

Friday 11th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term draws near there are a few staffing changes:

I begin our newsletter with sad news to share with our Woodlands family. Mrs Cole has worked as a member of the office team for a very long time but is unfortunately extremely poorly. Our children have created a special 'memories of Woodlands book' with photographs and quotes from everyone so that she knows we are thinking of her.

I also have good news to share too, many of you may have seen the jolly return of Mrs Pitt. Mrs Pitt will be taking class responsibility for 5S following Easter. Mr Sanders has become fully immersed into the world of Woodlands and we thank him for his time with us. Miss Webb will be remaining as class teacher of 3P (3W) until the end of the academic year.

It has been another busy week at Woodlands, with various different events taking place in which our children could shine yet again!

Y1 visited a toy museum to deepen their knowledge of toys from days gone by. It is a shame that I remember some of these toys - not a good sign! They had a wonderful day and compared modern day toys with toys from the past. Exploring and playing with a china doll, teddy bears, hobby horses, rocking horse, hop scotch, diablo, cup and ball and a kaleidoscope. They even experienced a Punch and Judy Show which went down a storm, made a peg doll and created a dance using the movements generated by toys. This visit sparked some wonderful writing this week as children wrote from their first hand experiences.



Y3CP represented Woodlands at Forest Arts on Wednesday in the annual Singing Festival, along with many other Walsall Schools. Our children were exemplary in every way. Their behaviour was incredible and their singing was outstanding. The children listened to music students from Wolverhampton University, learned a song alongside the other schools called 'Three Witches' which involved different parts and an evil cackle, plus they enjoyed the other schools performances. Our children also received a music critique on their performance...



"Woodlands... faces expressed great energy, excellent diction, entertaining song choices and a very enjoyable performance!" We shall be displaying our well deserved certificate, proudly.

Our rugby team competed on Thursday evening, winning the round and through to the finals in April - well done team!

And finally, Thursday evening was a lot of fun with every child in disco spirit. Thank you to DJ Fillingham, our Y6 parents and many staff who stayed to support the event. Our children had a lot of fun, with some very interesting moves... and they were by the staff! Pennies are still being counted but it looks like every-one's support has helped the Y6 prom Fund.

We look forward to seeing many of our families in school next week for parent consultation when we focus on the progress every child has achieved and their next steps in learning.

Hope it is a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Newton

DIARY

Easter raffle to raise funds for Y6 Prom, tickets to be sold daily for next two weeks. 20p per ticket. Drawn on 24th March in Assembly

14.3.16 NSPCC Workshops for children in Y5 and Y6

15.3.16 4:00 – 6:00 Parent Consultation. All years Not Y2 and Y6

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16.3.16 10:20 Class Assembly: 2A

16.3.16 2:00 - Y6 parent prom meeting

21.3.16 Decorate a boiled egg competition, 50p to enter for Y6 Prom funds. Eggs to be in Wednesday 23rd. Results on 24th March i

21.3.16 Explore and Discovery Week... Children to dress in a costume of a particular colour. More information soon...

24.3.16 School closes for Easter

11.4.16 School opens for Summer Term

Y6 children are selling raffle tickets for Easter Eggs, 20p per ticket every day. There is a decorated egg competition during the last week, eggs to be brought in on the Wednesday ready for the judging, 50p per entry. (Boiled please!)

A young lady in 2A is having her hair cut off!

Lillie-Mae Smith is having some of her hair cut off to support the Matts Mission Children Charity. Hair that is cut off is turned into a wig for a child fighting illnesses that cause them to lose their hair. The staff are supporting Lillie-Mae and if any of our families would like to support then please see the office staff.

The leaf we are focusing on for the next two weeks from our vision is:

Self Discipline

The controversial question we are considering in school and to debate at home:

Do girls have more self-discipline than boys?



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. There is always a lot to celebrate and we can't share all the certificate winners, but these children earned: **Star Of The Week.**

Class	Name	Reason
RE	Neo Allwood	For super subtraction using the jotting method.
RR	Spencer Cooper & Jayden Bateman Ethan Letman	Super sentences. Super effort in both Maths & English all week. What a superstar!
1B	Jack Bennett Tullia Warren	For publishing a great piece of writing about going on a fox hunt with beautiful, neat writing. For being an eager learner and always making a start on her work straight away.
1H		On a visit
2G	Jack Benton Cody Turner	Writing a super introduction to his story. Great work Jack! Sharing his knowledge of Author's and books on World Book Day. Well done!
2A	Ciara Hitchcock Jack Betteridge	For a really positive attitude towards her learning, particularly in English. Well done, Ciara! For hard work and focus when adding in different ways in maths. Keep it up, Jack!
3P	Joshua Baker Lottie Corfield	For a fantastic attitude towards his English work and trying super hard with all his spelling. For a fantastic first week in 3P. Lottie has produced some fantastic work on complex sentences, explaining how they are used.
3CP	Lexie Bowyer Georgina Banks	Joining 3CP with enthusiasm and confidence. Being helpful and supportive of adults in the class.
4N		At Forest School
4R	Michael Wain Rhia Relihan	Enthusiasm during our singing concert. Always having a positive attitude towards her learning.
5S	Spencer Bowyer Madison Samuels	For having a fantastic first week in Year 5. For a good character description using the correct features.
5T	Sam McKenzie Harnen Basra	For his excellent character description using lots of brilliant codes. Getting 100% on the level 4 Big Maths – your hard work is paying off.
6E	Sumeet Saggal All of year 6	Demonstrating an excellent attitude towards all subjects. All of your hard work is reflected in your super progress. Well done . A fantastic World Book Day ! You all worked extremely hard to create some superb book trailers and I was amazed by how quickly you were able to match a book with its author. Thank you for a lovely day .
6P	Maisie Sears Cameron Bentley	Excellent use of her knowledge of authors during the Book Day Hunt. Supporting other members of 6P as our music whizz during book trailer performances.