



Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been an amazing range of creative, artistic activity in school this week and I have seen some stunning examples of the children's work. Even more importantly, the children have had a wonderful time working together and with their teachers and they have had great fun expressing their incredible imaginations.

I'd like to thank Mrs Valentine, Mrs Eldridge, Miss Winstanley, Miss List and Mrs Bailey for taking a lead organising these activities and everyone else who has so willingly thrown themselves into ensuring the children have had such a great experience!

The arts are a strong aspect of our provision at Woodloes and we commit heavily to ensure our staff are kept up to date with great ideas and skills to support the breadth and balance of the children's curriculum. Our TAs and teachers have received a lot of professional development including some training in outstanding TA and outstanding Teacher programmes which we will be accredited to deliver here to benefit Woodloes and support CPD for other schools.

We are also sad to announce that it is Mrs Sangster's last day today after 18 years at Woodloes. She is moving to live closer to her family up North and she will be a big loss to our school community. We would like to thank her for everything she has done to support so many and wish her all the best for the future!

**Andy Mitchell – Head Teacher**

## What's Going On .....

Tuesday 10th July—Year 3 Swimming  
(last session)

Wednesday 11th July—'Move Up' Day for  
Years 1-5

Thursday 12th July -  
9.15am Saplings Leavers Assembly  
6.00pm Year 6 Leavers Party

Friday 13th July—Reports to parents



This week KS2 children have been embracing their 'Inner artists'; spraying, stencilling and yarn bombing until their hearts are content.

Keep your eyes peeled for our urban art on display at the fair on Friday!

## Governor Focus

As sports day was held this week and the country is currently enjoying Wimbledon and a certain football tournament it seemed a good time to mention that governors have oversight of and monitor what the school does with the PE and sports premium funding it receives. Schools with 17 or more eligible pupils receive £16,000 and an additional payment of £10 per pupil. This funding must be used to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport on offer. There are 5 key indicators that schools should expect to see improvement across: the engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity; the profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement; increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport; broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils; and increased participation in competitive sport. A report on what Woodloes planned to use this years funding for can be found on the school website ([http://www.woodloes.com/website/pe\\_grant\\_report/129316](http://www.woodloes.com/website/pe_grant_report/129316)).

**Sue Robinson  
Chair of Governors**

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 4V & 4SM (Mrs Valentine & Mrs Skirvin) with 99.6%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.4% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 38 pupils = 10%

## What I love about Woodloes .....

Woodloes is a great school because we can do lots of fun crafts, meeting new people and making friends.

My favourite subject in school is maths.

Megan, Year 4



SWGfL suggests the following Instagram checks:



- \* Do you know if your account is private and public?
- \* Do you know how to share with a select group of your followers?
- \* Do you know who your followers are?
- \* Do you know how to block someone?
- \* Do you know how to report a post?
- \* Do you know how to delete comments?
- \* Do you know how to delete your account?

For answers to these questions and support, log on to: <https://www.swgflstore.com/collections/services-and-support/products/online-safety-audit> for a free PDF.

### Pupil Voice

(This week School council - Summer Fair)



At the time of 'going to press' final preparations are well under way for the summer fair. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this event; be it helping with preparations, help on stalls, contributions of goods, purchase of raffle tickets etc etc!

The sun is shining and we look forward to seeing lots of families enjoying the 'fun of the fair' this afternoon!

### Focus on Excellence

Year 3 recently took part in a fantastic day out at Canalside Community Farm in Radford Semele, to enhance their science learning about plants, growth and farming. The day provided them with opportunities to recreate the process of pollination, dressed as bees and flowers, plant their own French beans and explore different methods of pest control using organic systems. It was a great experience for all of the children and they are now looking after their bean plants in school.



### Other News .....

**Term Dates** With this newsletter, please find attached the School Term and Holiday Dates for 2018/19 (which includes 6 teacher training days). We will send you the usual 'Academic Year Planner' once this is finalised at the start of the autumn term, which will show important dates such as assemblies, productions etc.

**Books** Please could we ask all pupils to return reading and library books to school as soon as possible (**and no later than Friday 13th July**). Please check your child's bookbags, rucksacks, under their beds etc!

**OSCAR** If you currently have an outstanding balance, please ensure this is settled by Monday 9th July **AT THE VERY LATEST**. Also if you have not yet submitted your booking form(s) for September, please do so urgently. Places are filling up fast.

**Friends** would like to thank parents/carers for their support over the past 12 months. They are now looking forward to the year ahead and looking to recruit new members. If you are interested, please contact them via facebook, or email [friendsofwoodloes@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwoodloes@gmail.com) or leave your details with the school office. Thank you

### Extra Curricular Activities

Please note that orchestra has now finished for this term. Following the departure of Lisa Crompton from County Music Service (who is relocating down south), we will advise in due course if County Music Service are able to re-start this club in the autumn term with a new teacher. We wish Lisa all the best for her move.

Club providers are busy organising extra curricular clubs and we will forward a full schedule to you as soon as it is available. Meanwhile, as advised last week, there will be spaces from September in various clubs, notably in judo (aged 7+). If interested in judo for your child, please phone Adam Welford on 07786 923893. Classes run Wednesdays 12.20 to 1.10pm. Also, Dramalings have 5 spaces starting in the autumn term. If anyone is interested or would like more information, contact Sam at [hellodramalings@hotmail.com](mailto:hellodramalings@hotmail.com) (Years 1 to 6. Class runs Wednesdays 3.25 to 4.20pm).