

# Woodlands Academy Newsletter



Spring Term 1

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## Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the success of our last newsletter, written by our very own Young Journalists, we were able to collect enough money to purchase a brand new camera to use for our newsletters. Well done!

Attendance by half term:

Autumn 1— 95.2%

Autumn 2— 94.04%

Spring 1— 94.87%



Our school target is to reach 96.5% attendance which means our current attendance is not good enough. Unless your child is seriously ill, we expect to see them in school. One of our school rules is to be at school everyday, on time which we are continuing to promote in school daily. For more information, please see the updated attendance, absence and punctuality policy on the school website.

This term we launched our new 'Reading to Learn' structure across the school. It has been very successful, with pupils and teachers working extremely hard on developing reading skills such as summarising and inferring. Look out for more information on this in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you a safe and enjoyable half term.

Ms Rana

## Our Young Journalists...

Dean, Sumaya, Jebishan, Muhanned, Sasha,  
Liveen, Kearra, Noor, Kimaya &  
Sulaiman.

## Important Reminder

Payments for Breakfast and After  
School Club need to be made on time.

# Early Years

*We have enjoyed reading  
The Naughty Bus  
Look at all the different ways  
we learn in EYFS*

Literacy



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Personal, Social and  
Emotional Development



Communication and Language



Physical Development



Expressive Arts and Design



Maths



# The Behaviour Shop

This half term, the children at Woodlands were really excited to go to the Behaviour Shop!

In the Behaviour Shop, pupils are given a chance to trade in behaviour credits for prizes:

Bronze: 15 credits

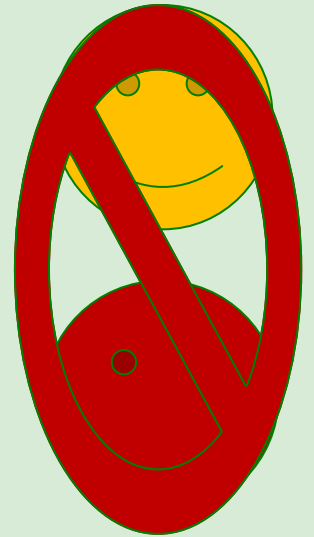
Silver: 25 credits

Gold: 35 credits

However, some prizes cost more than 35 credits and others less than 15 credits.

Some of which include; Led-light planes, footballs, large and small emoji

pillows. I think that this time, pupils were most excited about all the slime! Look out for the next Behaviour Shop where there will be lots of new items!



Reported by Dean

## Be Sugar Smart!



At Woodlands, we had a Sugar Smart assembly. A very nice lady named Tash came in and taught us what to eat and what not to eat. It was very interesting and lots of us realised that we are eating way too much sugar! She told us how she helps her own children stay healthy by giving them fruit and only giving them a sugary treat once a month. This was very good advice.

Would you like to track and monitor your sugar intake?

Download this free app to get started – it will definitely help you save your teeth!

Reported by

Kearra in Year 5





# Year 4 Trip to the Living Rainforest



Year 4 went to the Living Rainforest. It was a very interesting place where they learnt lots of new things about the rainforest such as: poisonous plants and animals, plants people eat every day, what chocolate is made from and how tribes in the rainforest survived. They learnt that most animals get their nice colours by eating fruits. The trip was a great experience. Did you know that people living in the rainforest long ago used poison to hunt and chocolate for cures!

Year 4 loved this trip!



*It was really fun and we learnt new things!*



*The animals in the Living Rainforest were amazing! The animals were very colourful!*



**Reported by Jebishan,  
Year 4**

# Year 3 Trip to the Science Museum

We went on a trip to the Science Museum. We started our journey by going on three trains. When we got there, we first did a quiz which included finding something smaller than a mouse! It was so much fun! Then we went on a wooden slide. It was very fast but the grass one was the slowest one and the white one was medium. This told us that because of the friction we were going slower.

We all went to the space section and there was a planet area. It was so cool! After we went to the Wonder Lab there was a thing that you can bite and you hear lots of strange noises! Year 3 had a really fantastic time at the Science Museum and can't wait for their next trip!



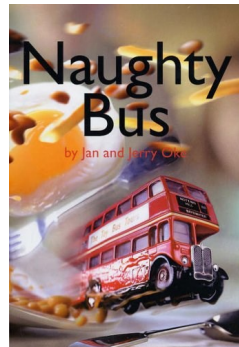
By Sasha, Laveen & Muhanned  
Year 3

# Numbers Nursery 😊

Nursery have been learning about counting up from 1 to 20 and down to zero. They have been learning a song that sure made their number counting better!

They have also been learning about Transport and read a book called 'The Naughty Bus'.

It is about a bus driving very fast which ends up in a pond. Luckily, there is a rescue truck which saves them!



Reported by Sulaiman  
Y5

## The Environmental Team



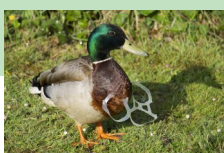
The children in the above photos are part of the Woodlands Environmental Team.

They are a group of children who work with Mr Corcoran (our school Caretaker) to clean litter and put clothes in to lost property.

It is, important to keep our environment clean, so that animals don't eat plastic, paper and many more things that could be really dangerous to them. It is also important to keep the school we are so proud of clean and safe for everyone.

You should not throw litter on the floor, we try our best to recycle all litter and turn it in to something useful! Litter is also not very good for beaches. It can harm animals living in the sea.

Every week, Ealing Council come and collect our blue and black bins. All this rubbish gets recycled and used. We are really thankful to the Environmental Team which I am proud to be a part of. Rubbish is really useful, if we don't litter it. Remember that it is important to re-use.



Reported by Kimiya, Year 4

# Year 6 Update 😊

In these past few months, Year 6 have been doing LOTS OF LEARNING!

They also sat their MOCK SATS which gave them an insight in to what the real SATS would be like.

Having done a quick survey, I can say that around 90% of Year 6's are confident that they are going to pass. A lot of the children said that the two easiest papers were the arithmetic and the GPS. Keep up the great work Year 6, we know you can do it!



Year 6 were visited by the British Red Cross Foundation. It was such an interesting day and we definitely learnt some life-changing information. These were the key things we learnt:

- How to stop someone from going unconscious.
- Activities based on CPR

Thank you to the British Red Cross for coming in and working with us.

Here are some quotes from children and teachers:

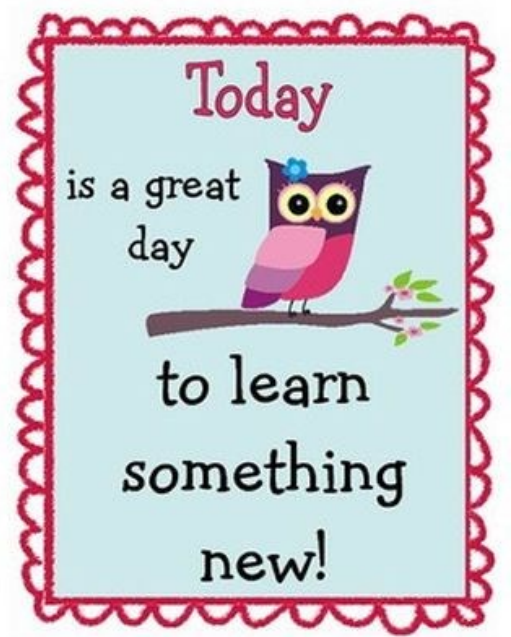
*"I enjoy all the workshops"*  
(Jayden)

*"Mistakes are proof you are trying"*  
(Yr2)

*"You should always work hard in school"*  
(Faduma)

*"Believe in yourself. You can do amazing things!"*  
(Mrs Topley)

*"Help someone no matter what they look like"*  
(Dean)



Reported by  
Sumaya, Year 6

## Year 2 Update



In Year 2 they have been working extremely hard this half-term!  
In PSHE they have been learning all about healthy and unhealthy food.

They learnt that they should only have 7 cubes of sugar a day which equals 30 grams. When it is Spring term 2 both Years 1 and 2 will be going on a trip to Kew gardens.

In PE Year 2 have been playing lots of games. Most recently, they have been working on their catching skills using the game Chicken and Fox to help them.

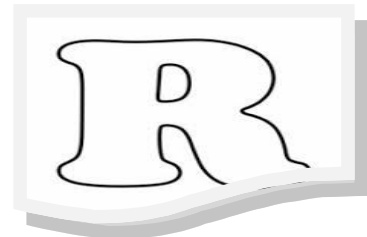
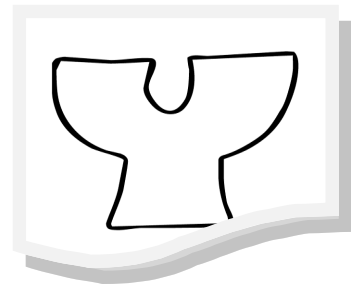
When I interviewed Year 2, they told me that they really enjoyed taking part in PE lessons and that learning catching skills will help them get better at team sports.

Year 2 have also been doing lots of Literacy and Numeracy learning in preparation for their SATS—they really are working hard!

Some advice I can give Year 2 is:



**A BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL!**



Reported by  
Sumaya, Year 6

Always 😊  
**BE POSITIVE!**



# Visit from the Orchestra!

Last month we were treated to a special assembly hosted by an Orchestra that came to tell us all about how they first decided to play music.

We learnt all about how music helps people in life and if life was without music it would be boring in every way!

Don't you agree?

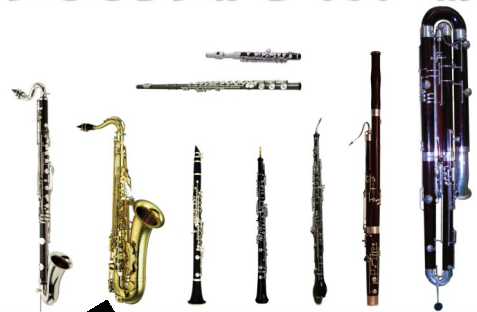
In the visit, they encouraged children just like us to follow their dreams and to choose music to be a part of your lives as it will always bring a smile to your face.



## Wood Wind Family

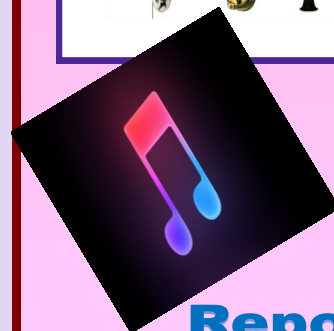
Most instruments in the woodwind family are made of wood or something that can be blown to make noises and a musical sound.

## WOODWIND family



They showed us a very loud instrument which looked small. This made us realise that it does not really matter about the size.

All pupils really loved the experience!



**Reported by**  
**Noor**  
**Year 4**

# School Council

## Happy lunchtimes

At lunchtimes children are feeling a lot happier and playing more games with their friends. They are still enjoying the different game zones- Basketball, football, climbing



## Upcoming projects

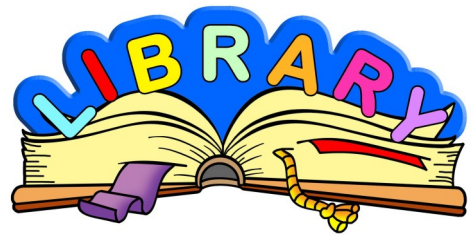
### 'Liven up the library'

We met to discuss how we can improve our library space. We will soon be helping the Woodlands Friends to organise and make our library a better area for learning. Any suggestions are welcome.

We decided that each class should enter into an Art competition where they draw a Woodlands animal. The best designs will be chosen to go up on display for all to see in the library. This will go with the Woodlands library theme we chose.

These were their choices:

Yr 1- Robins , Yr 2- Hedgehogs, Yr 3- Owls



### Healthy eating tuck shop



Healthy Eating Tuck Shop



Next half term the school council will be launching The Healthy tuck shop, selling some healthy snacks at playtimes. As we are now a SUGAR SMART school we should all be eating more fruit. Remember fruit has natural sugars, that are good for you. Look out for the posters around the school soon.

# PSHE

This term we have started our new unit:

## Living in the Wider World

This unit is all about needs and wants, identity, diversity and equality, importance of money and respecting and helping out others in the wider community.



So, across the school we plan on doing some fundraising for 3 chosen charities. **This special Charity fundraising day will be on Monday 26th March. We look forward to your support .**



To learn more about the importance of being **good, responsible citizens** Year 6 received **First Aid Training by the Red Cross.**



During the training the Year 6 children learnt lots about how to deal with a medical emergency and why first aid is so important.

**"I liked the role play in small groups because we could act out the scene and what you would do. This helped us realise how we can help people who need medical attention"**

**"Treat everyone equally especially when there is an emergency. Everyone deserves to be helped. "**

**Florin, Sawleen, Anissa, Dean, Daniel, Year 6**



### Upcoming events:

**Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th March : NATWEST money sense workshops for Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

**Monday 26th March: Charity fundraising day**



# Sports

## Inter Basketball Competitions

For the last two weeks, children from different houses have had a chance to participate in an inter basketball competition during their lunchtimes. The children have been amazing at supporting one another, and have demonstrated our values: *respect*, *self-belief*, *determination* and *tolerance*. The competition will continue after half term, and the two winning houses will play each other in the finals on Wednesday 7th



March.



## Girl's Football Competition

On Thursday 18th January, the Woodland Academy 'girls' football team attended their regional football. The competition was well attended with 19 teams in attendance. The team tried hard and scored lots of brilliant goals!



## Mixed Football Competition

On Monday 22nd January, the mixed football team attended the EFL Kids Cup Football Tournament at Goals Gillette Corner, Isleworth. The team tried their best, and scored a few goals. They all showed a positive attitude and were very respectful to their opposition.



# Sports

## Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs at Woodlands Academy

Each term there are a number of extra-curricular sports clubs for boys and girls to participate in. These clubs are run by the PE teacher, external sports coaches or members of Woodland Academy staff. Some clubs require a small but reasonable fee to be paid, whilst others are free. If you would like to attend a sports club, please return your sports club letter to the office.



## PE Kit Reminder

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

## Meet our House Captains

Meet our new Woodland Academy House Captains! Well done and congratulations to our newest cohort of House Captains! These 16 individuals have helped with an inter basketball competitions at lunchtime, and house meetings.

We wish them all the very best for their future house captain responsibilities and believe that they will all be fantastic ambassadors for our school..



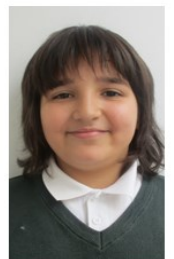
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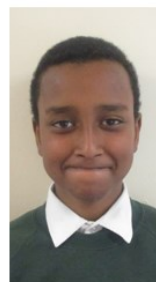
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Toby



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Jayden



Captain  
Sumaya

# 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 after half term 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.



# Parent and child workshops

We at Woodlands Academy have been running parent and child workshops in school! This is where you and your child can choose to come alone and work together on important things in family life such as Healthy eating and keeping your family active.

Parent's have stated the following things about the workshop :

**" I enjoyed being with my child and having new ideas to be more active!"**

**"I enjoyed building a healthy meal with my child!"**

**"I got lots of new information!"**

Look out for the next parent and child workshop to sign up!



**Woodlands Friends will be meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 9am.**

**All parents are welcome to attend.**

**We will be discussing and beginning to organise fund-raising events for the Spring term.**