

## Class 5



The pupils in class five have been learning about the Elements; they have been blown away by the wind, made wet by rain, explored the earth and its underground world and warmed their hands cooking with heat. The highlights of learning this term were making illuminous balloons whiz through the air as we blew them around the room with a fan, creating noisy rain storms with colanders and tin trays and digging for underground critters in the woodland area. And we even found time for some exciting excursions in the local and wider community. Our weekly library visits enabled pupils to show off their understanding of safety in the community; we have been learning about red and green lights, safe road crossing and staying with the group

At Magna, we extended our understanding of water, wind and fire. Pupils especially liked the whirlwind fire which we stayed to watch three times! We were exceptionally proud of the pupils at a multi-school volleyball tournament which we attended in March. They rose to the challenge of this busy and exciting event and played matches against four other schools. We even won a few! We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing pupils back at school for term three.

**Class 5 Team**

## Class 6



Hello from Class 6

This term the children in class 6 have enjoyed preparing for Easter and have loved making lots of decorations celebrate the coming of spring.

We have had a special visit from 'Shabang' who delivered a fantastic performance whilst engaging all the children and encourage them to join in throughout the show. The children recognised and remembered many of the songs from the last time they were in school and thoroughly joining in with the words.

Next term we will be continuing our topic learning about Sheffield and focusing more on transport around the city. In preparation we have recently spent a day on Ethel Barge, where the children had the opportunity to drive the canal boat, open locks and develop various other skills throughout the day

**Class 6 Team**

## Class 7



We have had such a busy few terms. Last half term we have been learning about our environment, towns and transport and enjoyed a trip into town to see the trains, take a tram and explore the cathedral.

We set up our classroom as a town with different places for the children to visit such as a post office, library and shop. This term we have been exploring different inventions across history such as lightbulbs and phones we have also had a go at using some of these or making our own inventions. We've also had a 'tinkering' workshop where the children have been able to take everyday objects to pieces and practise using some tools.

We all went to EIS for our annual "Sports Day" and some of us had the opportunity to go on Ethel Barge for the day. Next term we will be going on an ocean adventure, with pirates and sea creatures.

**Class 7 Team**

## Class 8



Although it has been short we have managed to pack in lots this term. Our topic is Marvellous Me. We have had fun doing hand and footprints and comparing them to the largest hand and footprints. We also measured ourselves and compared the measurements to the tallest and shortest person.

P.E this term has been either swimming or horse riding and it has been great doing either one of these activities.

As part of living well week we came off timetable and enjoyed taking part in various activities including yoga and drumming workshops and passport to fitness activities.

So far the highlight of this term has been Movefest where we performed a dance at the EIS to several schools from Sheffield and the surrounding areas. We received a fantastic response with lots of clapping and cheering.

We had science week the last week of term where we had the opportunity to take part in different workshops including science experiments, Zoolab where we got to meet all sorts of weird and wonderful creatures.

Please remember to keep in touch with us through your child's home / school diary and we aim to write to you at least twice a week to let you know what your child has been doing in school.

**Maxine, Noel, Tracey, Jenny, Rabeena and Mel.**

## Messages from the Office



**If your child has a medical or will be late to school and you require lunch you must let the school office know before 9.45am or alternatively supply a packed lunch.**

**If your child will not be in school you MUST phone the school office to let them know the reason why.**

**Happy Easter!**

**Vicky, Claire & Sam**

## Parents Corner



Please check out the school website for upcoming events and lots of other useful information at:

[www.woolleywood.sheffield.sch.uk](http://www.woolleywood.sheffield.sch.uk)



### "Dates for the Diary"

Last Day of Term:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 18**

Pupils Return to School on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 18**

**Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 18**



# WOOLLEY WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher's Message



The Spring Term has only been a short one but as you will see from the class pages it has been packed with exciting learning opportunities, class visits, special learning weeks and visitors to school!

Unfortunately the flow of the term was interrupted by 'The Beast from the East' and unfortunately we had to close school for three days due to the snow and ice. I understand the disruption that this causes for our families but I am sure you appreciate that the safety of the pupils and staff is our main priority.

We are now all looking forward to the Summer Term and the classes are already busy planning more exciting learning opportunities for the pupils to participate in.

Parents are invited to join us for our Eid Celebrations, Achievement Assembly and Parents Evening so please look out for the dates next term.

On behalf of everyone at the school I wish you all a very Happy Easter.  
**David**

## Foundation



We have had a brilliant term down in Foundation Stage. We spent lots of our time rehearsing for our performance 'Frankie's Fabulous Adventure' which was a huge success! We told the story of a bird named Frankie who wasn't sure where he belonged. The children wanted to help and decided to take him on a journey. They explored the Ocean, the Jungle, Antarctica and the hidden Dinosaur Land, none of which Frankie liked or felt were right for him. So, we decided that he belonged right here with us at Woolley Wood and that is where he has stayed.

The children did a fantastic job and the audience were full of pride for their efforts, each and every child shone like the star they are!

Our topic has been 'Growing' and we have had fun exploring the woodland area. We have enjoyed the story of 'Super Worm' and exploring messy gloop in our Investigation Area swamp.

We would like to wish you all a lovely holiday.

**From everyone in Foundation Stage**

## Class 1



All children in Class 1 have worked very hard in the past few months but don't worry, we have had some fun too! Our topic was 'Winter' and even the weather has treated us to some lessons about the snow and freezing temperatures. For our trip we have gone to Odeon cinema to watch 'Despicable Me 3' and we can just say it was a fabulous experience for the children who loved the screening and sat well to watch to watch the movie.

There were a lot of exciting things happening at school as well. Maths week, Shabang and a Live Music Now performance that was a massive hit with the children.

In the upcoming weeks we have science week planned and let me tell you, there are exciting surprises planned for the children! And to finish this term we will all be going to EIS to compete in athletics games. Watch this space!

**Have a Lovely Easter – Basia, Angela, Rachel & Ozz**

## Class 2



We've had a fun few months in Class 2! We delved down into the jungle after Christmas where we did lots of exploring in the woodland area looking for clues of what animals we would find next. We had a lovely PE lesson to the themes of the song 'animal boogie', shaking, swinging, leaping, slithering, stomping and flapping our way around the room. We explored sand, swamps and greenery in our discovery area, finding out about the different animals that live there and their habitats. We made lots of animals from just our handprints – parrots, crocodiles, peacocks, giraffes and also elephant footprints with different sponge templates. You can see our work proudly displayed outside our classroom!

We have been looking at construction; building blocks, stacking cups, lining up shapes, sorting ice cubes by colour and spreading cement. The yoga, drumming and special fitness workshops were really fun during living well week and we enjoyed going round school on passport to fitness day trying out the different throwing, kicking and moving activities each class had put outside. All the best.

**Rob, Louise, Ellen, Farzana, and Tom**

## Class 3



We have been doing our learning around the topics of 'Under the Sea' and 'Dragons and Knights'. We have really enjoyed learning about the ocean, all the different fish that live there and the story of 'Rainbow Fish'. We have had fun with the story each week, helping Rainbow Fish give out his scales and running, swimming and diving away from the scary octopus!

We have been on different trips this term; we have visited the Butterfly House where we saw lots of different animals and even Dinosaurs! We have also been on Ethel Barge where we sailed across the canal, seeing all the sights and enjoying the water beneath us.

For our 'Dragons and Knights' topic we have been experiencing the story of 'The Princess and the Dragon' where we have been roaring loud with the fearsome Princess and practicing our manners with the surprisingly docile Dragon! We have been doing lots of amazing crafts this term, making dragon's eggs, rainbow fish and the crown jewels.

**Have a great holiday - Petar, Rachel, Jackie and Mandy.**

## Class 4



Hello everyone.

We have had a fun and busy term. The children have enjoyed our topic of "buildings" especially walking around the community and observing different types of shops and houses. We are focusing on "forces and motions" at the moment and this is linking well with our preparations for our "Science week". We are looking at pushes and pulls, friction and floating and sinking in very practical ways. We are testing which objects can move the best on different surfaces and different ways of making them move. The children really enjoyed the "Shabang" visit as well as producing our own class story for world Book Day. For next half term, our topic will be "on the farm", with a focus on animals and their babies to link it in with spring. We will visit local farms to support the topic.

Hope you all have a wonderful Easter break,

**Class 4 team.**