

Woodfield School

Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 8RL

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers

It is lovely to see everyone back in school after the half term break. We've embarked on our 'Beach' topic with enthusiasm, and all of our pupils enjoyed the beach-themed workshops run last week by the Embracing Arts organisation. It is also good to see more of our pupils accessing the community again, with several small groups going out on trips to the Zoo, a neighbouring Special School for a sporting event and to Oaklands College for a transition visit. We also have a group travelling to Colnbrook School for their Dance Festival on Monday, and trips planned for the end of our topic.

You will be aware that we have two long-standing members of staff moving on from Woodfield School. Ian Burgess, Deputy Headteacher, will be retiring in the summer, and Vicki Jeffery, Middle Leader for Lower School, is moving to an advisory post in Buckinghamshire. We are also saying goodbye to Karen Gibson and Paul Worden, both currently class teachers in Upper School. We are very sorry to see them go, and we wish them all well in their new endeavours. We will make sure that pupils, staff and parents get an opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to all of them before the end of term.

I am delighted that we have already recruited two new permanent teachers, Polly Hobley and Shena Lee, to Classes 12 and 8. We will also be welcoming two new members of the Senior Leadership Team. Sheree Moss will join us in July and will be our Pastoral Lead. Marina Perianez will join us in September and will be the Assistant Headteacher for Upper School. We have fully recruited to all class teacher posts for September, and we will share the details of which class teacher will be leading which class once we have allocated all the pupils to their classes in early July.

Our Sports Days this year will run on Tuesday 11th July for Lower School, Wednesday 12th July for Middle School and Thursday 13th July for Upper School.

I hope that you and your family enjoy the summer sun over the weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Sports Day.

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DIARY DATES

Mon 19th June—Colnbrook Dance Festival

Mon 26th June—Year 13's Living Live Event

Sports Days 1.30pm—2.45pm— Parents Welcome

Tues 11th July—Lower School

Wed 12th July—Middle School

Thur 13th July—Upper School

Fri 21st July—1pm Finish—End of Summer Term



Headteacher Awards



	9th June	16th June
Class 1	James	Rosetta
Class 2	Rebecca	Elliott
Class 3	Maisie	Ibrahim
Class 4	Tyler	Antonia
Class 5	Ana	Corey
Class 6	—	Aiden T
Class 7	Maida	Njoki
Class 8	Oliver	Sean
Class 9	Christian	Thanish
Class 10	Jordan	Hanna
Class 11	Sienna H	Ellie
Class 12	—	James, Lauren
Class 14	Naomi	Lewis

Well Done



School Trips

Whipsnade Zoo

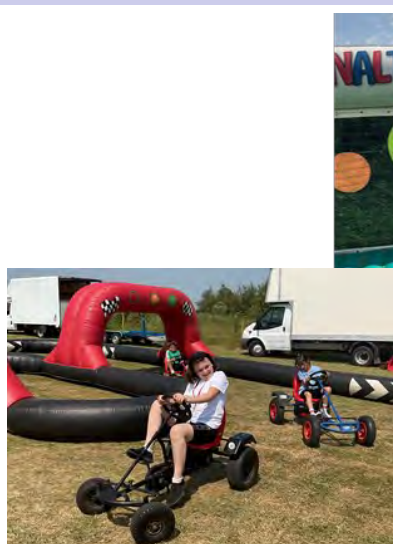
A small group of pupils from lower school had the opportunity to visit Whipsnade Zoo this week as part of the Rotary Club Kids Out experience day. We were very lucky to experience a ride on the train, visit the petting farm, butterfly house and drive through the deer park as well as seeing lots of animals on foot too. We are very grateful to Berkhamsted Rotary Club for inviting us on this wonderful trip.



Sports Experience Day

A few students went on a sports experience day. We tried go-karting, football, table tennis.

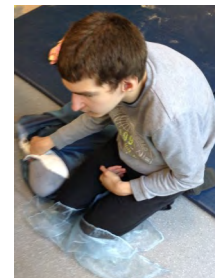
We were very proud of our students and how they conducted themselves in a new environment.



Other School Activities

Embracing Arts Workshop

As part of our 'Beach' topic our opening event was the beach-themed workshops run last week by the Embracing Arts organisation. All of our pupils really enjoyed it.



NEWS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Class 1 have been learning to exploring objects related to the beach and how they can be used, for example shells, sand, beach balls and sun hats. We have also been working on 1:1 correspondence; understanding what a number represents, organising items into categories and exploring water play to keep us cool! We were lucky enough to have a visit from Embracing Arts who explored a sensory story through play.



Class 2 have enjoyed exploring our new topic of the seaside, all pupils showed lots of engagement in our opening event. Embracing Arts Workshop was a creative session where pupils were able to explore a wide variety of props. We have also had a focus on developing our understanding of the world by going on a walk to the local park. Pupils have been learning about walking safely with an adult, responding to simple instructions and expressing their likes and dislikes through their own personalised communication systems.



Class 3 have had a fabulous time with Embracing Arts. The children really embrace being under the sea and meeting a number of sea creatures. They thoroughly enjoyed the songs along with the group experience.

The trip to Whipsnade Zoo was a great success. The children came back very happy, content and exhausted from a busy day out meeting different animals and did extremely well with the hot weather.



Class 4 returned with enthusiasm after the half term break. We started our new topic of beaches/seaside and have enjoyed reading a new book during guided reading sessions.

We have had opportunities to explore sand and learn how to make sandcastles during our free time as well as making use of our role play corner, where we have been dressing up in swim wear in preparation for a day at the beach. This has linked in with our PSHE lessons where we are learning about beach safety and what measures we can take to be as safe as possible.

Class 4 were also lucky to have an Emerging Arts workshop come to visit last week, the children enjoyed exploring materials and learning new songs about the beach.



Class 5 have been enjoying our new topic 'The Beach'. We have enjoyed building sandcastles and we are now looking at using magnets to search for 'treasure' in the sand. We have also enjoyed lots of water play to cool us down in this hot weather. We were lucky to have the 'Embracing Arts' workshop. The children enjoyed the music/singing and the sensory side of pretending to be in sea with sea creatures! In PE we are beginning to practise for sports day! It has been getting very competitive.

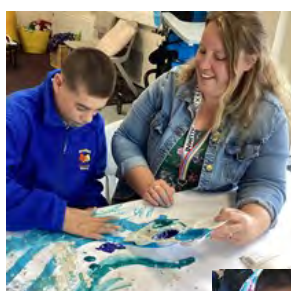


NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Class 6 have had great first two weeks back and have loved the introduction to their new topic 'seaside'. We have done some amazing activities and had a visit from Embracing Arts for our opening event which class 6 really enjoyed. We have had sand activities and lots of water fun as well as looking at foods we eat at the seaside.



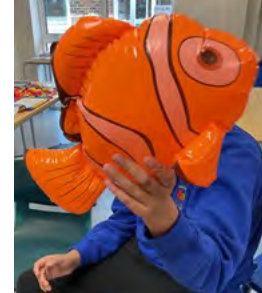
Class 7 have had a fabulous start on our topic 'Seaside and Beaches'. We loved our opening event with Embracing Arts fantastic engagement in creative sensory experiences from 'under the sea'. We have been loving exploring sand, edible sand and water using them with tools developing our Maths and physical skills. We have enjoyed making requests for our new seaside themed songs. We have been exploring objects about the beach and using our communication skills to communicate and comment about them. We have been using different textures to paint with brushes and our hands creating our own waves!



Class 8. During these past few weeks, class 8 have been exploring our new topic of the sea-side and the beach. We have colour mixed and created scenes, explored colour with texture and print. The children even had a visit from Embracing Arts, who did an expressive session with them. This then inspired the class to create jelly fish out of mixed media and junk.

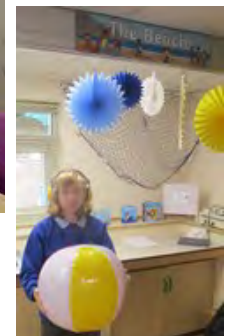


Class 9 have really enjoyed our new topic about the Seaside. We loved taking part in the opening event and really enjoyed learning new songs about the Seaside. We have been taken part in sensory art, working to create pictures about the seaside using sand and shells, and we have worked to explore sand and make our own healthy ice creams.



NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

Class 10 have been very creative over the last two weeks. We all loved the multisensory Embracing Arts workshop - the fun resources and props brought our new topic to life. In our Expressive Art and Design lessons, we have been designing our own textured beachscape pictures. We used sand, paint and glue to create the desired effect and we were really proud of our finished art work, which we have displayed in class. Everyone has enjoyed exploring the new seaside themed resources both inside and outside, such as the shells, sand, pool, inflatables and ice cream role play station. Our new range of fiction and non-fiction topic books have also been very popular. In Touch and Taste, we have been communicating our preferences and using adjectives to describe a range of foods, tastes and textures. Our seaside themed food and drinks have included crabsticks, chips and ice lollies.



Class 11 students have had a busy couple of weeks, they were all happy to be back at school after a relaxing break. Some of the students have been going out into the community to independently chose drinks/snacks and milk. We had also enjoyed making our beach theme display, some of the students really engaged having their hands painted to make fish. We also had some other students form different classes wanting to help with the display.



Class 12 have had a brilliant time making ice lollies and then enjoyed sampling their hard work, using them to cool down in the heat this week.



Class 14 have been very busy since returning from half term! We have embraced our new 'Seaside/Beaches' topic and have particularly enjoyed making our own ice cream and beach style bracelets. During our functional skills learning and work related learning we have continued to develop our independence skills with cooking, cleaning, gardening and work in the Coffee Shop and Charity Shop. Some of us have been continuing to develop our community and road safety skills and we enjoyed a trip to 'The Range' to look at and choose beach themed activities. We also all enjoyed the 'Embracing Arts' workshop which was a fantastic way to launch our new topic.



In Other News

Congratulations Oli



Oli in class 8 attended his first ever dressage competition last week and placed 2nd. Mum is very proud.
He's now off to the National RDA Championships!
Well done, an amazing achievement.

Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Parents coffee morning

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

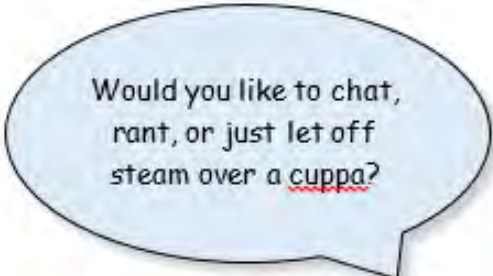
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rant, or just let off
steam over a cuppa?



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parents/carers and
share stories, advice
and a few laughs!

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Other parents, talk to professionals, or simply drop in for a coffee and
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charge.

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