

Woodlands Academy Newsletter



Spring Term 2—Summer Term 1

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for being so patient in waiting for our newsletter. Because of all of the wonderful events that have taken place & KS1/2 testing this month, we have doubled up our newsletter so there is lots to read—enjoy!

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 2 & Year 6 pupils who have shown great determination & perseverance in completing their SATS this month. You have all worked extremely hard and made us very proud. Well done!

Attendance by half term:

Autumn 1— 95.2%

Autumn 2— 94.04%

Spring 1— 94.87%

Spring 2— 94.4%

Summer 1—96.4%

Thank you to our Parents & Carers for supporting our improvement in attendance. As you can see from the above, 96.4% in the first half of the Summer term—we are nearly there! We are however, still finding that some of our children are off far too regularly. A reminder that children need to be in school every day & on time.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term.

Ms Rana

Important Reminders

Outstanding PGL payments must be made as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to attend the trip.

We have noticed that attendance drops in the days adjacent to school holidays. If anyone is absent on Friday 25th May or Monday 4th June we will need a GP appointment card or a prescription in order for us to be able to authorise it .

School Class Photograph Day is on Monday 4th June—remember to be dressed smartly in FULL school uniform.

Please visit our Instagram @woodlandsschoolealing to keep updated on live events happening in school! If you do not have Instagram, please visit our school website and scroll right down to the bottom where you can view our Instagram feed!

Important: ***GDPR Information***

We've updated our privacy policy

As you're aware, the General Data Protection Regulation is coming into force from May 25th 2018. We have updated our privacy policy in light of this.

This is all part of our commitment to compliance and protecting your personal information. We want our school community to be a safe and positive environment for all our members.

What's Changed?

We're not changing how we use or collect your information. Rather, our updated policy more clearly explains how, why and where and when we store and process your data and also reflects your rights under the GDPR.

If you have any questions about this please contact us via the school office.

Thank you

Early Years

Our new topic is
Growing.

Look at how we have been
learning.

Expressive Arts and Design



Communication and Language



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Physical Development



Personal, Social and
Emotional Development



Literacy

Maths



Chicks have arrived in EYFS!



On Monday 10 eggs arrived.

On Wednesday the eggs started to hatch.



The chicks were wet and very tired.



On Thursday the chicks were all fluffy and started to eat and drink.



Sleepy chicks! Goodnight!



We held them very carefully.

KSI & KS2 SATS

A special well done to our Year 2 & Year 6 pupils for completing their SATS this month. We are all very proud of you!

Sumaya (Y6) has reported on how they went:

Key Stage 1

Year 2 have been super busy sitting their SATS during the whole month of May! They have completed tests on reading, arithmetic, reasoning, spelling, punctuation & grammar. When I spoke to Year 2 pupils, they felt that they had done really well because of the magic pencils, magic glitter and lucky diamonds they were given by Miss Topley! Well done Year 2!

Key Stage 2

During the KS2 SATS, we have been working very hard. We have completed the arithmetic, reasoning, reading, grammar, punctuation & spelling tests, but still have our writing to go! Here are some comments from Year 6 pupils:

"I really enjoyed the fact that it was fun!" - Daniel

"It was quite challenging, but I enjoyed it" - Anissa. M

"I didn't actually want it to end! - Esther

"Hope I get a good result as I did my best!" - Najma

As we still have writing to do, Mrs Dharsani has given us a really interesting topic to discuss! We have not been able to stop talking about it! We are writing about the effects of plastic pollution on the environment. Have a look at some of the wonderful work we have done on the next page...

Reported by Sumaya (Y6)

Balanced Argument - Should plastic be banned?

1. Can I write my balanced argument?

Many would agree that plastic is essential to this world. This is because, plastic is used for equipment ~~we~~ people rely and live off. Another argument is, such as crisps, crisp packets, water bottles, phones, phones, packets of crisps, bottles, bags, clothes and gups. But some of these could be made with ~~with~~ different materials, can't they? Plastic can be used in some cases but sometimes we can create things with equipment with different materials.

On the flip side, plastic has downsides as well as good sides. Some may even say plastic is a threat and menace to sea life. Their argument is, 'How? After plastic is dismantled, it is left somewhere. Wind gets the best of the pieces and blows ~~it~~ ~~is~~ the plastic is blown off shore, into the ocean. With the plastic disguised as a meal, the gosh fish consume it. For this reason, the fish dies, as it can not digest plastic so it rests in the stomach. As the fish thinks it is gull, it does not eat ~~it~~.

Therefore, it dies of starvation without knowing. This does not just happen to 1 fish. It happens to 100,000 ~~fish~~ fish a year. If plastic has been around for 1 century, therefore 10,000,000 fishes have died in total! This is very so disturbing. Nature needs help!

Finally, having considered both sides of the argument, plastic can be a nuisance to

nature and the environment, causing harm to animals and insects, the sea infecting the sea.

Plastic has its cons, however there are pros. Plastic can help carry shoppings, manufacture clothing, house furniture and many other items. One might say, then again, if we get rid of plastic, then surely sea-life will be safe. My view on plastic is, I think plastic we use now should be banned, such as crisp packets, water bottles, ECT. Recyclable plastic should be kept as it is and shops should sell paper bags. After all you do not want to be responsible for all sea-lives' death, wouldn't you?

*It is durable, not biodegradable; meaning it can not be eaten by micro-organisms so these items will last years.

By Jayden Y6

Letter to the CEO of Tesco...

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Hathaway Garden
Ealing
W13 0DH

Tesco Headquarters
Baird Avenue
Dundee
DD2 3TV

22nd May, 2018

Dear CEO,

My name is Jamilah Willis and I write to inform that Tesco is selling too much plastic. ~~and~~

Plastic is usually a threat to the environment. I request you to take instant action. I will explain my reasons below.

Some might say that plastic is a product we can't live without, but plastic does a lot of harm to the planet. There are some facts about plastic. It is not biodegradable (it will never break down). If you burn plastic, it releases toxic gases that can cause cancer. There are many more facts. ~~but~~ but importantly Scientists have thought by 2050 there will be more plastic than humans and then could end.

Furthermore, have you ever thought where plastic goes once ~~it is~~ it is thrown away and how it kills our marine life by a slow and painful death? All the suffering animals are going through is thanks to the plastic you selling. How would you feel if this was happening to you? It is not too late to stop selling so much plastic and think about if you really need that much plastic.

~~To conclusion~~ From reading my letter, I hope you reconsider selling so much plastic and think about what it does to the environment. If I were CEO, I would change plastic to a more safer material. Don't you want to be part of this life changing revolution?

Yours faithfully, Jamilah Willis.

By Jamilah Y6

Please do not think our work looks untidy! Good writers change lots of things in their writing before it is perfect. At Woodlands, we are always editing & improving our work with a green pen to make sure it is the best that it can be.



Plastic Pollution Persuasive Posters



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Visit to Houses of Parliament!

On Tuesday 22nd May 2018, we went to visit Westminster Palace, also known as the Houses Of Parliament. When we entered the Houses of Parliament, we were given a tour guide who showed us around. We were even given special lanyards to show we were visitors! On the walls lay very ancient paintings which each had a symbol representing the Artists. We soon discovered that the Queen only attends once a year and sits on a special chair!

After looking around, we ended our tour in the main Chapel and shared the facts we had learnt each other. We then moved on to the House of Lords where we were shown where the MP's sit for their local meetings with the Prime Minister. What really shocked me the most was that there are 650 MP's in the UK itself!

Reported by Sumaya (Y6) & George (Y4)



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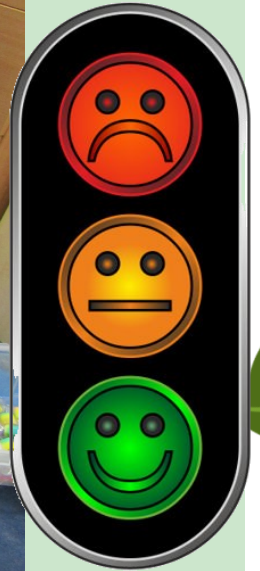
Steve Pound Visit

On Wednesday 23rd May 2018, local MP for Ealing North, Steve Pound paid a special visit to our School Council meeting. We learnt a lot about him like where he works and what university he went to. It was really interesting learning about his career, some of us have even decide we would like to also get in to Politics when we are older! He asked for our names and we had to introduce ourselves. Then he told us great facts about the Houses of Parliament. Best of all, he gave us all a special pen with his name on it! We will keep them forever!

We would like to thank Miss Moxom who organised for us to visit the Houses of Parliament and for Steve Pound to come and meet with us. They have been really special experiences for us. Thank you!

Reported by Sumaya (Y6) & George (Y4)

Behaviour Shop



It's that time of the half-term when children are visiting the Behaviour Shop! They have been working extremely hard to ensure that their behaviour is fantastic! Here are just some of the happy customers we have had this week!

Remember - the more days you are on **GREEN**, the more credits you will have to spend in our behaviour shop!

It's easy to stay on **GREEN**, just follow our very simple & important School Rules:

Follow Instructions

Be kind and caring

Listen carefully

Be at school every day, on time

Since the launch of our behaviour system in 2016, behaviour has improved significantly. From September, in line with our 4th school rule which was introduced this year, we will be introducing attendance & punctuality in to the credit system.

In order to get a **GREEN** for the day, pupils will need to be in school and on time. Any non-attendance or late arrivals will be given an Amber. Unless of course you have attended an appointment for which you have a letter/appointment card.

This is to support our whole school target which is to **improve our overall attendance & punctuality** so that it is in line with the national average of 96.5%.

PSHE

This term we have started our new unit:

Relationships and Growing Up



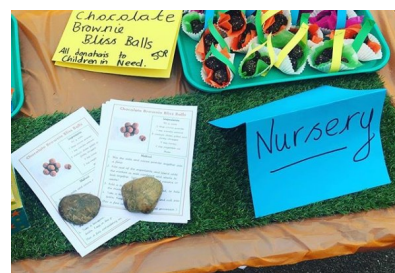
This unit is all the importance of friendships to our wellbeing and how to treat others with respect. Children will be learning about physical and emotional changes that happen as they grow up.

Remember if you are ever worried about something at school, at home or online, talk to an adult you trust and use the worry box in your class.



A big thank you for your generous donations at our end of term 'Charity fundraising Healthy fair event' on

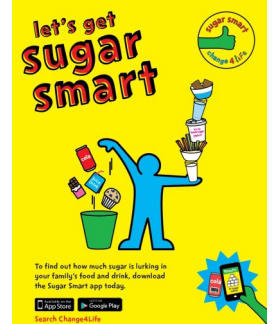
Monday 26th March. Each class did a great job planning and making a healthy treat for others to buy on their stall. There was an excellent selection on offer from healthy yoghurt pots, fruit rainbow sticks, energy bars to healthy brownies! It just goes to show that you can make healthy snacks on a budget and have fun with the family making them. **We raised a £205 total, which was split between our 3 chosen charities.**



Upcoming events:

Wk beginning 11th June– Dementia workshops KS1 and KS2

Healthy boost at Woodlands Academy!



Well done on the great swaps you have already made!

Over the last term, you have been working hard to choose to have a healthier lifestyle. There has been an increase in the number of children doing a sports club.

There has also been an increase in the amount of fruit children are eating at playtimes, thanks to our daily FRUITY TUCK SHOP, which is run by school councillors.

Due to high demand, fruit can now be bought on any day! A piece of fruit costs 10p. Fruit is subject to availability and is first come first serve.

Remember: When you are shopping you can use the Change4Life Food Scanner app to find out how much sugar is in each item.

Healthy Birthday Treats!

A special mention for Mila's mum in Year 3. Look at these wonderful **HEALTHY** treats she brought in to celebrate Mila's birthday this week!

This is a perfect example of how to celebrate birthdays in a **Sugar Smart** way. Remember, we are happy to celebrate birthdays in class, but will not accept any unhealthy sweets, or chocolates. These will be returned back to parents/carers.



Spring Production!

Early Years Foundation Stage and Key

Stage 1 children performed a spring time Production called 'Jack and the Beanstalk!' The show helped the children to understand and value the importance of plants, growth and new beginnings which are key issues reflected during the season of spring. They worked really hard to learn their lines and songs for this performance and did a fantastic job! The children enjoyed practising the songs so much that they are still singing them now!

The main character was played by Said and this is what he said... "I was Jack in the show, which is the main character in the story. I was very proud to be this main character it was an amazing thing".



Aiden from Linden class played one of the instruments for one of the songs, he said 'I played the tambourine for the song "Off Jack went. I felt good and happy playing this instrument for this song."

Sports

Parent Run for Sports Relief

Thank you to those parents from EYFS for attending the Sports Relief run with their child. The children and staff had a fantastic time, and we're looking forward to hosting similar events in the near future.



Gymnastics

Well done to those children who participated in the gymnastics tournament last term. The children performed both a floor routine and on the vault. They showed great determination, respect and self-belief.



Free Bike Check

Bikeability will be coming into our school on Monday 14th and 22nd May 2018. They will deliver a safety workshop to the Year 4 children, and will also be available to check bikes on both days from 15:30 to 15:45.



If you would like the safety of your child's bike to be checked, please inform the school office, so we can sign you up. Places are limited, and will be based on a first come, first serve basis. The after school bike check is available to all year groups.

Sports

Sports Clubs at Woodlands Academy

So far, this term has been a fun filled term with a huge selection of after school clubs run by both our own staff and outside clubs. There has been some new clubs on the timetable such as tennis, hockey and gymnastics. If you would like to register for a club, please contact the school office for further information.



PE Kit Reminder

Both outdoor and indoor PE kits must be in school every day. Outdoor kit must include a plain white top, jogging bottoms and black plimsolls.



Young Leaders

Now the weather is beginning to change our Young Leaders have been busy organising games for the rest of the school to play. Some of the games played include shooting, throwing, catch the ball and splat the ball.



***Captain**
Dolcie-Rae*



***Vice-Captain**
Sukhmeet*



***Vice-Captain**
Hada*



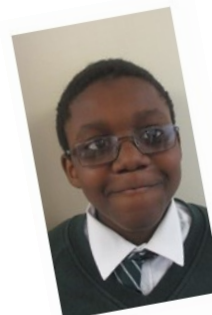
***Captain**
Tiquanie*



***Captain**
Faduma*



***Vice-Captain**
Taby*



***Captain**
Jayden*



***Captain**
Sumaya*

Sports

Swimming

Well done to those children who have received their swimming badges.

Year 4

| Name: | Distance |
|-----------|----------|
| Tanera | 20m |
| Adam | 25m |
| George | 25m |
| Hussein | 25m |
| Stacey | 25m |
| Tella | 25m |
| Thubishan | 25m |
| Ashton | 50m |
| Nikita | 50m |
| Noor | 50m |
| Jebishan | 50m |



Year 6

| Name | Distance |
|---------------|----------|
| Abdirahman. A | 100m |
| Maryam. I | 100m |
| Najma | 100m |
| Suleyman | 100m |
| Abdirahman. H | 10m |
| Exie | 10m |
| Connor | 15m |
| Kayleigh | 15m |
| Sami | 15m |
| Alman | 20m |
| Daniel | 25m |
| Maryan | 25m |
| Orlando | 25m |
| Sarah | 25m |
| Ester | 50m |
| Faduma | 50m |
| Anisa. S | 50m |
| Dean | 5m |
| Isabel | 5m |
| Jayden | 5m |

Spring in to...



During Spring term at Woodlands Academy we had a Science week called 'Spring into Science'. 'This was a week full of exploration and discovery.

We had a visit from a real life Scientist she taught us many things about Science. During an assembly we watched as she carried out different types of experiments. Some of us were able to join in and help her with them.

Then after the assembly we all took part in a workshop about adaptation. This workshop explored and answered the question of why living creatures adapted to be the way they are and it offered the pupils an exciting introduction to Darwin and his theories. Each pupil made and took home an 'adaptation butterfly'.

In class we did many different activities to help develop our understanding and knowledge about Science. We did many hands on experiments, activities and art work to show this.



MUSIC



Year 3 had the wonderful opportunity of performing alongside a real life ORCHESTRA!

A special group of volunteers (including our great Music Teacher—Mr Jones) played on instruments such as the violin & the piano. The performance lasted about an hour and told a story about a lonely lady who found happiness in a friendship she built with a donkey.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to watch. Feedback was extremely positive! We would also like to thank Ealing Music Service & Mr Jones for providing this great opportunity.

If you would like to see a little clip of the performance, be sure to check out our school Instagram page @woodlandsschoolealing

Safeguarding Tips from Miss Chaudhry!

If your child is online, please ensure you check your child's browser history. If there is no internet history available, have a discussion with your child to ask why they have chosen to delete it?

If your child is talking to someone online, ensure you know the child and the child's parent.

Be sure to check the AGE RATING of any games that your child is playing. A reminder that that the online game 'FORTNIGHT' has an age rating of 12 Years old.

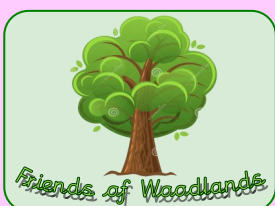
If your child has made videos of themselves which are shared online e.g. Youtube, please check them regularly and ensure they do not have any information which could identify their name and school.

Worried about anything your child does online, contact the school for advice or call the NSPCC on this number for free confidential advice on E safety:

0808 800 5002

You can also visit their website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Details of our Summer Fair will be coming out shortly.

If you would like to help in any way or have donations to give, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

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.

Safeguarding Group

This group consists of the following people:

Ms Rana (Headteacher),
Shirley Kenworthy-Wright

(Chair of Governors responsible to Safeguarding)

Miss Hasker
(Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion)

Miss Chaudhry
(Family Support Officer)

Miss Moxom
(PSHE lead)



Mrs Hamid
(Welfare & First Aid)

George (School Councillor from Y4)

Sumaya (School Councillor for Y6)

They meet regularly to discuss safeguarding concerns & how to ensure all pupils are kept safe. There will be more information on what changes have been made so far in our next newsletter.