

Woodlands Academy of Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

The penultimate week has brought an air of excitement and a lot of hard work. Rehearsals are in full swing, microphones are out, costumes are arriving and the scenery is being created. Thank you to our families for their contributions of costumes and of course - 'word learning'.

It was wonderful that so many families joined their children for Christmas lunch. We hope you enjoyed your lunch and it has helped with the festive feeling. Our Reception children have certainly found the festive spirit after their lovely visit to Ash End House Farm, when they re-told the story of the Nativity, visited the animals and saw Santa!

Next week promises to be both fun and busy. With eight concerts to perform, plus a special staff performance (should be entertaining!) and Y6 off to experience the theatre at The Old Rep. On Thursday, I believe there will be many Christmas celebrations and if we are lucky, a very busy gentleman might just pop in. It is a week to look forward to.

I am sure your weekend will involve some preparations for Christmas but I hope you also find some peaceful time to be with your family.

Have a festive weekend
Mrs Newton



We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas concerts

15.12.15 9:15 Y3/Y4 concert, 1:45 Y5/Y6 concert
16.12.15 9:15 YR/N concert, 10:30 Y1/Y2 concert, Y1:30 R/N concert,
2:30 Y1/Y2 concert
16.12.15 Y6 Theatre Visit
17.12.15 9:15 Y5/Y6 concert, 1:45 Y3/Y4 concert

18.12.15 Last day of the Autumn Term

4.1.2016 & 5.1.2016 Professional development days for Staff
6.1.2016 Children return to school.

Sad News

Mrs Taylor who has kept everyone safe on the very busy Bloxwich Road North is leaving. This is sad news and she will be missed. The post is being advertised by the council for anyone who wishes to apply.

We wish Mrs Taylor well in her new ventures.



So talented and dedicated!

Taliah Alves and Isabelle Watkins have been representing the Midlands at the Synchro Nationals in Gloucester last weekend, where teams gathered from all over the Country. Their team came 5th out of 12 teams. Both girls are ranked in the top 35 out of 126. What an incredible achievement and a true testament to their hard work.



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 these are the children that earned: **Star Of The Week.**

Class	Name	Reason
RE	Callum Eynon Alissia Griffiths	Super retell of the Nativity. Fabulous growth in confidence.
RR	Darcey Robins All of RR	For correctly ordering numbers from 1-20 independently. For impeccable behaviour on our trip to Ash End Farm.
1G	Ryan Sjoerdsma Max White	For some super 2D shape work in maths. Well done Ryan! For putting 100% effort into all of his work. Keep up the super effort Max.
1H	Lewis-Raymond Neal Abigail Foster	A fantastic piece of writing about Peter Pan using powerful verbs and adjectives! Well done! A superb piece of writing about Peter Pan including TAD openers, powerful verbs, ABC for names, adjectives and also neat handwriting! Well done Abigail..
2S		Miss Shepherd was on a course - learning all about English!
2A	Tyler Melia Esme Corbett	For a positive attitude towards maths this week and helping other children if they were finding something tricky. For a great contribution to our class 'Talk for Writing' plan about The Snowman. Esme shared some great ideas for actions and pictures to help us remember the story.
3P	Liam Cox Gabriel Wall	Fantastic work with 3D shapes in maths. Writing fantastic similes in English.
3CP	Tiegan Pearce David Etherington	Writing a chronological report about Mary Anning. Recognising 3D shapes and their properties.
4N		Mrs Newton wasn't very well and absent
4R	Neve Bickley Ryan Griffiths	An excellent persuasive letter using rhetorical questions persuasive language and super openers. Well done Neve. A super effort in writing a recount about our visit to the Black Country Museum.
5C	Jack Webb Elizabeth Griffiths	Excellent effort in Maths – Well done! Always being kind and helpful to people around her.
5T	Maisie Walker Riley Hill	For being the simile queen of 5T – she is becoming an expert at using similes in her work. For his excellent time problem solving skills and being able to help others with their work.
6E	Thomas Baker- Robinson Lake Bateman	For excellent use of the PEE structure in their character analysis.
6P	Faye Meredith Lucy Bradley	Great use of time knowledge to undertake calculations linked to time tables. Super use of time knowledge to solve reasoning problems.