

# Woodfield School

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well into our Weather and Seasons theme, and we have had the weather to go with it! Our pupils have had opportunities to experience different weather first hand and to access learning related to our theme through music, stories and hands-on activities. All of our pupils have had the opportunity to access the community through visits from external organisations and through trips out into the local community. Please bear with us while one of our minibuses is repaired—we will run as many of our usual trips out as we can.

It has been good to see some new faces at the Parent Coffee Morning—please make sure that you use your voucher on Wednesdays between 9 and 10am—it's always lovely to see you, even if it's just for a quick cup of tea and a catch up! We have two workshops coming up on Sensory Differences (5th February) and Puberty for Boys (5th March) - all parents and carers are welcome—please see below for more details.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes,

*K. Mann. Carr*

## DIARY DATES

**February Half-Term - Mon 17th - Mon 24th Feb  
- return on Tues 25th Feb**

**World Book Day - Thurs 6th Mar— details to follow**

**Opportunities Evening - Thurs 13th Mar - Year 9  
and above—details to follow**

**Comic Relief - Fri 21st Mar - details to follow**

**Close for Easter - Fri 4th April - 1PM**



**Headteacher Awards**

	<b>Awards for 24th January</b>
Class 1	Nola - for engaging well in story sessions.
Class 2	Rebecca – for concentration in work tasks.
Class 3	Rosetta – Working hard in maths, learning to organise and sort items.
Class 4	Antonia - for sharing space with others.
Class 5	Finlay - for sing his hello song beautifully.
Class 6	Charlie - for trying his best to access the pool outside of school.
Class 7	Maida - for working really hard.
Class 8	Archie - for Doing something amazing, taking part in new activates, Working really hard ad achieving his targets.
Class 9	Conor - Amazing participation in class .
Class 10	Laila - for helping in the classroom.
Class 11	Ava - for helping staff, making outstanding progress, doing something amazing and working really hard.
Class 12	Zohi - for good transitions and coming into class more.
Class 14	Julia- sharing feelings and ideas, making outstanding progress, working really hard, taking part in a new activity and doing so well at the gym! Ethan-sharing feelings and ideas, helping friends, helping staff, being kind to others, working really hard and helping staff with the Zones of Regulation
Coffee Shop	Jordan - for doing well with his new jobs.



**WELL DONE**



**Headteacher Awards**

	<b>Awards for 31th January</b>
Class 1	Marley - for getting more confident in the pool.
Class 2	Muhammad – for recognising his name.
Class 3	Charlee – Making good progress using eye gaze.
Class 4	Tyler - for sharing space with others.
Class 5	Jamie - for good sharing with his peers.
Class 6	Aaron - for having a positive outlook at school and joining in with activities.
Class 7	Evelyn - for working well with others.
Class 8	Aiden T - for working really hard, being kind to others, helping staff and sharing with friends.
Class 9	Efe - excellent transitioning on during trips out
Class 10	George - for working really hard on his targets.
Class 11	Sienna - for making outstanding progress, helping staff, working really hard and other, doing some amazing walking in her walker.
Class 12	David - for spending time in class and sharing spaces with his peers.
Class 14	Liam - for sharing feelings and ideas, taking part in new or different work , amazing work during work experience. Lewis - for using his voice in full sentences to ask his friends how they are feeling, sharing feelings and ideas, being kind to others.
Coffee Shop	Owais - for bringing joy to people with his smile and happiness.

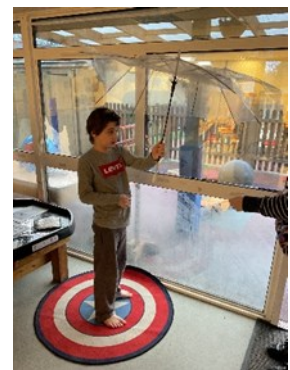
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## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Class 1** have been enjoying the trips to our local shop as part of 'Community Access'. Through this activity, we are learning to be part of community and gaining awareness of our immediate environment. As part of weather themed story, we created snow pictures using a variety of tools and materials. Additionally, we have been enjoying creating weather-themed music using musical instruments like rain-makers, bells, shakers and tambourines.

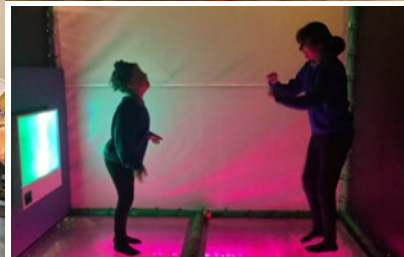


**Class 2.** In Class 2 we are enjoying learning about our emotions, seeing the signs, learning what they look like and what the labels are for them as well as what we can do that helps when we are feeling different emotions. The weather has given us lots of opportunities to learn about how to stay dry in the rain and how tricky it is to hold an umbrella.



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**Class 3** have been very busy in class and during community access. We have restarted our community access of going to the local shops, park and visiting DJ's softplay. We have had lots of fun going to these environment and being with our peers. We have recently began table cricket on a Monday morning which we have enjoyed learning a new skill and we look forward to developing our skills further with this. We have been having lots of fun during our 'Messy Monday' sessions. In particular, we enjoyed getting creative with paint and for some us we have been exploring new textures and materials.



**Class 4** have been busy exploring the topic of weather over the past few weeks, we are still enjoying our guided reading sessions and have been learning to answer questions about the story we are reading.

We have been continuing to take part in community access and have taken some trips to the Coffee shop, during this time we practiced choosing items and paying for them. During our PE sessions, we have been practicing completing obstacle courses and using the apparatus. The children have been learning to balance, jump and climb.

In Maths we have been learning about big and small and one and lots. The children have also been looking at adding one more to an amount. We will continue with this over the next few weeks.



## NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Class 5** have had a couple of fantastic weeks. We have continued developing our understanding of seasonal changes, we have particularly enjoyed exploring during an attention autism session where we experienced different types of weather. We've been focusing on fine motor skills by using tools to scoop and cut, helping to develop our cutlery skills while working with a variety of textures. Class 5 have been using natural materials to support our understanding counting as well as comparing quantities to develop concept of more and less. We've been making choice and using different instruments to play along to songs which has been a lot of fun.

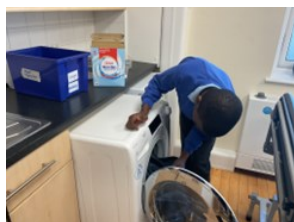


**Class 6** have had a lovely 2 weeks, we have continued to explore our weather topic and have looked at the cold weather mostly as its been quite cold, wet and windy! The students have really been enjoying our story 'the snow thief', and have enjoyed exploring the props to support this story. Through this we have looked at snow, keeping warm in the cold and what happens when the snow melts. We have been completing some weather themed art activities as well as exploring weather songs in our music. We have continued to enjoy our community access to the swimming Centre and have continued to use our skills in cooking sessions.

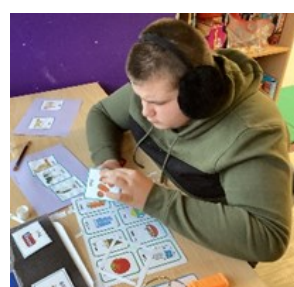
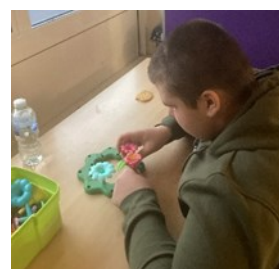


**Class 7.** This week class 7 have been working really hard with life skills, We have been learning to do different chores around the classroom. Some of the chores include hoovering, hanging washing and laying tables.

We have also been learning about different feeling and how they make us behave. The class are doing really well letting people know what they are feeling as well as their peers.



**Class 8** has been busy with exciting activities and learning experiences! We have been exploring the seasons and have completed our fantastic class display, which looks amazing. The students really enjoyed contributing to it. In Maths, we are working on numbers, and in Literacy, we have established a daily reading routine, which the students look forward to every day. Our class also loves our regular group activities, including music sessions where we play percussion instruments, lively disco sessions in the school hall with Jimmy, and our much-anticipated swimming lessons. Sensory learning is also a big part of our week, with engaging touch and taste sessions that encourage exploration. It has been a wonderful time of learning and fun in Class 8!



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**Class 9** have been fully embracing activities all about spring and making great progress this term. In maths, pupils have been focusing on developing their life skills by sorting kitchen equipment and laundry—a fun and practical way to learn.

This week, we were lucky enough to visit the Museum of the Moon at St Albans Abbey, which was an incredible experience. Pupils were amazed by the stunning display and enjoyed learning in such a unique setting. We've also been making the most of our local park, enjoying time outdoors and exploring signs of spring.



**Class 10.** In class 10, we have been out in the community for walks. This includes just around the local area, but also stretching further afield to Ashridge. We have been learning whilst on our walks, also we have been looking for the first signs of spring. Back in the classroom we have been working on our spring display board, that holds key facts about spring. We have also been preparing for adulthood with our weekly jobs. We have also been to the moon!





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**Class 11.** This week class 11 have been preparing to celebrate and learn about Chinese new year! They have explored different colours and materials to design their own lantern. Class 11 have been reading a sensory story about Chinese new year and using masks to follow the animals through the story!



**Class 12** have been enjoying some craft and making lots of bright rainbows and drops to decorate our room, we are really enjoying adding to our displays each week. We are all taking part in our yoga sessions and some of the children are modelling moves for the adults to copy. Class 12 have been making and decorating some lunar new year decoration while listening to a story all about it.



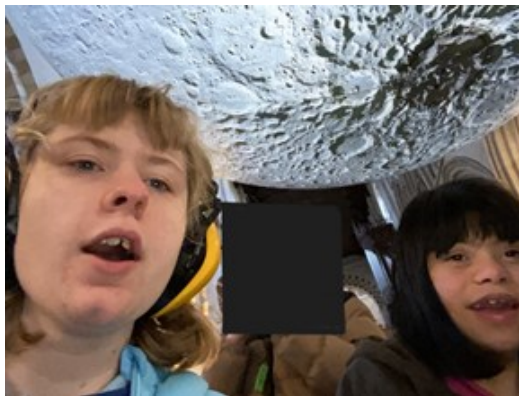
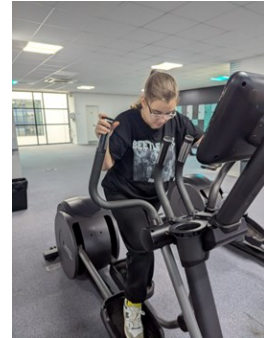
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**Class 14** have been out and about in the community. Students have been posting letters while exploring the local community. Some students have been going to the gym, learning how to use the equipment safely and effectively.

Back in class students have been enjoying free reading. Our topic book this half term is Meet the weather, which explores the ever changing weather. Students have also been making some lovely photo books with photos of themselves and important people in their lives. This has started some wonderful discussions in class between students.

We had a wonderful time at St. Albans Cathedral for the moon exhibition. It was huge!

Some students couldn't resist taking a selfie with the moon!



## Coffee Mornings

Parent Support Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday term time only

9:00am to 10:00am

In the Coffee Shop for tea & biscuits

10:00am to 11:00am

Workshops will be held in the meeting room.



Date	Workshop	Run by
5th February	Sensory Differences, Preferences and Self-Regulation.	OT
5th March	Puberty for boys	Nurse Helen and Sarah
19th March	Sleep	MHST
30th April	Toileting - Part 1	MHST
7th May	Toileting - Part 2	MHST
2nd July	Transition - Part 2 - face to face	NHST

Workshops



# Puberty for Boys

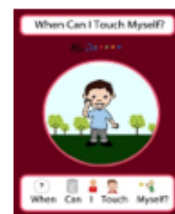
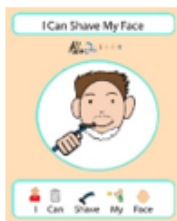


Sarah and Helen invite you to  
'A chat around Puberty for Boys'

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 10am

Woodfield School Meeting Room 2

Come and have a chat and discussion around all things puberty for boys – space to raise questions, share what is happening to our boys, and laugh!!



Support Service

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-  SEND Local Offer
-  Search local services
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# SUNDAY SMILES

In partnership with the Dacorum Sports Trust, Absolutely Together are offering free leisure activities every Sunday for families that support children with additional needs in Hemel Hempstead.

## ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE INCLUDE-

- Family Footgolf (Little Hay Golf Complex)
- Family Discgolf (Little Hay Golf Complex)
- Skate Park Access (The XC Centre)
- Accessible climbing (The XC Centre)
- Accessible Gym use (Our Gym)



To book a session, please email

[smiles@absolutely-together.org](mailto:smiles@absolutely-together.org)

## Wheelchair Services

# Wheelchair Services

Please contact, or ask the parent to contact, Wheelchair Services (provided by AJM) if there are concerns with the child's wheelchair



0808 175 3040



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