



Dear Parents and Carers,

The clocks have gone back and there are many events taking place currently that reflect the changing seasons and time of year. A highly effective school curriculum should always reflect and respond to these external factors and this week we have seen children celebrating Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. It was lovely to see the children in Year 1 enjoying a Diwali day, sampling food and learning about traditional stories and they will be sharing their experiences with everyone in assembly with me next week.

To mark the centenary of the end of the first World War, the children across the school have been making poppies from old plastic bottles and a lovely installation has started to take shape on the school field which I hope you will all get to see. The culmination of this work on Remembrance Day was a showcase of poetry, songs and artwork in the hall this afternoon which was simply fantastic. Congratulations to all the staff and children for their wonderfully thoughtful work and to our Arts Team for pulling all of this together, with a specific mention for Miss Winstanley who has taken a leading role this week.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell– Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 12th November -
Class RL 8.45am to 9.30am—Stay & Play

Tuesday 13th November -
Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 14th November—
9.00am Year 5 Assembly

Thursday 15th November—
Class RE 8.45am to 9.30am—Stay & Play

Friday 16th November—
2.40pm Achievement Assembly: Years 2, 4, 6 & RE

Year 6 we have been learning the poem: Flander's Fields, written by John McCrea. It describes the setting of the war-field, the soldiers' injuries - some fatal - and how we remember and show respect for those who have fought in wars. On Wednesday, we worked with Year 2 to make poppies for our Remembrance week. Written by Zach, Year 6



Governor Focus

As the school's Governor who is responsible for maths, I had the opportunity in October to meet with the school's maths lead, Mrs Khaira. We discussed in detail how her and her team work hard in ensuring that the school's Learning Improvement Plan is being implemented in this area of teaching and learning. This includes, but is not limited to, working on maths mastery development, increasing attainment and further increasing parent engagement. I am very pleased to say that their hard work is already evident and plans for the rest of the year are well formed.

(Michael Loizou, Parent Governor)

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week before half term—Class 3W (Miss Winstanley) with 100%!

Highest class attendance for 1st half Autumn Term—Class 3W again with 98.55!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 188 pupils = 48.6%

What I love about Woodloes

At Woodloes one of my favourite free time things is the play equipment—especially the castle!
Ruby, Year 4



eSafety

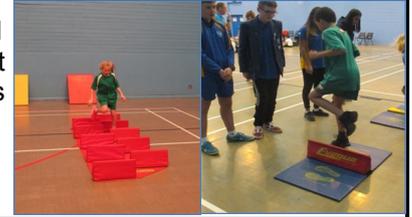
Check your child's Roblox account and inbox. In the past, there have been reported incidences of inappropriate messages sent to children.

Recommended KS1 app: Crazy Maths Adventure, ages 6+. Do you want to be a maths hero? Battle monsters and capture the spells that have been turning the population into animals, vehicles and even hot air balloons! Defeat the 'Bad Dude' who is up in the castle with your Year 1 and 2 maths skills.

Pupil Voice (Sports News)



A huge well done to two Year 6 pupils who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics afternoon on Monday. They competed in events such as indoor javelin, timed side-jumps, shot-put and hurdles. "It was such great fun!"



Focus on Excellence

After enjoying studying the delicious topic of chocolate during the first half term of the Autumn Term and producing some excellent work linked to this, in the second half of this term we will be exploring the life and times of highwaymen within the topic Stand and Deliver.

Year 5 pupils have also already taken an active role in the implementation and development of the DR ICE principles at Woodloes. This has been evident in their eagerness to lead clubs to add value to others as well as their own learning and their development of personalised resources that are used regularly during lessons.

Mrs Barlow, Mrs Stevens and Mr Clark are also very proud of the pupils' engagement with the Accelerated Reader Program. After a staggered start, our combined words quizzed (for the first half of the Autumn Term) reached in excess of 3.5 million words.

Well done Year 5, we look forward to seeing your continued attainment and progress during the year. We also look forward, along with your parents and carers, to seeing the year group assembly which you have written next Wednesday.

Other News

Performances

Following a review of health & safety procedures in school, access to assemblies/performances that take place in either of the school halls will now be directly through the external gate to the hall(s) and not via the school office. We would therefore ask you to please wait by the gate, when attending the above events (unless we advise otherwise) and the gate will be opened shortly before each performance/assembly.

Thank you

Uniform

We disposed of an awful lot of items at the end of last half term which were sadly **unlabelled** and therefore unable to be returned to their owner(s). As we start the second half of this term, PLEASE could we ask you to ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled. Children (and parents) get very upset when items go astray, but we can't help if such items do not have names in them. Thank you

Children In Need

Please see posters around the school advertising this event next Friday, 16th November. Pupils invited to wear NON UNIFORM and also 'ears'. A recommended £1.00 donation for the privilege, for this very worth cause, is suggested!

Salvation Army

During half term, our staff took all of your food donations over to the Salvation Army in Leamington Spa. They were extremely pleased with all of the foodstuffs/other items and would like to express their thanks on behalf of those people in need that will benefit greatly from these very kind donations.