

HURRAY!

School is back

Woodlands
Academy of Learning

Friday 7th September



Welcome back to our existing families and welcome to Woodlands for our new families! It has been a great start to the year, with so many happy, smiling faces bursting with news about their Summer adventures.

As you may have noticed there have been a few changes over the holiday as school has been busy with contractors. The pool building has been transformed into additional play space and parking, we have a new staffroom and kitchen (which puts my home kitchen to shame...) and a new barrier to increase safety on the car park, particularly when our families are arriving and leaving school.

To return briefly to the end of last term. We calculated money raised from the Summer Sizzler by all our families was £2391 and the winning year group was Reception. They raised the grand total of £282.20 which the staff and children, now in Y1, can begin to plan how to spend. Very exciting.

Also, thank you for all the parent slips returned from end of year assessment summaries or reports, depending upon which year your child was in. It is wonderful to receive positive feedback about how happy children have been in their class, or what incredible progress your child made during the last academic year. Or to hear about your concerns or thoughts for the future. Your perspective is important to us at Woodlands and we value your input.

Turning to the new year, the Autumn Term is filled with the usual events and a few new ones. We hope your children have enjoyed their first three days back at school. Nearly every child has arrived on time (fantastic) and has been ready to get busy: Appointing school council members, arranging class responsibilities, taking ownership of their learning rooms and agreeing class rules that will enable all children to learn in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. Plus, many BIG BANGS have kick started Discovery Units in different year groups.

It is sure to be an exciting and productive year! Mrs Newton

Parent workshops are on the horizon to provide more information about your child's learning for the year

This is an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out about their curriculum and focus for the year. We have also had a review of our controversial questions and will be able to share with you our new approach to help our children deepen their understanding of the world and form constructive opinions on topical issues.

17th September 11:00 Morning Nursery, 2:45 Afternoon Nursery

17th September 2:45 parent workshop for YR

18th September 2:45 parent workshop for Y3 and Y2

19th September 2:45 parent workshop for Y6 and Y1

20th September 2:45 parent workshop for Y4 and Y5



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Learning Ambassador's 2018

- RJ Zack Dempsey and Poppy Bird
RE Nancie Emerson and Frankie Cook
1P Gabrielle Julie and Leo Judge
1H Riley Richards and Oscar Buchanan
2L Tia Janes and Harry Jackson
2B Remy Thomas and Tyler Craddock
3R Theo Hayes and Harriet Simmons
3CG Olivia Hickson and Callum Eynon
4G Robert West and Eva Bateman
4N Taylor Janes and Maisie Hayes
5C Connor Jackson and Morgan Felton
5M Ollie Baker and Esme Corbett
6E Liam Cox and Madison Walters

Our sharp eyed families might notice that we have some Learning Ambassadors who are continuing in their role for the second year.

Mrs Macpherson has been working with our Ambassadors and they all felt they could make a real difference to learning if they continued for another year, in order to build on the work from the previous year.

However, we also have some new Learning Ambassadors who have been voted in by their peers.

Congratulations to all our Ambassadors

Children leading...

The staff and I were extremely proud that 40% of our Y6 children wrote letters of application for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. Every letter was written to a high standard and they were all extremely persuasive. It was a very difficult decision.

I would like to introduce:

Master Brandon Reeves and Miss Lottie Corfield,
(Head Boy and Girl)

Master Kian Wheelan and Miss Simrit Dayal.
(Deputy Head Boy and Girl).

We have also assigned responsibility, to a number of Y6 children, for various roles throughout the school to help our Academy run smoothly.

Congratulations to all these children, we know you will do a fantastic job.



Changes to our weekly controversial question.

Our weekly debate will come from Votes for Schools.

There will be more information about this at our Parent Workshops in the next couple of weeks

Would you like the **police** to spend **more time** in your school?



Dates for Autumn 2018

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| 10th September | Theatre Club starts until 5:00 |
| 11th September | Y4 and Y5 swimming starts |
| 17th September | 11:00 Morning Nursery, 2:45 Afternoon Nursery |
| 17th September | 2:45 parent workshop for YR |
| 18th September | 2:45 parent workshop for Y3 and Y2 |
| 19th September | 2:45 parent workshop for Y6 and Y1 |
| 20th September | 2:45 parent workshop for Y4 and Y5 |
| 26th September | Y6E Class Assembly 10:20 |
| 27th September | Y6 off site visit |
| 27th September | Macmillan Coffee Afternoon |
| 2nd October | Harvest Festival |
| 3rd October | Y5M Class Assembly 10:20 |
| 8th October to 11th October | Book Fair after school |
| 9th and 10th October | Parent Consultation |
| 17th October | Y4G Class Assembly 10:20 |
| 22nd October | Explore and Discovery Week |
| 22nd October | Bryntysilio Residential |
| 29th October to 2nd November | Half Term |
| 5th November | Children return |
| 9th November | Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair items |
| 21st November | Y3CG Class Assembly 10:20 |
| 29th November | Christmas at the Movies Performance |
| 30th November | Christmas Fair |
| 21st December | Teacher Training Day |
| 22nd December to 4th January | Christmas Holiday |
| 7th January | Children return |