

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 29th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday this week, we were visited by members from Unison which is a union for workers including support staff in schools. They visited as part of their "Stars In Our Schools" scheme, which aims to recognise the work completed by support staff in schools across the country. They gave tokens of appreciation to our wonderful team of school support staff. In addition, Mr Appleby was nominated as an "unsung hero" for his work across our school and for the support he gives to other schools across the Trust. Mr Appleby was presented with a certificate, chocolates and additional gifts as recognition of his nomination. I'm sure that you will join me in congratulating Mr Appleby and thanking all of our support staff for the work that they do for Woodside.

This week, we were visited by members of the Amersham Band. In the morning, our Year 4 pupils took part in a music workshop. In the afternoon, the school enjoyed watching a performance by the brass band. The pupils learned about the instruments in the brass family and enjoyed listening to the live performance. It was a real treat for the staff and pupils.

We also had our first author visit of the year, as Dan Schreiber visited to talk about his new book: "Impossible Things: Unbelievable answers to the world's weirdest questions". Dan is a "QI Elf", otherwise known as a researcher for the TV show QI. He spoke to the children about many of the interesting facts that he has researched, for example, did you know that you could fit the entire world population in the lake of Loch Ness? It was a really interesting assembly and I know that the children loved listening to the facts and interesting tales. Thanks to Mrs Jonwood for organising this!

We're heading into the Christmas period now, with many dates and performances coming up. Please keep a careful eye on the newsletter to ensure that you don't miss out on anything!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lloyd



Friday 6th December - Christmas Jumper day

We won't be taking any donations this year for Christmas Jumper Day, however, if you would like to donate any amount to Save the Children, please click [here](#).

House Point Totals

This week	314	403	316	352
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
29.11.24	4B Hockey Tournament after school - Invitation Only
06.12.24	Deadline for Rotary Young Artist Competition!
06.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day
06.12.24	PTA Christmas Fair
09.12.24	Year 3 visit to St George's Nativity
09.12.24	Choir sing to Age Concern @ Chiltern Lifestyle Centre
10.12.24	Choir Christmas Concert- 6pm
11.12.24	Year 3 to Amersham School for Basketball
12.12.24	Year 4 production 1.30pm and 6.30pm
16.12.24	Year 6 Black History Workshop
17.12.24	Rocksteady Concert 10am
18.12.24	Carol Concert @ St Michael's All Angels Church
18.12.24	Maison Chef - Christmas Lunch
20.12.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.
06.01.25	Inset Day
07.01.25	First day back to school for Spring term - Gates open at 8.35am
W/C: 13.01.25	After School Sports Clubs start back
20.01.25	Year 6 Dodgeball @ Amersham School
21.01.25	Year 5 Mixed Netball @ Amersham School

[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!



IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Deadline - Friday
6th December!**

ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

EXCITING NEW ART COMPETITION Rotary Young Artist Competition 2024/25



After Woodside Local, District and National successful winners, 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: **'Wonderful Water'** so it enables young people the widest opportunity to share their creative talents.

The **deadline** for our entries will be **Friday 6th December 2024**. Please hand your entry with the **required completed entry form signed by parents/guardians (find attached on the next page) directly to Mrs McCarthy or to the School Office before or on this date.**

Children can pop into to Mrs McCarthy's 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, **'Wonderful Water'**.

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

On your entry form, 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 2024**
4. **Write a brief sentence (best handwriting), describing the relationship of your artwork to the competition theme, 'Wonderful Water' (failure to do so will mean the entry is ineligible and the entrant is disqualified).**

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



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

- ⇒ Please click [here](#) if you would like to see details on the Kings Church Family Christmas Celebration on Sunday 15th December. No tickets, just turn up and enjoy!
- ⇒ If you are interested in a Christmas/New Year camp for your child this holiday- please click [here](#) to view details on what Chesham Leisure Centre have to offer...



- A huge well done to the below students this week...**
- ◇ Varisha in Year 4 for winning her first Badminton England Pathway U11 Tournament. She has won her Singles U11 - Gold and Doubles U11 - Bronze!!
 - ◇ Freddie in Year 4 has reached stage 6 in swimming!
 - ◇ Nathun in Year 5 has been awarded his green belt and Denis in Year 6 has achieved his green tag belt in Taekwondo!

Nude Food Day

The Eco Council are pleased to announce that the date for our next Nude Food competition is Wednesday 11th December.

If your child is having a packed lunch that day, please send their food into school in reusable packaging, no single use plastics please.

School dinners will be plastic free so automatically qualify for the competition.

Thanks for helping make us be a greener school!



House Writing Competition!	
Year	Winner
3	Emmie F
4	Juliette
5	Parv
6	Ollie H

Hideout Zone Request

Do you have any spare plastic containers (takeaway) that you would be able to donate to the HOZ? If so, please could you bring these to the school office.

FILL A JAR AND MAKE IT FESTIVE!!

Decorate with stickers



Fill up your jar
Make 2 if
you'd like!!



We'd love the children to create a Festive Jolly Jar to be sold at the Christmas Cheer.

You can fill your jar with sweets, small toys, small stationery items, pens/crayons, fidget toys, whatever you can fit in! Just make sure its a clean jar and any food items are in wrappers if including other items as well. And remember NO NUTS please.

Decorate and bring back to school on Monday 2nd December.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
WOODSIDE SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CHEER
FRIDAY DEC 6TH - 3.15 TO 5PM**



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

**HOT CHOCOLATE
TEAS & COFFEES, CAKES & MINCE PIES**

SWEET STALL, CRAFTS & GAMES

**AS WELL AS THE WONDERFUL
HAMPER RAFFLE - TICKETS ON CLASSLIST
OR ON THE DOOR**



**EACH YEAR GROUP WILL BE RUNNING 2
OR 3 STALLS SO PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR
SIGN UP SHEETS ON CLASSLIST**