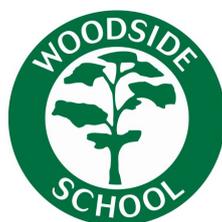


A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 28th January 2022



Dear Parents,

I would like to get something out of the way right at the beginning of my newsletter. Please continue to remind the children (we do this all the time) that whilst they are wearing their uniform outside the school, with a visible Woodside logo, they represent the school to all members of public. Therefore, it is expected that they represent the school well and behave in such a way that it will not bring the school's good name to any disrepute. The Behaviour Policy applies outside the school's gate, while children remain in their uniform. I am pleased to say that our children understand this and overall I get nothing but praise from our public relating to the children's conduct and behaviour. This always makes me very proud! Sometimes, however, standards can sometimes slip – hence my reminder.

We have been approached by the Department of Education to participate in a project called Building in Use Study. As you may be aware this year marks the 65th anniversary from when our school was built. At the time, the design of the school was showcased in an architectural bulletin as one of the most innovative due to its open plan layout and airy classroom spaces. The Department for Education has commissioned architects and surveyors to study schools featured in the bulletins mentioned to ascertain how they have fared over the years and whether their design is still suitable for today's teaching methods. I am sure that the final report will be an absolutely fascinating piece of history, which I am hoping to be able to share in due course with parents. On the 10th of February 2022 a representative of the Department of Education will come to our school to talk to our staff past and present as well as well as a member of our grandparental body who attended the school here many years ago. I am pleased to say that we will also have the services of a professional photographer, who is going to take photographs of the school as well as pupils engaging in learning activities. We are hoping to use the photographs in our brand newly designed website –watch this space! We already have on our records children whose parents do not wish for them to be included in any publicity photographs, however, **if you have objections to your child being included in any images captured on the day – please let the office staff know as soon as possible and before 10th of February 2022.**

Woodside pupils have been very busy this week taking part in a variety of sporting events. We were very proud of Year 4 pupils, who, on Wednesday this week, played in a Benchball Festival at Amer-sham School. Children played with enthusiasm and determination. One of our Woodside teams achieved 2nd place by just one point. Well done!

On Saturday 22nd October, 26 children from Years 3 to 6 took part in the local schools' cross country competition at Lowndes Park. Well done to everyone who took part, especially as part of the race was uphill! Well-deserved congratulations to all our pupils and thank you to all staff who accompanied them. A particular mention to the Year 4 boys' team, who gained a bronze medal. Yesterday, 51 children took part in a cross country competition at the Misbourne School, where again our pupils gave everything and represented the school with pride and determination. Well done to all! Brilliant achievement!

I hope that the children have now told you about our new fitness initiative. The school purchased fitness trackers (MOKI) –one set (60) to be shared between year groups. The aim of the fitness trackers is for our year groups to use them and have inter- house and year groups competitions around the number of steps taken during school time. It is meant to be fun but at the same I am hoping that it will continue to encourage our pupils to be active, fit and healthy.

Thank you to all children who submitted their entries for the Chiltern Art Colouring Competition 2022. I am pleased to report that the standard on colouring was extremely high and I would like to wish everyone the very best of luck.

I hope that everyone will have a lovely weekend,

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Fri 4th Feb	Kidz Fit Whole School
Mon 7th Feb	Foodbank Collection
Tues 15th Feb	Next PTA Zoom meeting (evening)
Wed 16th Feb	Yr3 Egyptian Day
Fri 18th Feb	Break The Rules PTA Day
Wed 2nd March	Yr6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Wed 2nd March	Yr5 trip to The Living Rainforest
Sat 5th March	Cross Country – venue tbc
Wed 9th March	Bags 2 School
Mon 21st- Fri 25th Mar	Yr6 residential trip to Osmington Bay PGL

Dates for your diary

Close Friday 18th February	3.15pm
Open Monday 28th February	Gates open: 8.35am
Close Friday 8th	1.30pm



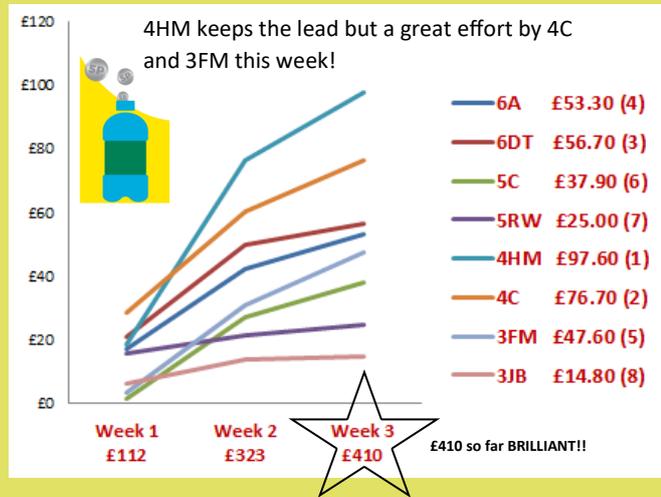
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STEM Parents We would love for you to come in and talk to the children about what you do!

We want to inspire our children and educate them about the wide range of careers in STEM. If you have any experience to share, please can you spare some time to come in and chat to the children? Please click [here](#) for further details.



PTA 5p Challenge Weekly Update



Photographers Can You Help?

In addition to the DfE photos, we are looking for somebody to help take some good quality photos around the school—please contact the School Office if you can help

A couple of reminders

Art Fun The Chilterns Landscape School Art Competition. Click [here](#) for more details



All Chartwells lunch orders need to be made in ParentPay by midnight on Tuesday for the following week



February Half Term Holiday Camps

Tech Holiday Camp is being hosted here at Woodside Junior School, for further details click [here](#)

Or go to www.nextthing.education to sign up.

We will have up to 3 spaces available on each day for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium—please email the office if you think your child could benefit from this.

For First Touch Sports Megacamp at Amersham School, click [here](#)



Useful Resources (for parents)

Safeguarding

I had an e-mail from the ODBST Trust asking to pass on a warning to parents. A parent from one of the schools had a phone message from someone pretending to be a school nurse from the school. She knew the name of the child but stated the wrong name of the school. She informed the parent that the child was involved in a minor accident. She then proceeded to ask for dates of birth, names of parents and address. I am pleased to say that parent quickly realised that it was a very unpleasant scam as the child in question certainly was not injured. Please be vigilant. The only people, from the school, who will call you are the members of staff whom you know so please do not disclose any information and always ring the school if you are suspicious.

Please continue to remind your children about the road safety as we had a report from a member of the public that some older Woodside pupils were not crossing the road safely. Unfortunately, we do not know who those children were but both Mrs Harrison and I spoke to all of Year 6 pupils who are allowed to walk home.

Well-being

As Spring is just around the corner, perhaps it is time for all of us to get fitter (including myself). The NHS website has plenty of ideas and tips how to achieve fitness goals and adjust your diet or fitness regime.

<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/get-active/> Have a look when you have five minutes 😊😊😊