We think we showed our skills well. We would recommend it so look out for future opportunities to play there.

Freddy and Charlie Year 4

Woodside Summer Term Clubs

Clubs for the Summer Term 2024—click on the club name for more details.

Please note that children will be given an opportunity to sign up for all free lunchtime clubs that are within school time—you do not need to complete any forms for these clubs.

The school also offers various “drop in clubs” across lunchtimes.

Our popular wraparound care in our Hideout Zone is available for Breakfast Club and After School— booking can be made via MCAS. Please call the office if you have any questions!

[Taekwondo](#)

[First Touch Football](#)

[Netball](#)

[Dance \(Year 3&4 only\)](#)

New

[Booking Page](#)

Please see below for some Easter Camp links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...

- ***** Please click [here](#) for a very useful link to a ‘Parents Guide to Cyberbullying’*****
- **Premier Education-** Easter Camps in Chesham - please click [here](#)
- **First Touch Football** Easter Sports Megacamp- please click [here](#) (now accepting childcare vouchers!)
- **Multisports Camp-** please click [here](#).
- **Camp Beaumont-** for more details click here (use code **LOCALSCHOOL24** for a 10% discount on bookings)
- **Mini Monets** Easter Camps- click [here](#).
- **The Theatre Shed** - Easter holiday workshop - click [here](#)
- **Table Tennis Camp** - Click [here](#)
- **Wycombe Museum** Children and family activities - Click [here](#)

More from World Book Day

