

Woodlands Academy of Learning



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school with every year group holding a parent workshop so that our families can meet their child's new teacher, see where their child will be learning and find out about the curriculum for their child. Thank you to all our families who managed to come into school, we do appreciate the difficulties, particularly when you are a working parent. If you didn't manage to make it into school then don't worry, parent consultation evenings aren't far away, but if you need to see your child's teacher before then, then please ask for an appointment. Your support in your child's learning makes a substantial impact on their progress.

Some children throughout school will have brought home lovely Star Card Prizes this week. These special presents were awarded to children who managed to earn nine star prizes during the last academic year, no easy feat! This means each child collected 20 stars for each star prize – and repeated this, nine times! WOW!



In September, every child from Reception to Year 6 starts again, with their own star card to record their progress and can earn up to a maximum of five stars a week for:

Attending all week; On time every day; Being smart in correct uniform, complete with lovely manners; Being well prepared for learning with PE & swimming kit; home learning; reading book, spellings and of course - Excellent Behaviour every day. 20 Stars earns a prize, so every star really does count!



Thinking about uniform, this is a good time to mention 'Hair Bows'. Big, colourful, jewelled and sparkly bows are spectacular but not appropriate for school, so please save these special hair pieces for the weekend, or staff will ask your child to remove them. At Woodlands we dress for learning in our school uniform, this might include a watch or it might include small earring studs (that must be removed by the child for PE and swimming lessons.) Any other jewellery is not appropriate. School shoes are also essential and not black trainers. The beginning of the year is a good time for reminders so we can all begin with Woodland's high expectations.

Enjoy family time this weekend, Mrs Newton



Who is taking your child home?

We have had a couple of incidents recently, when we have been unable to release a child to a 'friend of the family' or a relative that is unknown to us. This has caused upset for the child, staff and adults involved.

We have to ensure that we release your child to the right person so please ensure that you have notified us if there is a change, a note, a conversation or a telephone call is all that it takes to help us keep your child safe.

Contact Numbers Up To Date?

Also, do we have the correct telephone number for you? There are many reasons why we might need to contact you but the most important is the welfare of your child. If you have changed your number please let the office have your new contact number.



Dates for the Calendar

21.09	2:45 Y4 & Y1 Parent Workshop
25.09	2:30 Parents in Y6 Bryntysilio Meeting
27.09	4N Class Assembly 10:20
29.09	2:30 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
3.10	Y5 visit to Holy Trinity
3.10	Individual Photographs
4.10	Individual Photographs
5.10	Harvest Celebration

9.10 Explore and Discovery Week: 'The Great Escape'. On Monday the whole school can dress up as an Explorer.... Exploring jungles, underwater, space, the desert...



The leaf we are focussing on for the next week from our vision is: **Confident**
The controversial question we are considering in school and to debate at home:

Children are better performers than adults because they have more confidence.
What do you think?

T Shirts for PE



Children wear their house colour t shirt for their PE lesson, including our children in Reception and Nursery. Please ensure your child has the right coloured t Shirt by asking the teacher or at the office. T Shirts are available to buy at the office.

Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children through the reward of certificates in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. We thought you might like to know who the children were that earned: **Star Of The Week.**



Class	Name	Reason – For:-
RE	Scarlett Plimmer Bobby Horton	Super tidying up of our indoor and outdoor labs. Super tidying up of our indoor and outdoor labs.
RJ	Courtney Evans Ellie Day	Having the wonderful manners – you are a kind, thoughtful and polite young lady – we are so lucky to have you Fantastic problem solving using compare bears to group by colour and then find the largest group
1P	Alfie Webster Lacey-Mai Walton	Confidently explaining what a noun is and identifying them in a picture. Alfie also impressed with has fantastic independent spelling. Impressive problem solving in maths. Lacey-Mai explored number bonds to 5 using an egg box and cubes.
1H	Amreet Sandhawalia Lexie Harrison	A brilliant first week at Woodlands, Amreet has settled in well and has made a great effort with all of her work. Well done Amreet! Showing her love of learning! She has been enthusiastic towards her learning and is keen to achieve her best. A great start to the year Lexie. Well done!
2G	Charlie Dallaway Oliver Baker	Impressing his teachers by continuing his learning at home and finding tricky words in texts. Super work Charlie! Showing a positive attitude towards all of his learning and blowing Mrs Garha's socks off by continuing his learning at home. Keep up the super work!
2B	Sienna Cooper Kyer-Jae Wright	Her beautiful handwriting. Sienna has worked hard on her presentation in not only her English book but her other books as well. Keep it up! Writing some excellent expanded noun phrases to describe the Gruffalo. Kyer-Jae extended his descriptive sentences by using PAD openers. Keep up the good work!
3R	Max White Roman Nyari-Brown	Super sentence openers in a setting description. Great use of similes in a setting description.
3CP	Taylor Janes Jaylee Bateman	Enthusiasm and perseverance in all areas of his learning. Mentally partitioning 3 digit numbers in different ways.
4N	Jabee Walker-Morris Connor Jackson	Great place value work and good use of the apparatus Brilliant use of prepositional openers
4G	Tyler Melia Charlie Appleby Jones	Fantastic ideas when discussing how readers can see a setting by how the author describes it. Well done Being brave at our swimming lesson. You were a little nervous to begin but you faced your fears and gave it a go. Well done
5C	Aimme Sidebotham Ryan Perry	Persevering in maths and working hard to have a good understanding of rounding. Always being a helpful member of the class and offering to help others with their learning.
5M	Alexia Grice Mia Southall	For settling in so well in 5M. We are so happy to have you in our class. Outstanding behaviour for learning. You also participate during ALL lessons. Well done!
6E	Billy Pritcahrd	Demonstrating resilience a great level of commitment towards mastering the written method for dividing by 2 digits
6P	Olivia-Mae McCarthy	Showing a sensible and mature attitude when faced with tough decisions during a very difficult time.
All of Year 6		Outstanding behaviour on our trip to Severn Valley Railway. We felt incredibly proud to have such mature, polite and thoughtful children to represent Woodlands. Staff even commented that you were the best group they have had. Thank you for being a credit to our school



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- 11.10 2G Class Assembly 10:20
- 11.10 Aladdin Show - all welcome. 7-7:45
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- 16.10 Bryntysilio Week for Y6
- 16.10 Book Fair begins at 3:20 onwards
Monday to Thursday.
- 17.10 Parent Consultation for all, not Y6 or Y2
- 18.10 Parent Consultation for all, not Y6 or Y2
- 20.10 Please send in any unwanted gifts or prizes suitable for a child. Getting ready for our Christmas Fair... In return for a no-uniform day.
- 23.10 Half Term
- 31.10 4:30 Pumpkin Party for EYFS and families
- 31.10 Parent Consultation for Y6 and Y2 only
- 1.11 Parent Consultation for Y6 and Y2 only
- 2.11 Halloween Disco
- 8.11 RJ Class Assembly 10:20
- 15.11 5M Class Assembly 10:20
- 17.11 Non Uniform - for a wrapped chocolate bar

- 22.11 1P Class Assembly 10:20
- 24.11 Christmas Fair
- 29.11 4R Class Assembly 10:20
- 3.12 Festival of Light at Methodist Church
- 5.12 YR Christmas lunch
- 6.12 Y1 Christmas lunch
- 7.12 Y2 Christmas lunch
- 7.12 Flu Vaccinations NHS YR - Y4
- 8.12 Y6 Theatre Visit
- 8.12 Y3 Christmas lunch
- 12.12 Y4 Christmas lunch
- 13.12 Y5 Christmas lunch
- 14.12 Y6 Christmas lunch
- 18.12 Christmas Concerts this week
- 22.12 Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day
- 8.1.2018 Teacher Training Day
- 9.1.2018 Children return to school

Christmas Concerts

19.12 am EYFS / KS1, pm Y3/4

20.12 am Y5/6 , pm EYFS / KS1

21.12 am Y3/4, pm Y5/6

Dates for the year

Autumn Term 4th September to 22nd December

Half Term 23rd October to 27th October

Spring Term 8th January to 29th March

Half Term 19th February to 23rd February

Summer Term 16th April to 24th July

Half Term 28th May to 1st June

Teacher Training Days

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 8th January

Monday 23rd July

Tuesday 24th July