

## A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 3rd May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a lovely end to the week, with the receipt of our fantastic Ofsted report. We were able to share the news with teachers yesterday and had a lovely, celebratory staff meeting!

An Ofsted inspection can be a very challenging time for a school, however I was very proud of the Woodside team who pulled together during the week and made the experience a very positive one for the school. It really was a team effort from the whole community, as the inspector spoke with leaders, Governors, teachers, support staff, pupils and parents. It's lovely to see some of the comments from parents and pupils which made it into the report, and the inspector also shared more comments with us which didn't make the cut:

"Woodside is a fantastic school where children are the priority."

"My children are happy, safe and do well under their care."

"Couldn't be happier with the school. Staff are so caring and supportive."

Many thanks to everyone who spoke with the inspector and completed the ParentView survey. To have 100% of respondents state that they would recommend the school is very rare!

I am delighted that the school has received a deserved "Good" grade and excited at the opportunity to develop the school even further in the coming years.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Lloyd

# WELL DONE!

A huge well done to the below students this week...

- Urvi in Yr4 for passing Grade 1 Piano
- Emmie in Yr3 for passing Grade 1 Ballet
- Evelyn in Yr5 for sharing a video from Tim Peake!

### House Point Totals

This Week	558	544	517	471
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
06.05.24	Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed
08.05.24	Year 6 Anxiety Assembly
08.05.24	3J to Amersham Museum
09.05.24	3F to Amersham Museum
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
03.06.24	INSET DAY - No School
05.06.24	Anxiety and Sleep Workshop for Parents 9am-10am
06.06.24	Bags to School Collection
06.06.24	Gary Grant (Entertainer) to see Year 6
06.06.24	Year 4 to Amersham School - Boogie Bounce
11.06.24	School Games - Y5/Y6 Quadkids Athletics competition DCHS 4pm
12.06.24	Class Photos
15.06.24	PTA Summer Fair- Save the date!
17.06.24	Choir- Sing for Age Concern
18.06.24	Year 4 trip to Verulamium
19.05.24	PQA Workshop

[Click here for the calendar of 23/24 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!



# Chiltern Arts 'Everyday Heroes' Competition News from Mrs McCarthy

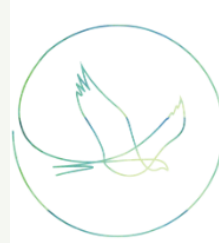
Once again congratulations to all our talented artists who entered, including ALL our Year 6 children whose artwork celebrating black heroes inspired by Nelson Makamo was submitted. Other entries identified Greta Thunberg, the NHS, family, teachers, the kindness of strangers to name but a few. Well done. All receive certificates.

The organisers commented 'As ever it's been a joy and a challenge to look at all of the entries in order to pick the winners and shortlisted entries.' Results as follows:

## Shortlisted Art Competition Entries across all Age Categories (U12s-adult)

### Year 6

Saathvika, Feyza, Ayrtan and Ollie R



### Under 12s Art competition Overall Winner

### Year 5

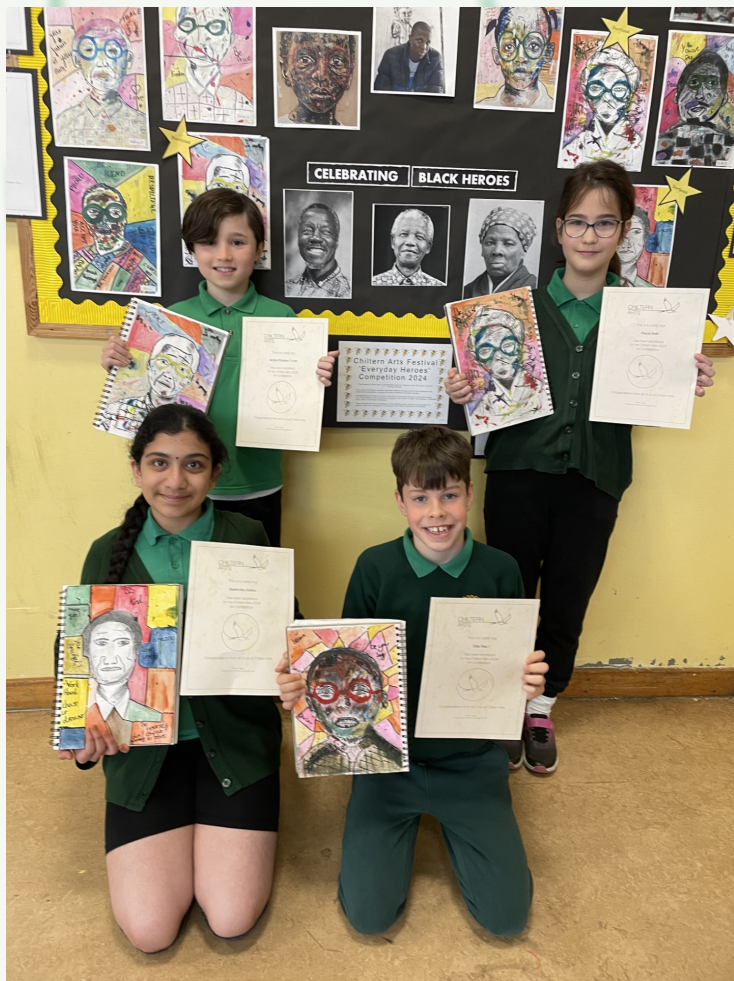
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All receive Chiltern Arts Certificates and Tilly additionally receives an Amazon gift card.

Congratulations. Enjoy their artwork exhibited on the Chiltern Arts Online Gallery here:

<https://chilternarts.com/competitions-2024/>

These pieces are also displayed at Aylesbury and Princes Risborough Stations as part of their 'Everyday Heroes' collage. Thank you to Chiltern Arts for this wonderful, creative opportunity.



You may also find of interest their [ListenUp Pioneers](#) scheme where Chiltern Arts offer free concert tickets for young people and discounted or free tickets for accompanying parents. Find further details here. →



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**£10 EACH FOR UP TO 2 ACCOMPANYING GROWN-UPS**

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## **Are you a young person/parent/carer who is passionate about mental health and getting involved in projects that would contribute to the development of Buckinghamshire CAMHS?**

### **We are putting together a working group for a new project in Bucks CAMHS and we need you!**

The project is a collaboration with the NEURO Diagnostic team in CAMHS and some of the objectives we will be looking at include:

- Oversight of the proposed new model
- SPA process ( our single point of access) - front door process, any new procedures within SPA and signposting after SPA
- Website review - Review current website for accessibility and usefulness
- Comms review - Specific Comms sent out and the information contained within these
- Building and environment for assessments - Review current post diagnostic offer and consider other options within resource availability

Other projects for parents :

- Looking at screening forms - Specific forms such as strength and differences questionnaire and other questionnaires sent to families prior to face to face appointment
- Post diagnostic letter and diagnosis sent to parents
- Parent information pack pre and post diagnosis

We would ideally like parents to be committed to looking at the whole process as detailed above in order to assess the family journey from start to end. However we are aware this requires a time commitment and therefore would be open to you selecting different objectives from above to be involved in and only focus on what you are passionate about!

It would be great to hear from people who are currently being supported by CAMHS or have been previously, or have lived MH experience, or have a sibling with lived experience. However, we are open for a discussion with YP/parents/carers with a passion for mental health.

Some benefits of being part of this project include:

- Meeting new people, increasing self-esteem and confidence
- Sense of purpose from helping others
- Sense of achievement from taking part
- Getting experience to add to CV's or job/college application forms

To express interest please email Roxy, Participation Lead, at [roxy.uritescu@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:roxy.uritescu@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) by the end of May.

# PTA Summer Fair planning meeting

Thursday 9th May

Boot & Slipper, 7.30pm - 9pm



Come and join us at our planning meeting for the upcoming Summer Fair.  
We'd love to hear your ideas for stalls & activities for the day.

Your help and support is so important in making this fundraising event a success.

Looking forward to seeing you then, PTA Team

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

- Please click [here](#) to find out more information regarding a New Holiday Club taking place this May Half Term and continuing over the Summer Holidays too!
- King's Church Amersham will be running a week long camp again this summer- please click [here](#) for more details. If you are eligible for PP/FSM, please contact Kings Church as they are able to assist with costs for the camp.
- Please click [here](#) for more details on the May Half-Term Sports Megacamp.