

# Woodfield School

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers

We have had a busy couple of weeks, starting with the Dance Festival at Colnbrook School, which are group took part in alongside three other local special schools and four mainstream schools. We are very proud of everyone who took part.

All of our classes have been enjoying their beach topic, and several groups have already embarked on a trip linked to this, including the Class 6/10 group that went to Ruislip Lido last week and this week. We were very impressed with how well the pupils in the group listened to adult instructions and how they kept themselves safe, as well as having fun together.

As promised, new class groups and staffing will come out to you next week. We aim to start transitioning next week, with pupils and staff in their new classes for the final two weeks of term.

I hope that you and your family have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Sports Day.

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## DIARY DATES

**Sports Days** 1.30pm—2.45pm— Parents Welcome

Tues 11th July—Lower School

Wed 12th July—Middle School

Thurs 13th July—Upper School

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



## Headteacher Awards



Here are the remaining Headteacher awards for this term



	23rd June	30th June
Class 1	Thomas	Archie
Class 2	Liam	Michael
Class 3	Vinnie	Teddy
Class 4	Joshua	—
Class 5	Evelyn	Palwasha
Class 6	—	—
Class 7	Maida	Samuel
Class 8	Zaara	Alessia
Class 9	—	—
Class 10	—	Abby, Isobel
Class 11	—	—
Class 12	—	—
Class 14	—	—

# Well Done



## School Trips

### Class 6 & 10 trips to Ruislip Lido

Class 6 and class 10 did joint trips to Ruislip Lido and great fun was had by all!!!





## NEWS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

**Class 1** have really enjoyed exploring ice cream flavours through touch and taste sessions, with some of us learning to make our own ice cream cones. We have also enjoyed another visit from the therapy ponies and have been practising hard for sports day, learning when to start and stop!



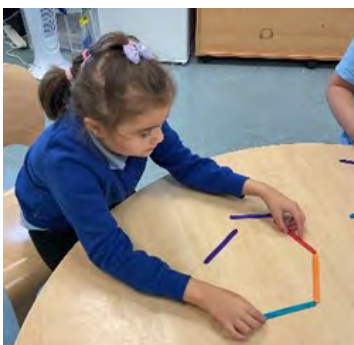
**Class 2** have continued to enjoy learning about the seaside and beaches topic. We have had a class beach set up within our provision which pupils have shown lots of curiosity. We have been learning to engage in small group activities with peers. Some of Class 2 have been on a trip to the Natural History Museum in Tring to see sea animals close up. We are looking forward to returning with the rest of the class pupils in the coming weeks.



**Class 3** have had a busy few weeks progressing through the term with our Beach theme. The children have enjoyed inflatable sea creatures, Water themes in the Sensory room and exploring in the Sensory garden. Carrying on with our sensory topic we are looking forward to our closing party and the lovely weather is helping us develop our termly theme.



**Class 4** have been enjoying the beach theme topic over the past two weeks, we have been exploring different materials during expressive arts and design sessions. The children have especially enjoyed making beach scenes using Lego. During maths sessions we have been looking at shapes, the children have been learning to make shapes using different amount of lolly sticks and then have been able to recognise what shape they are by counting the number of sides they have. Class 4 have also been making trips to the local park to practice the skills of walking sensibly and following directions.





**Class 5.** As part of our continuous provision, we have been looking at using kitchen utensils as intended and following instructions. We have been learning to scoop ice-cream and make bread. This is applying our fine and gross motor that we have been developing over the last few months.

Class 5 have really made great progress with our play skills. Our pupils have become so friendly and comfortable with each that they play and share toys. They have taken an interest in each other, and we will often have small groups of children laughing with each other or making faces to initiate an interaction.



## NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Class 6** have had so much fun exploring our seaside topic. Last week we had our first trip to Ruislip Lido to explore the beach and splash park. The children loved this and had an amazing time. We have also had lots of fun with sand in class which has helped us work on our PSHE lessons and working well with our peers. We are really looking forward to the next few weeks continuing to explore this topic.



**Class 7** have been exploring different objects and experiences related to the seaside as part of our topic. We have continued to enjoy waterplay with our peers, and have been learning to play and share together. We have used our senses to explore natural items and sorted these into different groups on our own and with our peers. We have enjoyed navigating and walking to the sensory garden and working on our physical development targets. We have visited the coffee shop and used our communication skills to communicate what we would like.



**Class 8** have been continuing our learning about the seaside. We have enjoyed using the sensory room to create a multisensory story experience when reading our topic book and we really enjoyed making an ice-cream stand for our role play area. Everyone has enjoyed using the money in maths to buy ice creams and using our voices or vocabulary aids to take each others orders. We have also been experimenting with giant bubbles, measuring how much water and liquid we need to make the biggest bubbles.





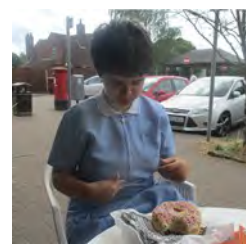
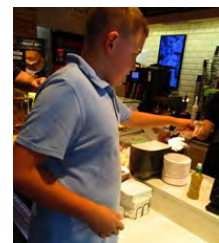
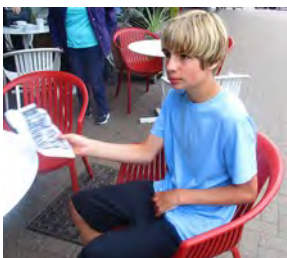
**Class 9** have been exploring the different foods you may find at the Seaside. We had a great touch and taste session exploring some of the different foods and flavours you may find when you visit the Seaside. As part of the topic we learned to make our own healthy ice cream. We even managed to make a vegan ice-cream.



## NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

**Class 10** have been working in small groups and learning to follow directions to keep themselves safe in the community. Pupils have enjoyed walking to Simmons to buy a drink and snack and have paid close attention when walking by the road and using the pedestrian crossing. We have also been learning about ways to keep ourselves safe around water (such as ponds, lakes, the sea etc) - a really important life skill. We have been able to use this knowledge during our visits to Ruislip Lido with Class 6. All the pupils and staff who went had a fabulous time together!

In school, pupils have been developing their independence and work-related learning skills by following visual lists when distributing the weekly shopping, as well as using their fine motor skills to prepare their own rolls to eat.

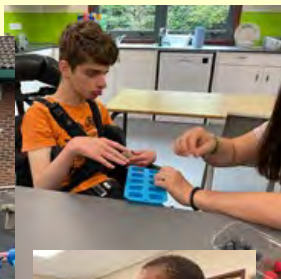




**Class 11** students again have had a busy couple of weeks. Some of the students have been going out into the community. We have also enjoyed continuing our beach theme display within class. The class have been enjoying making smoothies and making ice lollies. Some of the students have continued to enjoy our weekly Zumba session. The students have continued to enjoy the continuous provision, exploring sand with different materials.



**Class 12** have been really busy developing their maths skills, successfully identifying everyday coins and then putting this into practice when paying for items with visits to the local shops and school coffee shop. They have enjoyed some nice walks around the school grounds, and they have used the school equipment to help them with their physical development. In the kitchen we have been doing science experiments, turning water from a liquid to a solid and working out how to get the fruit out of the ice cubes. The class also really enjoyed the group activity of icing biscuits and decorating them with sprinkles. We have been lucky to have visits from the ponies, our weekly music class and the learn live event, for the students to discuss their plans for the future.

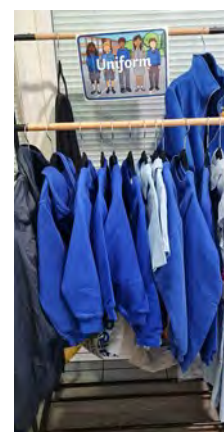


**Class 14** have been very busy this past fortnight and have been enjoying our beach topic. We have been learning to make beach bracelets during bead therapy sessions and some of us have been enjoying making frozen yoghurt ice creams. We have also been learning to extend our functional skills tasks. Some of us have been learning to wash windows! We have been learning how to use the squeegee and window spray to ensure the windows are sparkling. Some of us have been continuing to work hard in the Coffee Shop and Charity shop.



## Coffee Shop

In the Woodfield Coffee Shop, we have a selection of second-hand uniform for sale. Please feel free to come and have a look or let us know what you would like and we can have a look to see if we have any. We also accept donation of clean and tidy uniform to re-sale. Behind the scenes in the Coffee shop the students work really hard prepping and checking stock and making shopping list to ensure the running of the coffee shop so smoothly.



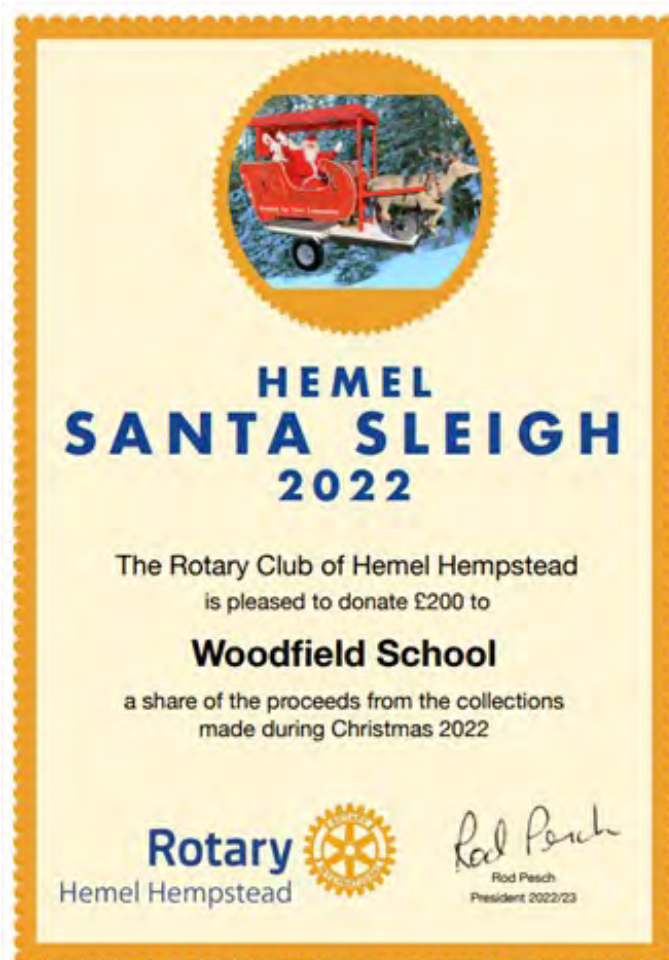


### In Other News

#### New Parent Governor

Woodfield School and the Governors would like to welcome Stephen Baldwin as the new Parent Governor

#### Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club Donation



**Thank You to Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club for their donation of £200 to Woodfield School, from the collections made during the Santa Sleigh travels in 2022.**

## Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Hi. Following on from our slot in the last newsletter we have received some testimonials from parents regarding coffee mornings as seen below....

I love going after drop off meeting with other parents that totally get it, it's a safe space to laugh, cry and just have a general catch up on what is what - I would honestly be lost without it!

My child is still in mainstream school doing reduced hours, which can be difficult in so many ways. I'm so glad I discovered the coffee mornings at Woodfield, they have been a really positive experience for me to get socializing with likeminded parents, and a great resource for help and advice.

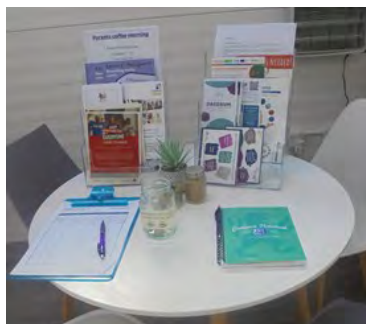
It's a nice relaxing environment to unwind and chat about our wonderful children as well as a place to seek 1:1 advice from the lovely Gemma and Lauren who run it. Additionally, it's nice way to have a small view on what Woodfield school is like also the coffee is also very good!

As a parent of a child at Woodfield, I find these coffee mornings invaluable in just being able to chat to other parents/carers who understand the ups and downs of life with a SEN child. Gemma and Lauren are so welcoming and are always on hand to offer any help when it comes to SEN information. They have organised some helpful talks from various professionals within SEN which I have found really useful.



### Upcoming workshops..

- Carers in Herts attending pcm Wed 5th July
- OT and SALT attending pcm Wed 12th July
- 'Special Treat' Wed 19th July



### Autumn term workshops include..

DS Achieve  
Family Centre service  
Services for young people  
Dental team  
more to be confirmed....



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## **Parents coffee morning**

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

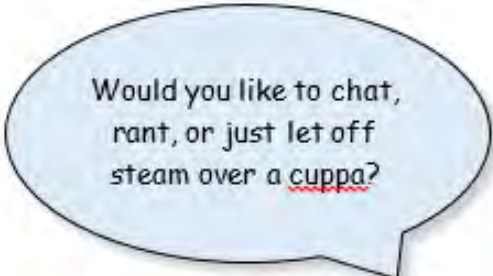
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Would you like to chat,  
rant, or just let off  
steam over a cuppa?



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

Whether your child is at mainstream school or a special school,  
Diagnosed or undiagnosed, you are welcome to come along and meet  
Other parents, talk to professionals, or simply drop in for a coffee and  
meet new friends who also have a child with special educational needs.  
We also hold a range of informal workshops on a range of topics free of  
charge.

ALL WELCOME - JUST COME ALONG

Free tea, coffee and biscuit! Fancy something special?  
Our coffee shop has a lovely range of teas, coffee and treats.  
We accept cash and card.