

Woodlands Academy of Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have continued to visit English lessons around the Academy and extended my knowledge of powerful verbs, adverbs, clauses and adventurous vocabulary! I am pleased to report that our English lessons are of a high standard, the emphasis is most definitely on learning, and the skills of English are taught in an exciting and creative manner. Y4 have undertaken freeze frames to develop their skill of empathy, Y5 explored the Thesauri to extend their vocabulary and write a formal letter, whereas Y3 have undertaken conscience alley to decide whether their book character called Katie (Mrs Purcell in disguise) should enter the forbidden room or not...



We have also been externally assessed this week as an assessor from Quality Mark visited Woodlands to assess whether we are doing a good job in teaching our children the basic skills of reading, writing and maths. I am very happy to report - we passed with flying colours! Mrs Macpherson organised the wealth of evidence required and format of the assessment day which involved various staff and governor interviews, with our Head Boy and Head Girl leading Mr Edge on a learning walk. He was very impressed!

What a lovely way to end the week. Mrs Newton

Can you spare a pound or two? One of our youngest children has been diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which is a progressive condition that results in muscle degeneration and consequently will affect him considerably as he grows. His family would like to take him to Disney World in Florida whilst he is strong and able to enjoy it. We have some brave parents who are undertaking a 10 mile sponsored walk in fancy dress to raise the necessary funds. If you could spare a little to support a child in our school then the sponsorship form is in the office. All contributions will be greatly received by the family.

Radio Broadcasters Of Tomorrow...

On Tuesday we had an unusual addition to the playground - a media bus arrived for our Y6 children to practice their skills in interviewing, advertising and broadcasting. This is what the children had to say about the day:

On Tuesday 22nd September, Year 6 had a special visit from Willenhall E-Act. The bus was very spacious inside and was fitted with lots of special equipment that we used to make our commercials. The teachers were very friendly, they helped us write and record a commercial about the open evening on Wednesday 23rd September. It was great, we learned about Willenhall E-Act and had a lot of fun. We were told about the many different lessons and after-school clubs that Willenhall E-act offer to their students.

By Thomas Baker-Robinson and Libby Davies



Dates for the Calendar

- 25.09.15 2:30 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- 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



Tubs 4 Tablets!

Do you have Flora on your toast? Could you please save the tokens and help us save for a tablet?

50 tokens = 1 Samsung Galaxy Tab

We could put those to good use in our lessons!

Keeping Safe

Mrs Taylor has been into school to express her concerns about some of our children and their safety by the road.

Some of our children are running away from their parents and crossing the road, leaving some of our youngest children stranded on the other side of the road without a parent.

Please talk to your children about the necessity of staying close to you and crossing with you.



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	Alex Mills Harriett Webber	These 2 children worked together on a fabulous drawing on the IWB i.e. then printed it out. A brilliant way to use 2 pieces of technology.
RR	Kyer-Jae Wright Jaiden Kinsey	Confidently reading his favourite book from home – We're going on a bear hunt to the rest of the class. Wow! Amazing reading. Safely exploring the tools in our new workshop. I was extremely impressed with your mature attitude.
1G	Justin Patel Roman Nyari-Brown	Using a tens frame to solve addition word problems. Well done Justin. Being able to explain how to record his practical work as a number sentence.
1H	Ella Sargent Alfie Smith	Writing a character description about the giant using adjectives! Well done! Being a positive role model for the children, always doing the right thing, working hard and always coming into school with a smile.
2S	London Leonard Finley Westwood	Brilliant addition using diennes. Great character description using 2A and PAD.
2A	Tjay Wildman Ciara Hitchcock	For writing a fantastic character description of the Gruffalo! For working well within a team to create different characters from 'The Gruffalo' in our learning unit lesson.
3P	Mia Southall William Clayton	Excellent addition using a number of strategies – partitioning and column method. Fantastic addition using partitioning and the column method.
3CP	Rhys Ball Chloe Miller	Awesome work using place value counters to add 3 digit and one digit numbers. Using ambitious adverbs to describe an action.
4N	Hannah Turner Aaliyah Edwards	Brilliant explanation of what she was feeling as Hogarth during our freeze framing session. Extending her English learning by bringing in a super poster she made at home.
4R	Michael Wain Jiayao He	Improved attitude/behaviour resulting in fabulous pieces of writing. Fabulous descriptive poetry.
5C	Samuel Broomhall-Tighe Brooke Squire	Writing a fantastic descriptive letter. Excellent effort in English lessons.
5T	Callum Lakin Evie Swift	Remembering the key features of a letter and using them in his writing. For her great reasoning skills when doing our forces experiment in science.
6E	Bradley Reeves Taliah Alves	Always helping members of staff and his peers. Bradley also strives perfection in all subjects. He always gives 100% effort and listens very carefully to any feedback provided. For a wonderful letter home in the role of an evacuee. I was particularly impressed by your use of GS and parenthesis.
6P	Dylan Shinton Ryan Woodcock	For working hard to improve in all areas of his learning – you are really gaining confidence. Excellent use of maths vocab when explaining the process of carrying in column addition.