



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see so many of you at the curriculum meetings held this week: I hope you have found the information useful and feel more confident about how to support your children's learning this year. As I have mentioned previously, the big push for this year is in maths and reading. A challenge for our school community is to change the way we sometimes perceive maths as a difficult subject and I am keen for us all to model positive conversations about maths and the use of numbers in our everyday lives. If we can embrace a positive approach towards maths and problem solving, not only will we be helping our own children but we will be helping to change some outdated attitudes towards maths and numbers in general.

Reading is also incredibly important and I would encourage everyone to try to set some quality time aside to share a book or a story with their children every day or as often as possible. Reading and the discussion of what has been read, is crucial in the development of vocabulary and understanding and there has been a lot of research to show that increasing a child's vocabulary improves their capacity for learning. Our capacity to learn is expandable and the 'size' of our vocabulary is a good indicator of cognitive development so if you want to help your child to become a genius then learning and understanding more words is a very good start.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell—Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 24th September -
6.00pm Marle Hall Meeting

Tuesday 25th September—
Year 5 Swimming

Thursday 27th September -
6.00pm Reception Curriculum Meeting

Friday 28th September—
Macmillan Coffee Morning
(letter sent out last week with full details)

Last Thursday (September 13th) Year 4's celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday by participating in a range of activities. The day was brought to life with the children making 'Plush Nuggets' from one of Roald Dahl's book titled Revolting Recipes! Thank you to Mrs Bolt and Mrs Langley for their support.



Governor Focus

Last week we mentioned that the local governing body had met to plan the year ahead and assign governor roles and responsibilities. The following governors are responsible for overseeing these key areas: 1. Safeguarding - Louisa Farino (Community Governor) ; Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) - Ed McMillan (Parent Governor); Pupil Premium - Ed McMillan (Parent Governor); Health & Safety - Mick Potter (Community Governor) and Assessment/Performance - Mitch Reynolds & Sue Robinson (Community Governors). Please remember to let us know if you know anyone who is interested in filling the vacancy of community governor on our governing body.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Classes 6L & RE (Miss List & Miss Evans) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.4% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 326 pupils = 84%

What I love about Woodloes

I like all the work we do and I like English, because I like writing stories and I like writing reports!

Ella



Our online safety message from the Year 6 Online Safety Committee this week is:



“Do not play games or watch films that are rated above your age; they may contain inappropriate language, actions or images.”

We like the App: Spelling Free – you can type the words you need to learn. It gives you practice sessions and then the option to test yourself.

Pupil Voice This week—School Council



The school council team for this academic year have now been elected. They met for the first time this week to get to know each other and talk about our first fundraiser which, as you know, is the MacMillan Coffee morning (see further details in ‘Other News’).

Meanwhile, our new members are
1V Jaxon & Skylar, 1E Rhianna & Adam
2M Jack & Dotty, 2B Harvey & Sophia
3LA Chloe & Jake, 3W Lily & Maria
4SM Kyle & Ellie, 4K Izzy & Lizzie
5C Harry & Niamh, 5SB Ellis & Parri
6Bu Ffion & Freya, 6L Chloe & Harman

Focus on Excellence

Year 3 have shown themselves to be remarkable readers already this year. They have made an excellent start to using Accelerated Reader and are regularly reading and quizzing their books. Linked to the topic of Stone Age Boy, they have also been reading Stig of the Dump and are developing great discussion, summarising and prediction skills. We have been really impressed with the children’s ability to make comparisons between the books we are studying and the books that they have previously read. After our initial focus upon narrative texts, we will be reading poetry; we look forward to hearing how the children rise to the challenge of preparing and performing a variety of poems.

Other News

Macmillan Coffee Morning As advised last week, this event is taking place next Friday, 28th September. **We really need your help!!** Can you help us set up/serve tea & coffee/cake on the day? Please let the school office know. This is always a popular event and, with your help, we hope to make it the BIGGEST and best yet! Also, we look forward to receiving cake donations either Thursday 27th September, or first thing on the Friday morning (28th September). Please refer to the separate flyer that was sent out last week regarding the timings for your child’s class. We do hope that you are able to attend and support this very worthy cause!

OSCAR Please note that OSCAR now have a new email address—Oscar@welearn365.com

Friends Can you spare a little time to join our PTA? We are looking for new members (both new and existing parents) to attend Friends meetings, help arrange events, help on the day of events, give ideas etc etc! You do not have to make a huge time commitment; even just offering a small amount of time will make a huge difference to our school! Any support is always appreciated. For further information, email friendsofwoodloes@gmail.com or the school admin5207@welearn365.com Thank you

Music Tuition There are currently spaces for Strings tuition, which takes place in school every week and is led by Warwickshire Music and is available to children in KS2. If interested, please speak to the school office for further details (lessons are chargeable).

Extra Curricular

Please note GoGo Makers will now be re-starting in the Spring Term for Reception, Years One & Two. Flyers will be sent out in due course.

As advised in last weeks’ newsletter, Orchestra re-starts on Monday (24th September) for pupils who have been playing an instrument for 12+ months. It will run from 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear your views on the School Health & Wellbeing Service. You are encouraged you to visit the website and complete the survey before the closing date of 12th October 2018: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/school-health-and-wellbeing-service/>