



Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer is the time of year when there are many sporting competitions and this Summer is no exception as can be seen within our newsletter this week.

Our children have done tremendously well, either in school competitions or in competitions that are out of school. One thing that is certain — we have some very talented children at Woodlands and we also have children with a healthy, sporting attitude towards competing. It takes a great deal of time to organise our involvement in these competitions and a number of staff contribute in helping our children attend, but it is Mrs L Newton who is the key person in ensuring our children have these opportunities. A special thank you to the team behind the scenes.

Summer also brings tests and assessments! Next week is SATs in Y6, the government statutory tests which every child has to sit at the end of their Primary Education. Children in Year 2 also have to sit statutory tests during the month of May and our children are no exception. There have been many National changes to the testing and assessment system over the past year which you may have heard about in the press. The expectations of the new tests are higher and our children have to achieve more in order to attain age related expectations. It is important to remember that we believe strongly in 'Learning for life' at Woodlands and that whatever the outcome of these tests - the children in Y6 and Y2 have worked incredibly hard and deserve every success. They should feel incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during the year because we are very proud of them.

Have a worry free and relaxing weekend, Mrs Newton



Gymnastic Competition 4th May

Lots of schools attended for the morning session and different schools for the afternoon. We attended the morning session with three teams including children from Years 3, 4 and 5. The children had to perform a floor routine and a vault. A special mention to Jasmine Julie who represented her club, Walsall gymnastics, all day at the event. Jasmine participated in the opening performance with her team for all the schools to watch. She was fantastic!



Well done to: Jasmine Julie, Libby Woodhall, Grace Wagstaff, Jasmin Benton, Chloe Miller, Isabel Clarke, Georgina Banks, Chloe Whitehouse, Emily Lacey, Ellie Whitfield, Tegan Hobbs, Georgia Dutton and Bethany Whitfield.



Out of School Sporting Success...

Whilst some of us were relaxing over the Bank Holiday weekend, some of our children were working very hard. Kyle Turner and Thomas Sutton were in Flamingoland in Yorkshire, competing in a football tournament for the 'under 11s' with their team. They had an incredible tournament, as they won every game they played, including the final! As if that wasn't enough - they also won the 'Sportsmanship Cup'! WOW! This is an incredible achievement and to make it even more memorable – they were presented with the cup from ex England player Peter Shilton. Boys – you must be very proud of your contributions to the team and you must be quite exhausted because I hear your team has now won 28 games in a row... Huge congratulations to you both, and your team.



Dance yourself fit...

Disco on Thursday 26th May by DJ Fillingham and our Y6 parents.

N and R at 2:15

Y1 to Y6 4:30 - 5:45

More details to follow in a separate letter home.



Y3/4 Agility Competition 26th April

We took two teams from Year 4 to represent Woodlands. Overall we came 6th and 7th out of 9 teams. The children took part in many different athletic activities including; balance test, standing long jump, speed bounce, target throw, shuttle run, soft javelin and many more.

Plea for unloved teddies and soft cuddly toys from Mrs Richards who is starting to plan the Summer Sizzler...

Please send into school so we can find them new homes at the Summer Sizzler.



New crossing patrol?

I have heard on the parent grapevine that we will shortly have a new Crossing Patrol on Bloxwich Road North.

Mrs Perry, mum of Shaun and Ryan, has been appointed by the council and is awaiting a start date. It will be good to have that additional safety measure for our children on such a busy road.





Brain Food and Drink for Y6 during SATs

A big thank you to Thomas and Daniel Pate's Mum and Sainsbury's for providing a large supply of bananas to keep our children going during a busy week.

Also, thank you to One Stop who have also provided bottles of water for every child too.

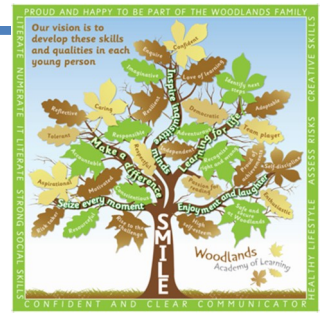


The leaf we are focussing on for the next two weeks from our vision is:

Democratic

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

Should we be allowed to vote before the age of 16?



There was a bank holiday and next week there is no congratulations assembly due to SATs, so we shall have to wait a few weeks to discover our stars.

Dates for the term

Y2 SAT tests 'special work' continue during May

9.5.16 Y6 SATs week (8:00 Toast Club)

13.5.16 Y6 Parents lunch at 12:30

16.5.16 National Walk to School Week / Y5 monitoring car speed on Hunts Lane

17.5.16 Cake Sale for Y6 prom fund on the playground

18.5.16 Sponsored Silence for Y6

18.5.16 Bike Maintenance in Y4 (No bikes needed)

18.5.16 RE Class Assembly / pm R trip to Church

19 and 20.5.16 Bikeability for Y6 (Bikes and helmets needed)

20.5.16 Y2 Parents lunch

23.5.16 Health and Fitness Week

23.5.16 Y6 Poetry Workshop

23.5.16 NHS workshop with Y5

24.5.16 Scooterbility in Y2 / 1:30 EYFS Sports

25.5.16 9:15 New Reception Parents Meeting / 1:30 KS1 Sports

26.5.16 8:10 Walk to School Event for all families who wish to join us / Scootathon for all

26.5.16 1:45 Y3 and Y4 Sports / Disco 4:30 - 5:45

27.5.16 R visit to Tamworth Castle / 1:45 Y5 and Y6 Sports

27.5.16 School closes for half term

28.5.16 Bag packing by Y6 at Asda to raise funds for Y6 Prom

6.6.16 School opens and transition begins

7.6.16 Rockstar Day

10.6.16 Celebrating The Queen's Birthday

17.6.16 Father's Day Bring and Buy Sale

5.7.16 / 6.7.16 3:30 - 4:30 Parent Drop Ins (Not Y6)

6.7.16 9:15 New Nursery Children Parent Meeting

7.7.16 Transition Ends

8.7.16 Y6 Prom

12.7.16 Romans Invade Y4

14.7.16 Summer Sizzler

18.7.16 Y6 Parent Drop In 3:30 - 4:30

19.7.16 9:30 Y6 Leavers Performance

20.7.16 School Closes for the Summer

5 and 6.9.16 School Training Days

7.9.16 School Opens for children