



Thank you to all our parents that were able to join us for the family workshops this week, it is wonderful to see so many of our families in school. Your support and partnership makes such a difference to your children and to our Academy. If you couldn't make the meeting, we have arranged 1st October at 5:30 to repeat the information about Marvellous Me.



We hope you now feel more informed about your child's curriculum and plans for the year. Have you downloaded the MarvellousMe App yet? Have you received any messages? Have you sent a Hi-5? Have you returned the consent slip yet?

This week we have started English lesson observations across the Academy. Every teacher will be observed by myself with either our English Leader (Miss Clarke), or another member of the Leadership Team, or an external consultant and some members of the Governing Body too. We undertake lesson observations to inform us as to what is going well and what we need to do to improve. Last year, our whole school development focus was on how we can support our children to improve the quality of their writing, the impact of such can be seen in the results at the end of each year, with 92% attaining L4 in Y6. We were very pleased and proud of the raised results. We are aware that some children found the Ready Steady Write morning quite daunting, so again we have listened to our children and changed our practice, including more activities in English that we call 'Text Immersion Tasks' that will provide children with more writing ideas and hopefully more confidence.



You may have noticed that Forest School isn't up and running as yet. This is because Miss Noakes had an accident during the Summer and has hurt her arm. Hopefully Mss Noakes will be back with us as soon as the Doctors give her the all clear, we wish her a speedy recovery - Rough Wood and enthusiastic children are waiting!

Other events during the week included: Mrs Granger from library support working with Y2 and Y5 to support the development of their library skills. Our first incredible class assembly was led by 6P, who transported us all back to School in the 1940s and introduced the school to Gas Masks. Democracy is again in action as every class is voting in their new School Councillors.

Happy weekend

Mrs Newton

Dates for the Calendar

- 17.09.15 Governor Training
- 21.09.15 2:30 Bryntysilio Y6 Parent Meeting
- 23.09.15 10:20 4N Class Assembly
- 24.09.15 Full Governors Meeting
- 30.09.15 Y6 Visit - Evacuation!
- 30.09.15 Y3 Visit - Exploring dinosaurs
- 30.09.15 10:20 2S Class Assembly
- 1.10.15 5:30 MarvellousMe Parent Meeting (for parents who missed the family workshops.)
- 2.10.15 Y5 Visit to Selly Manor
- 6.10.15 Harvest Festival
- 7.10.15 Group in Y5 to Holy Trinity
- 7.10.15 10:20 1H Class Assembly
- 12.10.15 - 15.10.15 Book Fair
- 13 and 14.10.15 Parent Consultations
- 14.10.15 10:20 3P Class Assembly
- 19.10.15 Y6 Residential Week
- 19.10.15 Explore and Discovery Week
- 20.10.15 EYFS Pumpkin Party
- 22.10.15 Y1 - Y6 Halloween Disco
- 26.10.15 Half Term

Voting in new School Councillors

School Council make a difference because they represent our children and their views. Last year they chose new exciting and contemporary books for the school library and influenced changes in the tuck shop - which is rapidly becoming very popular! Children are again participating in a democratic system as they choose to put themselves forward and try to persuade their fellow peers to vote for them - but there can only be two councillors per class!

4N Hustings - so many children have put themselves forward



Voted in...

4N School councillors are:
Hannah Turner
Alfie Marshall-Jones

Secondary School Applications

It is the time of year when our Y6 children and parents have an important decision to make. Many of our families are already attending open evenings at various secondary schools to make sure they make the right choice.

To apply for a place in Secondary school 2016 you will need to make an online application. You can apply online from any computer with internet access- such as from home, work, in a library or an internet cafe.

If you have any problems with your online application you can get help by calling the staff in the school admissions team (01922 652585) or the Parent Support Adviser (01922 652578) who will be able to assist you.

Apply on line at :

www.walsall.gov.uk and follow the link to education

Important Diary Dates

31ST October 2015 : Closing date for applications

1st March 2016 : Secondary school offer date



LITTLE MISS LATE



Every minute counts

We are focussing on punctuality
Mrs Thompson will be greeting latecomers in the morning.

Please ensure you are on time.

Target Time is the first lesson for every class and an important lesson to attend.

BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE

In Monday's celebration Assembly we have a competition to see which class had the best attendance during the previous week. The winners of the best class attendance for the previous week are:

2A and 4N



Who is who at Woodlands Academy?

Who should you go to if you need to speak to someone? Everyone at Woodlands is happy to help but this staff list might help you locate the correct person. Usually, your first point of contact would be your child's classteacher, then the phase leader and finally myself or Mrs Macpherson. However, if you do wish to speak to me at any time then please ring, pop in on the chance that I am free or make an appointment. I have listed the key members of staff who you might need to speak to, but we have many other wonderful members of staff who also contribute greatly to Woodlands Academy.

Leadership Team

Headteacher:	Mrs Newton
Deputy Headteacher:	Mrs Macpherson
Root Phase Leader:	Mrs Garcha
Shoot Phase Leader:	Mrs Purcell
Branch Phase Leader:	Miss Clarke
Pupil Premium Leader:	Mrs Pavey
School Business Manager:	Mrs Baker

Our pastoral team who meet and greet you every morning on the door: Mrs Graham, Mrs Jones, Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Thompson. Not forgetting our Head and Deputy Head children.

Nursery	Miss Noakes / Miss Gosling with Miss Coote
Reception	Miss Riley, Mrs Everist, Miss Seale and Miss Roberts
Y1	Mrs Garcha, Miss Harvey and Mrs Lowbridge
Y2	Miss Shepherd, Miss Arnstein, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Ward.
Y3	Mrs Pitt, Mrs Purcell, Mrs Corbett and Mrs Shepherd
Y4	Mrs Rich, Mrs Newton and Mrs Wilkes
Y5	Miss Clarke, Miss Thompson and Mrs Clifft
Y6	Miss Evans, Miss Pavey, Mrs Steventon and Mrs Meredith

Office team	Mrs Fieldhouse, Mrs Smith and Julie (Miss Smith)
SENCO	Mrs Dickson
Safeguarding Lead and Parent and Pupil Support	Mrs Graham
Medical Care Lead and Learning Mentor	Mrs Jones
Learning Mentor	Mrs Gibbons
Woodies Team	Mrs Alves, Mrs Chapman and Mr Butler
Site Manager	Mr Mytton

Y1 Writing following a giant's visit... At Woodlands we firmly believe that if our children are excited by their learning then they will achieve more... Last week Y1 were on the hunt for a giant - this is the resulting character description. Well done Oliver!

The giant is grumpy and ugly.
 All over his body there is mud and dirt because he never takes a shower. He is fat. He is gigantic and he doesn't like people. On top of his head he has no hair. He is super loud. He is hummingous.



Wow! Super descriptive sentences Oliver.



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children through the reward of certificates in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. There is always a lot to celebrate and we can't share all the certificate winners, but we thought you might like to know who the children were that earned: **Star Of The Week.**

Class	Name	Reason
RE	Ruby White Kobi Pugh	For always wearing a Woodlands smile – even when things are tricky! Leading Snappy Maths for the WHOLE class!
RR	Keira Richards Ryley Day	Being a kind friend and going out of her way to help others. I am very proud of you! Spelling words independently for the very first time.
1G	Katie Ward Oliver Russell	Writing super descriptive sentences about the giant. Wowing Mrs Garcha with his super descriptive sentences in English.
1H	Joshua Shinton Renee Jarman	A great first week. Working exceptionally hard with your maths home learning. Well done! Super descriptive sentences about the Giant in our English lesson.
2S	Summer Tarbuck Jack Benton	For a fantastic start to Year 2 and always wearing her smile. Always being ready to learn and trying his best at everything.
2A	Charlie Appleby- Jones Harrison Chapman	For a really positive attitude towards all of her learning this week but especially when using a part whole frame in Maths. A great enthusiasm during our preparation for a character description in English.
3P	Luke Beavon Jay Wildman	Super use of diennes equipment to show the value of digits in a 3 – digit number. Fabulous vocabulary linked to Learning Unit, when describing a setting.
3CP	Ethan Holloway	Effort in Maths with place value.
4N	James Harris Harry Gledhill	Applying his sentence snake of 'As he was walking... in his English work. Increased participation during English and Maths.
4R	Ruby Dunn Tobie Bangham	Perserving and succeeding with place value in Maths. Fantastic similes in a description.
5C	Amrit Dayal Ben Woodfield	Always trying her best. Excellent attitude towards his learning.
5T	Bradley Collins	Great effort in trying to improve his writing skills.
6E	Madison Griffiths Spencer Salt	For fantastic contributions during our Maths Learning Putting 100% effort into all subjects. I was particularly impressed with your ability to use dashes, brackets and commas for parenthesis.
6P	Samuel Davis Libby Davies	For great use of place value knowledge and strategic thinking to solve problems in Maths. For a super opening paragraph of a letter home – she captured the emotion of an evacuee brilliantly.