

Woodlands Academy of Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents and carers who came into school this week to meet with class teachers. Parent Consultation continues next week for the rest of the Academy on Tuesday and Wednesday. Your support and partnership makes such a difference to the progress and happiness of your child. Also, the book fair will be open this evening and will continue after school until next Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who support the book fair - every book bought contributes to an amount that we will have to spend on books for our children in school. Wonderful!

The Halloween Disco was so busy! Coordinated and planned by School Council (with a little help from Miss Arnstein and Miss Thompson), it was a great success. Our children looked incredible in their outfits, making it impossible to work out who was who. Mrs Fillingham led the music and the behaviour of every child was impeccable. So now school council have to carefully consider how to spend the profits...

Next week will bring exciting learning in our Explore and Discovery Week. All will be revealed on Monday in our Big Bang! Y6 are off to Bryntysilio along with Mrs Dickson, Mrs L Newton, Mr West, Mrs Price and Mrs Ward. I am sure they will all have an exciting time and gain memories that will last a lifetime. Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Newton

The quality of writing across the curriculum, not just in English lessons, is very important at Woodlands. Y6 have been applying their writing and handwriting skills to write a scientific report following their investigation into whether light travels in straight lines.

Cross Curricular Writing

Scientific Question
Light travels in straight lines. Do you agree?

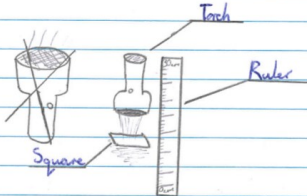
Prediction
I predict that yes, light does travel in a straight lines because when the light shines down, it hits the point that is opposite it, and if you shine it at a mirror, it bounces off and reflects back in a straight line, not bent. Also, the beam of the torch is straight, not bent.

Equipment
There are various pieces of equipment required to proceed with this experiment, in a safe environment:
a medium sized torch
two pieces pieces of card (A4)
a pair of scissors
a pencil or pen
three cells (for the torch)
a 30cm ruler

Lucy Lim

Fair Test
To keep it a fair test, make sure that the ruler is always measured to be a 30cm one and that you use the same pencil so that the lines that are drawn have the same thickness. If you use a multiple junction torch, make sure that it stays on the same amount of brightness and the same person holds the torch/ruler/square that held them the first time to make sure the tests are as fair as possible. Also, the square has to have the same amount of distance from the table to the square and the square to the torch.

Diagram



Results
After repeating this method 2-3 times, the tests proved that light travels in a straight line as the light didn't bend around the card.

Ava Bird





The leaf we are focussing on for the next week from our vision is: **Reflective**

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

When we become adults, we won't need to reflect.

Do you agree?

Y6 Parents don't forget!

Y6 applications for secondary school to be completed by 21st October as a recommendation. The deadline is 31st October.

Unwanted teddies needed for the Christmas Fair. Please send them into school and we shall find them a new home.



Dates To Share

- 17.10.16 Y6 at Bryntysilio for the week
- 17.10.16 Explore and Discovery week
- 14.10.16 to 19.10.16 Book Fair after school
- 18.10.16 Parent Consultation for rest of the Academy
- 19.10.16 Parent Consultation for rest of the Academy
- 24 to 28th October Half Term
- 31.10.16 Children return to school
- 31.10.16 EYFS Pumpkin Party 4:30

Don't forget there is a Teacher Training Day on Friday 25th November when school will be closed to children.



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children through the reward of certificates in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. Here are the **Stars Of The Week**.

Class	Name	Reason
RE	Amelia Watson Jake Lawrence	For making a repeating pattern with superheroes For a beautiful rainbow in the outdoor art lab that then became a face.
RJ	Sophie Brotherton Tia Janes	For showing great kindness and comforting a friend when they were upset. For always working hard in learning labs and making good use of her time.
1P	Valencia Lwando Emelia Southam	For an amazing independent write. Beautiful handwriting and packed full of fabulous adjectives. For using part-part whole to find the missing number in addition number sentences.
1H	Kairon Capewell	For trying his hardest in forming his sentences, as part of our independent write. Well Done!
2G	Tianna Friend All of 2G	For wowing Mrs Garcha with her amazing character description of the Gruffalo. Tianna used 2A sentences, PAD and TAD openers, FL and a variety of conjunctions! Wow Tianna! What a writing wizard you are! For making lots of people smile on World Smile day. 2G made people smile through their kind gestures. Well done 2G.
2RG	Reece Manby Lily-May Macey	For settling into 2RG and making a very positive start to his learning. For a huge improvement in your writing. Your handwriting is beautiful.
3P	Prinnie Salt David Whitfield	For excellent use of Dienes and place value counters to find solutions to subtraction problems. For working well with a partner to work out some challenging subtraction problems
3CP	Jack Lakin Ashley Smith	For careful listening and showing a mature, sensible attitude to his learning. For using colour semantics to create interesting and detailed sentences.
4N	Ethan Roberts Richie Memhi	For improved confidence during Maths this week. Keep up the positivity. For superb ideas when writing about the return of the Iron Giant. You really helped your group.
4R	Imarni Swift Ryan Perry	For improving during swimming, taking off armbands and jumping in. For your detailed explanations in Maths lessons
5A	Hannah Hunt Millie Ross	For your hard work and perseverance when learning the formal written methods for multiplication and division. For working hard during Science to demonstrate her understanding of air resistance
5T	Jack Statham Jasmin Benton	For being an excellent peer teacher – Keep it up. For being an amazing help and very creative with our British values book
6E	Maisy Nelson Giovanni Lwando 6E English Set	For working extremely hard to improve in timetable Rockstars. You will be a 'Rock Star' soon! For always investing 100% effort and bringing a fantastic smile to every challenge. He makes brilliant and thought provoking ideas to every class discussion. I feel lucky to be given the opportunity to teach him. For making incredible progress in handwriting. You have all worked so hard. I could not be any prouder.
6P	Presley Sargeant Ronan Clarke	For fantastic contributions towards your learning during our lessons about Italy and great use of secondary sources to gather information. For fantastic use of a thesaurus to find words linked to leadership and great use of a dictionary to double check your spellings when you had finished.