

# Woodlands Academy Newsletter



Autumn Term 2

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## Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter, written by both children and staff. I'm sure you will agree they have done a fantastic job, so thank you to all our Young Journalists and Mrs Magan. It will now be available every half term with a few hard copies being sold each time to fund journalistic resources.

The attendance for Autumn term was 93.8%. This is well below our target of 96.5%. Next term please make sure children do not leave school for appointments if avoidable. We all need to work together to reach 96.5%.

As a healthy school, it is important that we promote healthy eating. If your child is celebrating a birthday, please do not bring in sweets for other children. Why not try another healthy alternative e.g. fresh fruit or raisins.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Rana

## Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who attended the our parent forum meeting on 19th December 2017.

We are grateful for all your great ideas in how to move our school forward.

The group have begun working on a project to develop the school library so watch this space!

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

*We look forward to seeing you in the New Year on Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018!*



**Our Young Journalists...**  
**Dean, Sumaya, Muhanned, Sasha,**  
**Liveen, Kearra, Noor & Sulaiman.**



# Early Years

Our Stars of the Week since half term have been...

Look who I  
went home with!

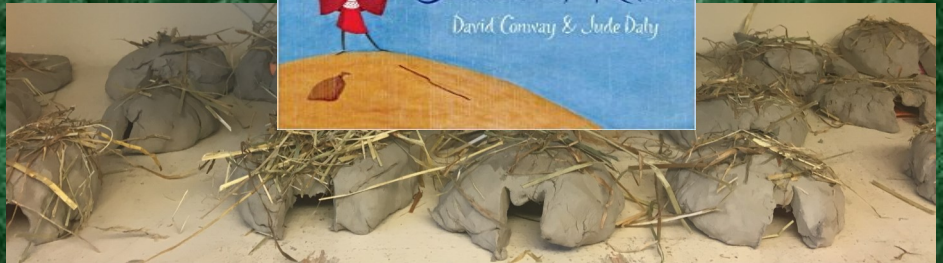
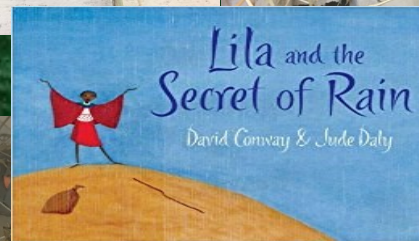


# Year 1

In Year 1 Yew class, the children have been working really hard learning how to tell the time!



They have also learnt the days of the week and the months of the year by thinking about which days and months come before and after each other. The most amazing thing is that they have learnt how to spell over 90 words! How fantastic is that? Well done Year 1!



They made wonderful little mud-huts out of clay and straw when learning about Kenya. This was linked to their story called Lila and the Seret of the Rain. What do you think of them?



More recently, they learnt about the story of Christmas.



Year 1 really enjoyed going to Caslebar primary school to watch the Snow White pantomime!



Reported by Dean in Year 6



# Year 2!

Are you ready to be  
awesome?

**Year 2 Linden Class have been learning about Health and**

**The children had an NSPCC workshop which taught them what The NSPCC charity does. They learnt a quote from the workshop. "Mistakes happen you should never give up trying. Believe in yourself."**

**Year 2 have also learnt some important words for PSHE. They are :**

**Social**

**Respect**

**Friendship**

**Care**

**Love**



**They have also been doing fantastic learning about Christopher Columbus & Neil Armstrong.**

**Children who attend clubs have also told us what they thought about them:**

Yoga and Dance club makes me feel calm...

Bayleigh-may

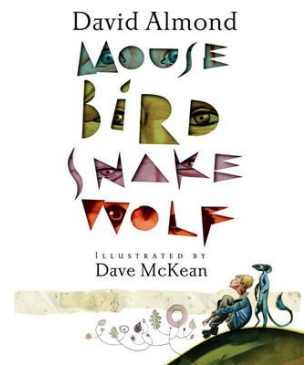
I just love breakfast club! We get to have nice food!

Abdiraman

## Reported by Sulaiman in Year 5

# Year 3

In year 3, we have been learning about the Stone Age. We really loved reading the story Stone Age Boy. We have now started reading the wonderful book Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf. We enjoyed doing role plays about the story. We also had a special visit from 'Zoo Lab' who taught us all about animals. Here is some feedback from our friends:



I like the snake because it feels nice.  
Najma



The cockroach from Madagascar was my favourite because it can live without a head.

Bartosz



I liked the lizard because it can stick to the wall.

Amin

FACT



Did you know, this bug can live for a week without its head!

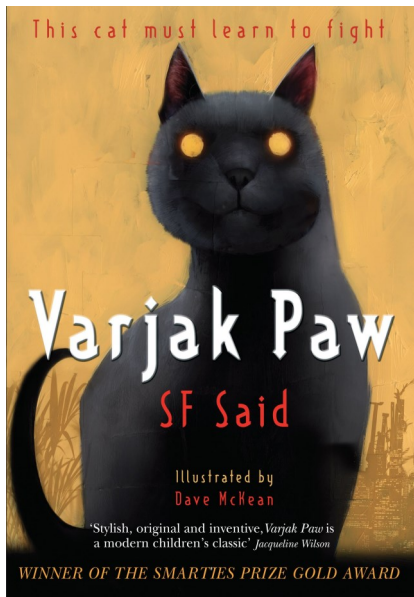
At school in PSHE we watched a movie called Zootropolis. It was funny. There's a fox and a bunny in the movie. First the bunny and the fox fight then after we saw them become friends!



The movie Zootropolis taught us not to bully because it is mean and it hurts people on the inside. Our class really liked the movie, it was awesome!

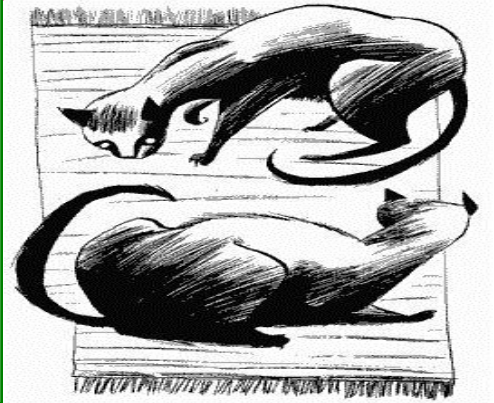
Reported by Liveen, Sasha & Muhanned in Year 3

# Year 4



In Year 4 we have been learning from a great story book called Varjak Paw. It is written by S.F. Said. It is all about a cat named Varjak Paw who gets bullied by his family and sadly, the only person that loves him is his grandfather. It is really dramatic and we have been able to do a lot of drama from it. Varjak has an adventure as he explores the new city. If you want to know what happens on his adventure, why don't you read it too! It's a great read!

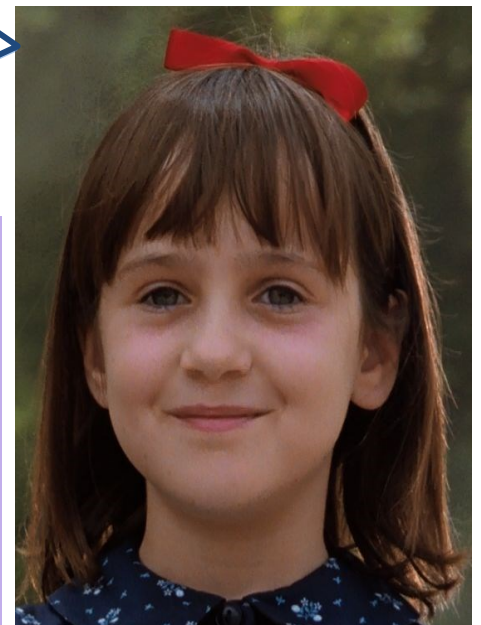
We have done a lot of work on this story for example: diary entries, rewriting a story and stepping in a characters shoes. This book is a extremely interesting book and I recommend it to a lot of people ,there is also a special meaning behind this story which is believe in your self and no matter what you look like you are still the same.



## Anti Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying week & PSHE lessons we watched a movie called Matilda. You are probably wondering why we are watching movies at school?

Well, it was all part of Anti-Bullying week. We did work on the movie for an entire week!



## Reported by Noor in Year 4

In year 5, we have been learning about a book called Harry Potter and the Philosopher Stone. At the moment, we are writing a diary from chapter 9. We have thought about how Harry must have been feeling when Malfoy was bullying him.

# Year 5

In PSHE, we had a special workshop with year 6 and it taught us all about what smoking is and what the concerns are.

"The smoking workshop taught us the dangers around smoking. There are 4000 chemicals that are put in cigarettes. Also there is a chemical that makes people addicted to it so they keep on buying it." - Yasmin



## Facts & Advice



Smoking can affect babies and children. So a reminder to not smoke when you are around them. It is known as passive smoking and is very harmful.

Smoking is really bad and we should not encourage teenagers to smoke because even though they think that it is cool, it can actually age you by 10 years! Imagine looking 10 years older!

We made Christmas hats for Christmas Dinner Day. We got to do our own creation which was really fun. We have had so much fun this term...This school is the best! I love it!



On Tuesday we had a pantomime about Aladdin for our school and all the children thought it was really funny!

When it was Anti-Bullying week, we watched Shrek! It taught us that we shouldn't judge people before we get to know them. Half-way through the movie Fiona told Shrek to take his helmet off. As soon as he did, Fiona's face looked so, so, so disappointed. Shrek was embarrassed and made this face. Look closely at his face, you can see the embarrassment. What would you feel like if you were in that situation?



Reported by  
Kearra in Year 5

# Year 6

Year 6 have been doing lots of fantastic learning this month!

Let's begin with English... We have learnt how to use lay-out devices to structure our writing. This has helped create leaflets all about

raising money for children in Syria. This learning was linked to our key text called *The Journey* by Francesca Simon.

We have loved reading this book as it teaches us about two children who were trying to cross the border to safety.

We are still waiting to find out if they made it!



As well as English, in PSHE we have been learning about Alcohol, drugs, peer pressure and how to avoid it.

We have performed a play to the school about resisting peer pressure.



**STOP THE  
HATE**



**"Never judge  
someone by  
how they look"**

**Quote by Mrs  
Hamid**

We have had three workshops which were Zoo Lab, Hate Crime and Ealing Smoke-free. This was really useful and interesting because it was all about real life.



**Reported by Sumaya in Year 6**

# Friendship Friday



*During Anti-bullying Week, we learnt about how important it is to be friendly and not bully others. On friendship Friday we got to wear non-uniform. We also got to visit the friendship pod and took amazing pictures with our friends.*



Reported by Muhanned in Year 3

# Healthy Schools

Remember to keep your lunchbox healthy to win a place at the Golden Table!

*According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should:*

- be based on starchy carbohydrates (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta)*
- include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad*
- include a source of protein such as beans and pulses, eggs, fish, meat, cheese (or dairy alternative)*
- include a side dish such as a low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain popcorn, sugar-free jelly*
- include a drink such as water, skimmed or semi-skimmed milk, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks*



# School Council

*This half term the school council have met regularly to discuss aspects of school life and what they would like to do within school to improve children's wellbeing.*

*We listened to the views of our classmates and put forward reasons to have free play at lunchtimes. We suggested different zones and at lunchtimes now there are lots of activities that children can choose to take part in.*

*Here are a few:*

*Football, basketball, climbing frame, skipping, hoops, calm colouring zone. More zones will be added soon.*

*Children are feeling much happier at lunchtimes thanks to our suggested changes. Success!*

**Congratulations to our newly elected school councillors** who will be showing that they are great role models in our school.

Joshua, Yr 3 Aspen



Sarrah, Yr 3 Aspen

Aasiya, Yr 6



## Harvest festival



Thank for all your donations to the Ealing Foodbank for the Harvest festival. Our KS2 school councillors delivered the food to St Mellitus Church.

"Thank you to everyone at Woodlands for their very generous harvest donation. It weighed 70.85kg and I can assure you that it will all be used to help feed those Ealing residents who sadly find themselves in a food crisis."

Hilary Padmore, Ealing Foodbank



# PSHE

This term we have been extremely busy with the PSHE curriculum. The theme was Health and Wellbeing and the children have learnt lots about how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Each class have been making their PSHE portfolios which will be shared along with examples of their learning in the PSHE celebration assembly on Friday 15th December.

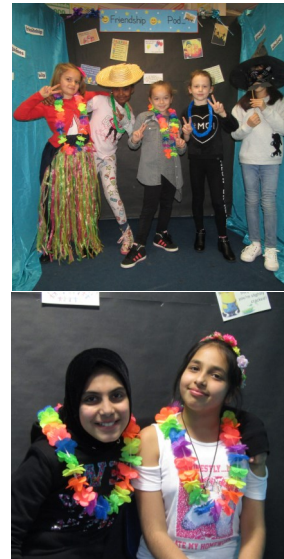
Visitors this term have included:

- Smoke Free Ealing- children in KS1 and KS2 learnt about the harmful effects of smoking, including passive smoking.
- Anti hate crime and bullying training- Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 found out more about hate crimes and learnt a valuable lesson- never judge anyone based on how they look.

We also took part in **Antibullying week** based on this year's theme '**All different all equal**'. Across the school each year group watched a film and did follow up work about bullying based on the characters in the film.



At the end of Antibullying week, each class visited the 'Friendship Pod' and had their photos taken with their friends. Children had a great time! Thanks to all your donations on Friendship Friday wearing your own clothes, we raised £ 165 for NSPCC. All money will go towards helping the charity keep children safe.



All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Next term, classes will work to support a charity of their choice. We look forward to seeing how we can help others in our wider community.

# Sports:

## Tag Rugby

Team Woodlands Academy headed to Trailfinders Rugby Club for the borough tag rugby competition. It was a slightly chilly morning, but the team were in high spirits. The team won two matches on the day and scored lots of brilliant tries!! They all showed a positive attitude and were very respectful to their opposition.



## PE Kit Reminder

Both outdoor and indoor PE kits must be in school every day. Outdoor kit must include a jumper and jogging bottoms.

## Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics

Mr Savage and Ms. O'Dea took a budding team of Year 3 and 4 gymnasts to Little Ealing Primary School for the morning to compete in a gymnastics competition. The children performed both a floor routine and on the vault. Each and every pupil can be very proud of the growth mind-set shown and teamwork as well as the new skills they learnt along the way. Well done!



# SCIENCE



## World Science day

World science day was on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

In Woodlands we reflected on and celebrated science as a very special subject.

Year 2 started our day off by doing an assembly all about science. They spoke about science being part of everyday life as it's everywhere!

*S* is for skills. We show and use our skills when trying things out.

*C* is for collecting. We collect information and analysis its meaning.

*I* is for investigating. We investigate and test our ideas out to see if they work.

*E* is for exploring. We explore the world around us.

*N* is for new. We make new discoveries and inventions as we learn.

*C* is for changes. We make changes to make the world a better place.

*E* is for evaluating. We evaluate the things we do and make to see if they work.



### Music

This half term, the choir has had a special visit to St. Davids Nursing Home in Ealing. They sang a range of Christmas carols which everybody loved!

We also had a class singing competition for the whole school. The winning class was Linden Class! Well done! Look out for lots more music workshops coming up next half-term!



# Update from Miss Chaudhry

We have been running family after school club that all families are welcome to join, they are free to join and lots of fun!

## Family Group

We will be running this group again in the new year if you would like to join up please let the office know!



Miss Chaudhry is our in school **Family Support Officer** who is available to support families.

There are many things you can talk to her about such as benefits, housing, PTA, volunteering, help with filling in forms for high school etc.

You will see her in the playground in the mornings and after school if you have a quick question. Otherwise, please book a meeting through our School Office.



# Upcoming Workshops for Parents and their child

| Date     | Time  | Workshop                          |
|----------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 19th Jan | 2-3pm | Healthy Eating –                  |
| 26th Jan | 2-3pm | Supporting Home Learning          |
| 2nd Feb  | 2-3pm | Internet Safety                   |
| 9th Feb  | 2-3pm | Creating a fair home-life routine |



# What's going on at Woodlands...

A big thank you to the His Church Charity for their £5000 worth of food donation in partnership with the London Broncos. His Church arrived yesterday with a van load of food and was helped to be unloaded by the London Broncos.

We will be handing out a bag of food for each of our families on the last day of term in the school playground at the end of the day.

Following our Year 3—5 Christmas play, we will also be handing out some hot chocolate and mince pies so come and join us!

