

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great first two weeks back after half term. I was especially proud of our small group of secondary pupils who are taking part in the musical gala in the Royal Albert Hall when we went for a rehearsal with 13 other schools this week. They all conducted themselves very well—I am looking forward to seeing them perform at the end of March.

In school, we have been learning about different aspects of the curriculum through music, which is our theme this half term. We have been moving to music, learning new songs and we have experienced musical stories.

Can I draw your attention to our Opportunities Evening here on Thursday 13th March? It is for any student in Year 9 or above and their parents/carers. A number of college, third sector and social care providers will be there, which will help you and your child to plan for the transition into adulthood. Everyone is very welcome!

I wish you and your families a good weekend, remembering those of you who are keeping Ramadan or Lent on our way to Eid and Easter.

K. Mann. Carr

DIARY DATES



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

Comic Relief - Fri 21st Mar - details to follow

Embracing Art Workshop - Mon 31st Mar - Tue 2nd April - Students Only

Close for Easter - Fri 4th April - 1PM

Back to School - Wed 23rd April

Parents Evening - Wed 30th April

Headteacher Awards

Awards for 28th February	
Class 1	Palwasha for working hard in group sessions
Class 2	Liam for learning to give the token for gate open for the first time to go onto the playground.
Class 3	Lukas for working hard on his targets
Class 4	Cayson for great swimming
Class 5	Teddy for his walking and physical skills
Class 6	Aaron for engaging well in work activities
Class 7	Varshana for working really hard, making outstanding progress (learning a new routine) and taking part in new and different work.
Class 8	Zaara for making outstanding progress, working really hard, helping staff, achieving all her weekly targets
Class 9	Josh for amazing transitioning to and from the park Archie for amazing transitioning to and from the park
Class 10	Laila for a great first week back
Class 11	George for taking the changes in class so well Sienna H. for asking my new teacher for a hand massage
Class 12	David for taking part in new or different work sharing spaces with others making outstanding progress
Class 14	LJ for being so helpful and polite all the time in class and his confidence has grown
Coffee Shop	- - -



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Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 7th March
Class 1	Zakariya for actively participating in swimming.
Class 2	Joseph for being calm when he hurt himself
Class 3	Maisie for taking part in new work
Class 4	James for really good work
Class 5	Jamie for him progress with literacy
Class 6	Charlie for developing his confidence going into the hydro pool
Class 7	Maida for working really hard, taking part in new and different work, and there was some great interaction with the ponies. Maida and Oliver got on particularly well on Wednesday.
Class 8	Aiden T for sharing spaces with others, helping staff, sharing with friends
Class 9	Efe for great identifying of emotions and choosing regulatory activities Lillie for amazing work completing jobs around school
Class 10	Jordan for great work in the coffeeshop
Class 11	Ellie for being very vocal and communicating with her new teacher Zaid for taking part in new or different work
Class 12	Benjy for being in class more and partisapating with others
Class 14	Julia, Liam and Lewis for being amazing at the RAH music rehearsal this week. They are a credit to the school Ethan for coping with changes in class and being out in the playground everyday
Coffee Shop	Lewis, Ben, Ethan, Liam, Owais, Julia, LJ, Ines, Zaara and Alessia for them achieving the level 5 in our Environmental Health inspection!



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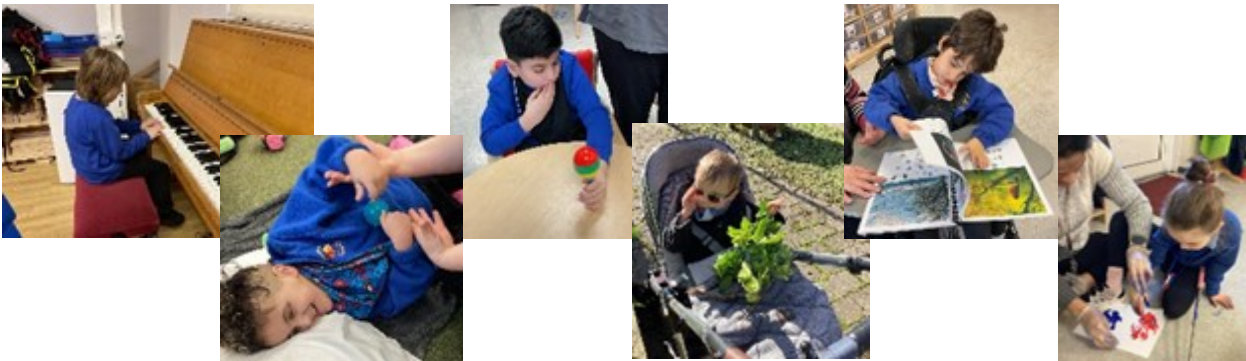


NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

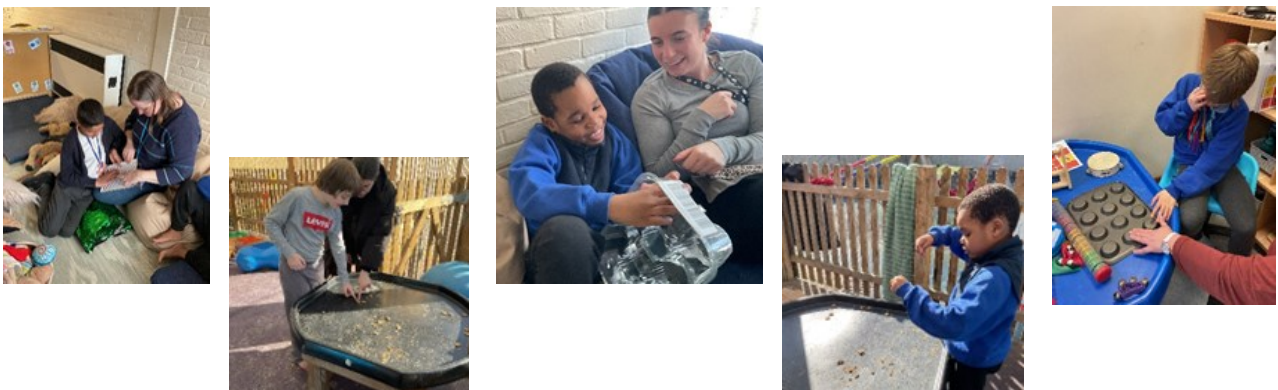
Class 1 have settled back into the school routine well after the half term break. Our pupils have been working hard on developing their core strength, gross motor skills and fine motor skills through various activities like physio, PE, practising brushing their teeth etc.

In our reading sessions, we are learning to explore music by reading a variety of books related to music alongside playing with musical instruments as part of our theme 'Musician in me'. We are also learning to recognise music around us in everyday activities such as listening to the environmental sounds when we go for walks in the sensory garden, birds chirping, the rustling of trees and feeling the beat in our footsteps.

In Expressive art and design, we are having fun listening and dancing to the music in Saracens in the hall every Tuesday.



Class 2 are loving our new topic the 'Musician in me'. We are enjoying a book about the musicality in sounds around us in everyday life; like the splashing of water and sounds of footsteps. We are enjoying listening to the sounds and making lots of our own. First, we explored lots of shakers and the different sounds they make when shaken and when dropped. Now we are also exploring everyday objects and the sounds we can make with them. This has included squashing crinkly plastic trays and cereals and banging on oven trays. We are also exploring the sounds we can make on the furniture and structures in and around our classroom. We are also finding some moments to enjoy the quiet between all the sounds.



Class 3 have settled well back in to school routine after our half term. We have enjoyed exploring our new topic 'Music'. As part of this, we have been beginning to make our own musical instruments using recycled goods (Thank you parents of class 3 for saving us your recycling!). So far we have make musical shakers from plastic bottles and rice, we are now on to making guitars using cardboard boxes! We have lots of fun, decorating our musical instruments using paints and other materials to personalise them to us. We have been enjoying listening along to Electric Umbrella's sessions on a Wednesday, joining in by singing, dancing and playing musical instruments and exploring inflatable instruments. On Thursday, we celebrated 'World Book Day', sharing our favourite stories together.



Class 4 have settled back into routine well after the half term break. We have been embracing our new Music topic in all areas, within continuous provision we have been making our own music with pots pans and spoons. We have been listening to Music and dancing to familiar songs during our expressive arts sessions and we have also made our own rain shakers using rice and tubing. We are continuing with our community access this half term and we have already been to soft play in Chesham, swimming at Westminster Lodge and visited our on-site Coffee shop.



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 5. We have had a lovely start to the half term, learning through our 'All Join In' music based topic. We have particularly enjoyed exploring and learning different actions on instruments through our story We All Join In and used this to join verbs and nouns together. We have loved making our own sounds! We have been using our functional Maths skills to organise and sort different objects, including cutlery. We have been so lucky with our sunny days and have enjoyed being outside, participating in song circles. We have continued to develop our music skills through our music sessions with Kelly. The children have been enthusiastic and engaged while learning to identify themselves and their family members, communicating about themselves using their photobooks.



Class 6 have had a fun couple of weeks and have been exploring our new topic of music. We have been engaging in music sessions and expressing ourselves through dance. This week was pancake day and the students explored some fun activities to help us learn about this day. We have been enjoying the amazing weather this week and have had a lot of outdoor learning because of this!

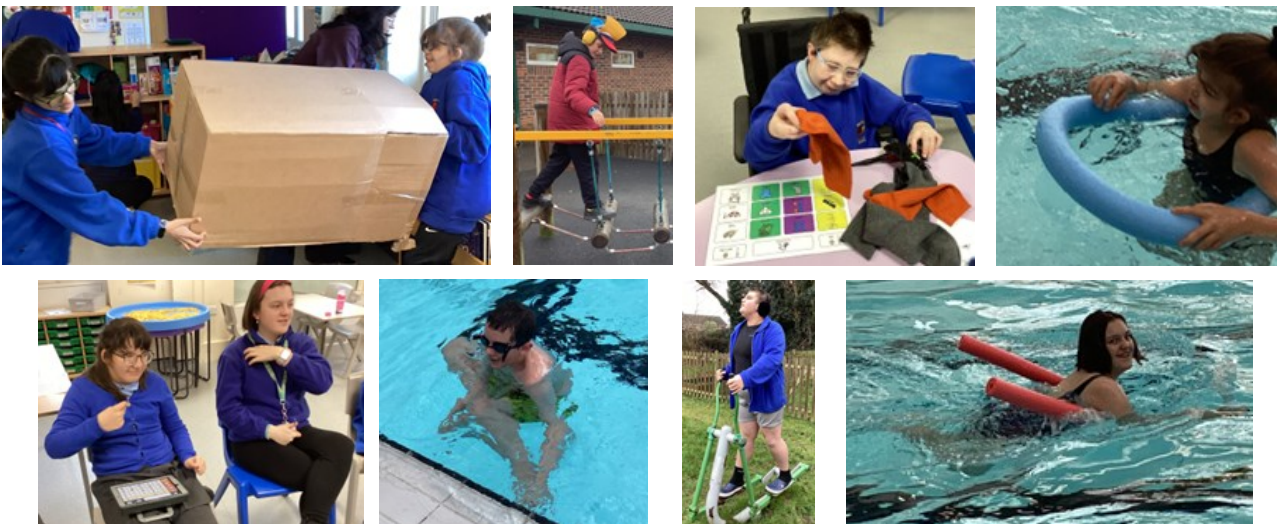


Class 7. We have had a lovely start to this half term, we have been making the most of the sunshine with lots of lovely activities outside. In class we have been working on the days of the week, months and the weather.

We have had great fun making our own musical instruments for our topic "in the band". The students have really enjoyed making their own sounds to some of our favourite songs.



Class 8 has been busy with a variety of engaging activities that support learning and development. Our Reading Corner has been a popular spot, and students have enjoyed helping to create a "Choosing Book" display, making reading even more exciting. We have explored different textures and flavours during our Touch and Taste sessions, providing a fun sensory experience. Movement has been a big part of our week, with students taking part in swimming, a lively disco in the hall, and group music sessions. In the classroom, we have focused on activities that build maths and reading skills, making learning interactive and enjoyable. With the sunny weather, we have spent time outdoors playing in the sunshine, and students have also enjoyed taking part in our Sensory Circuit, helping to develop their motor skills and coordination. It has been a fantastic time filled with learning and laughter!



Class 9. The first two weeks of term have been full of exciting activities as we explore our theme, "The Musician in Me." Pupils loved creating music with Ewan using percussion instruments and enjoyed a fantastic outdoor yoga session with Class 10. Our trips to two parks were a great success, with pupils showing confidence in road safety and community access. We also had a wonderful World Book Day, celebrating in pyjamas and exploring our new class story, Kitchen Disco. It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we're excited for more musical fun ahead!



Class 10. It was lovely to see everyone back, we have enjoyed communicating with each other what we enjoyed doing over the half term break. In class 10 our new topic is 'Music' and we are learning about the musician in me !! Pupils have started by in Expressive Arts and Design to make there own musical instruments out of recycled items. We have also enjoyed reading our new big book 'the music in me' and adding parts to it to make it into a sensory story! Not forgetting our cooking lessons, where we have celebrated Shrove Tuesday and made delicious pancakes



Class 11. In class 11 we have started a new story this half term, Music is in Everything, by Ziggy Marley, which we are turning into a sensory story. As part of this, we have started making some rice shakers in class, which was fun to do and even funnier to shake afterwards.

In Maths this half term we are working on sorting and classifying, and we have started with natural materials that we first collected from outside and then classified.

We are also immersing ourselves in the feel of the ocean, as the first exploration of the story. We know how to have fun while learning!



Class 12. This week in the class 12, we have been getting used to new members of staff, while doing yoga, we have been very interested in the new moves along with music and instruments. As we have had some lovely weather the children were able to be outside more, enjoying the outside equipment.



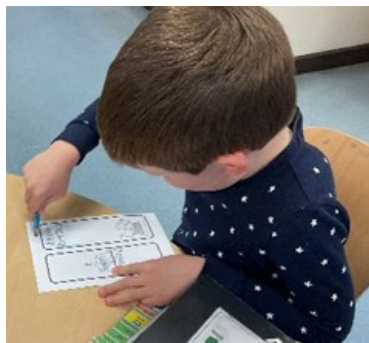
Class 14. We have started our new theme of music since we have come back after half term and have made some guitars out of cardboard to decorate our classroom, we have all taken part in decorating them and adding either some song lyrics or name of a favourite song to them, we had great fun trying to choose our favourites. Continuing with the music theme, some of class 14 are taking part in the Herts Gala at The Royal Albert Hall in March and have been rehearsing with other schools in Stevenage and Harpenden we are doing well at remembering the words and signing. This week we have been unable to go to the Gym so as the weather has been so lovely we have been using the obstacle course circuit in the playground, climbing, crawling, balancing really encouraging each other and doing some great turn taking making use of what we have available in the school grounds.



World Book Day

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World Book Day was on Thursday and the pupils could come as a book character or in their favourite PJ's. Some of the staff joined in too.



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
19th March	Sleep	MHST
30th April	Toileting - Part 1	MHST
7th May	Toileting - Part 2	MHST
2nd July	Transition - Part 2 - face to face	MHST

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