



Woodland Grange Primary

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Spring term round up

It is hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of our Spring term. It doesn't seem five minutes since we came back from Christmas (although the weather has remained similar!) and yet we are now thinking about the Easter holidays and looking ahead to the Summer term.

It has certainly been a busy term with lots of opportunities for pupils to get involved in. Sport is always a big feature of life at WGPS. We have participated in netball competitions, tag rugby and football tournaments against other local schools. Mrs Healey and Miss Wyatt took teams from across the school to a gymnastics competition where our year 2 team came first and got the chance to compete in the final against schools across the county! Woodland Grange also entered a coding competition this term. Our school 'Code Club' designed and coded games about healthy lifestyles which they submitted by videoing themselves playing—very exciting!

We hope you have a fantastic Easter holiday!



Oak Trust

Woodland Grange is soon to become part of a new multi-academy trust working with Brookside Primary, Overdale Infants, Overdale Juniors as well as Manor High School. We are proud of our school and although most changes will be behind the scenes we are looking forward to working in partnership with these schools in the future to further enhance our teaching and learning. The Trust will be overseen by a group of members and trustees nominated and elected through the Trust.

Having your say

A huge thank you to all parents who completed our Food For Life and parent surveys recently. The views of our parents are very important to us and are key in maintaining the positive ethos of our school. We will publish the full results of both surveys very soon.

Don't forget that you can attend our Parents' Forum meetings which are held regularly in school. Look out for the next meeting in the summer term...



Cycle Smart!



The Woodland Wheelers had a tremendous time at the new **Leicester Cycle Circuit** operated by New College. We are also very pleased to notify parents that **Mr Flanagan** has completed a cycling instructor course through the Bikeright organisation. We will be looking to offer pupils some cycling proficiency training in school.

More details coming soon...

P.E. kit

A reminder that all children should have appropriate kit for both indoor (t-shirt and shorts) and outdoor (sweatshirt, joggers and trainers) P.E. in school all week as lessons may be swapped or your child may attend an after school club.

World Book Day 2018

Although we had to rearrange our World Book Day event this year (due to the bad weather) the children had a fantastic time. It was great to see the children wearing their night-time attire and sharing and enjoying their books. Reading is a fundamental skill that all children need to have. Encouraging an enjoyment of reading and books is one of the most important things you can do for your child. Read with them, to them and make time to listen to them read as well.

FoWG round up

The **Friends of Woodland Grange** have been busy again this term...

A BIG thank you to everyone that attended our family quiz night in February. It was a fun night and all that attended enjoyed testing their brain power answering the questions.

Our Mother's day event was a great success this year. Most of the children bought home a gift for someone special and we raised an incredible £900! Thank you to everyone who donated a gift and special thanks must go to **Mrs Hopewell** who organised things in school.

Next term we have our Spring discos on Friday 13th April and we are looking forward to our annual Summer Fair on Sunday July 1st.

Vacancy: FoWG are looking for a new treasurer to start from September. The role is voluntary and will include looking after FoWG accounts & banking, as well as contributing to fundraising events on general basis. (FoWG would like the new person to begin this year shadowing the existing treasurer ready for September.) If you interested please get in touch at the office.

A huge Thank you to all the Friends. They volunteer their time and energy to raise much needed funds for school.



London Marathon round up

Mr Parker is now well into his training for the London Marathon 2018. He has clocked up many miles running around Leicester and is looking forward to completing the race on Sunday April 22nd.

You can still donate online by following the link:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MelAndJames>

The chosen charity is called 'Get Kids Going!' and it's purpose is to allow disabled children and young people to participate in sport by providing specialist equipment, training and support.



Bad weather

A huge thank you to all staff who have helped to keep the school open during the bad weather we have had this term. Special thanks to **Mr Morley** who works tirelessly at school making sure the site is safe for staff, pupils and parents. **Mr Pickering** and **Mr Flanagan** have also worked hard clearing and gritting paths during the snow.

Parking outside school

As ever, we thank parents who park courteously and safely outside school. Please remember not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the gates or turn around in the school entrance at the start or end of the day. Finally can we ask all parents to remember that buses use Beaufort Way throughout the school day. Please make sure you leave enough room for them to get through when you park.

Don't forget the Grange Pub are always happy for parents to park there in the morning and afternoon; it is a two minute walk from there to school.



Food at WGPS The weather is brightening up at last and we are looking forward to getting our school garden & wildlife area back on track. We are always on the lookout for any volunteers to help with planting and weeding and last year the difference that they made was enormous. If you would like to volunteer then please contact the office.

Thank you to all the pupils who submitted a recipe for our WGPS cook book. They all sounded delicious and reflected the range of cultures. We are looking at printing options and will hope to have something ready to sell at our upcoming FoWG fun day!



Community Yoga class open to parents and the public **TUESDAY 6.30pm to 7.30pm** every week, including in the holidays, in the school hall.

All levels, including beginners are welcome.

Please bring your own yoga mat (preferably a good quality non-slip mat) and a bottle of water. The class cost is £6.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes early so the class can start on time.

If you would like to attend the class you can book a place by email:

lauriemaeyoga@gmail.com or call/text: [07715673525](tel:07715673525) OR just turn up.

Dates for your diary:

Pre-school closed: 30th March until 2nd April

Start of term: 9th April

Year 3 residential: 2nd—4th May

May Day bank holiday: 7th May

Half term: w.b. 28th May

Teacher day: 4th June

End of term: 12th July