



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen a return to normality and there have been some great examples of how Woodloes operates in the wider community. On Wednesday we had 30 delegates here to attend maths training facilitated by the school for colleagues from other primary schools in the central and southern area. This is a great example of schools working together to share expertise and is something that we are committed to develop more and more. Our visitors were also very complimentary about the welcoming, professional ethos of our school!

Year 2 had a wonderful time at the Sealife Centre this week and have returned to school inspired to learn more. This is a great example of collaboration between home and school to provide our children with memorable learning opportunities and I'd like to thank everyone who worked hard on the logistics and supervision to make this a success.

Our parents evenings are next week and we are looking forward to seeing you all. This is an invaluable opportunity to share our observations of your child's learning and development with you which is key to maintaining great progress.

Thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell– Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 12th March 3.30pm Maths Meeting for parents/carers

Wednesday 14th March—
9.00am Year One Assembly

5.30-8.00pm Parents Evening (1 of 2)

Thursday 15th March -
1pm Year 5 Netball Tournament

3.30-6.00pm Parents Evening (2 of 2)

Congratulations to Riley Year 6, for his super story entered in to the World Book Day competition. He worked really hard to include exciting detail which conjured up all sorts of imaginative pictures in our heads. Congratulations, a well-deserved prize of Samuel Langley-Swain's new book.



Governor Focus

This week we hear from Michael Loizou, Parent Governor:

I have been a parent governor since last October, having two children at Woodloes, one in Saplings and one in Year 1. I am also the governor responsible for Maths, as I have worked in the areas of education, computers and mathematics for several years.

I am very passionate about improving the education provided to our children but also, very importantly, in making sure that the school is a safe and enjoyable environment in which they can grow, learn and make lifelong friendships.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RS (Mr Mitchell in lieu of Mrs Stevens) with 97.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 69 pupils = 17%

What I love about Woodloes

I like Woodloes Primary School because of the fun and challenging work, just the way I like it! The fun and clever teachers help me to achieve my goals.
Luca 6B



We like to keep our children safe by knowing what they're doing online, but we can also have conversations with them about knowing potential dangers and how to stay safe on the internet. The NSPCC (nspcc.org.uk) offers advice on how to begin conversations with your child and what to do if you're worried about online safety.

Recommended app: YouTube kids - We know our children love to watch videos on YouTube, yet not everything on this social media site is appropriate for children. Google has made a child-friendly app which filters before viewing, and tries its best to make sure they only see what is appropriate.

Pupil Voice

(This week—School Council)



School council are organising a double fundraiser on Friday 23rd March for **Sports Relief** and **Birmingham Children's hospital**. We are inviting all children to wear their sports gear for the day and, as a whole school, we will be running a mile in the morning. In support of Birmingham Children's Hospital (a charity brought forward by Chloe, Year 5) we will also be wearing bandages on that day to show our support and raise funds. All donations welcome and the money will be split equally between the two charities. School council will also be selling wristbands with Sports Relief 2018 on them (£1 each). Look out for the posters in class windows advertising this event further!

Focus on Excellence



The focus for Year One this half term in science is Plants. The children used their observational skills to look and talk about a range of plants, flowers and seeds using magnifying glasses! The children then worked in Kaagan groups to record their ideas. The Year 1's thoroughly enjoyed working as a team to identify as many plants and flowers as they could.

Other News

World Maths Day (Monday 12th March)

Linked to World Maths Day, there will be a pupil assembly and follow-up whole school (Reception to Year 6) enterprise linked activity with the focus being: how much profit can we make from a £10.00 float? Friends have kindly provided each year group with their float; this will be used to purchase resources or items to sell during that week.

During Friday's assembly, we will share the activities which have been carried out and the profit made. After the money has been counted and banked, each year group will be given the exact amount they made to spend on Maths resources.

6 part lesson information evening for parents

Please remember that on Monday 12th March at 3.30pm, there will be a parent information evening linked to the introduction of the 6 part Maths lesson (as mentioned in the recent letter).

Maths lesson drop in session for parents

To give you the chance to see Maths in action at Woodloes Primary School, there will be a drop in session on Tuesday 20th March between 11 and 11.45am. Only those who have returned the slips will be able to attend.

[If you have not returned completed slip \(and wish to attend\), please do so on/before the end of the school day on Monday 12th March.](#)

Parents Evening As mentioned in the 'What's Going On' section of this newsletter, Parents Evening is taking place next week (Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March). You will have received a letter regarding this and how to log into your VLE account to book an appointment with your child's teacher. Please ensure you do this as soon as possible to ensure you get your required time slot (the booking screen will close at 5.00pm next Monday). If, for any reason, you can't find your log in details, please speak to the school office and they will re-set your log in details for you.