

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

This is our final newsletter for the year - this last half term has seemed to go by very quickly.

We have been very busy in school with transition visits to new classes, and pupils are starting to settle in well this week. We've also had three Sports Days - for Lower School and Middle School we had minimal interruption from the weather, but unfortunately our Upper School Sports Day had to be called off half way through. Our pupils were able to show us their running, jumping and balancing skills, and everyone enjoyed the bubbles at the end of the course.

We have big goodbyes to say to Ian, Vicki, Paul and Karen - we hope that you will be able to come to the Coffee Shop next Tuesday between 12-3pm to say goodbye in person if possible.

We also have three students leaving to go to college this year—we will be saying goodbye to them in the Coffee Shop next Wednesday between 12-2:30pm.

We've also been very busy behind the scenes putting the IT infrastructure (software and hardware) in place so that we can run our Evidence for Learning cloud-based system. We are using this to generate the End of Year reports - these will come out to you at the end of next week. In the autumn term, we will be able to grant parents access to the Evidence for Learning system through an app, so that you will get regular photo and commentary updates on what your child is learning in school.

We also have a final event planned next Thursday, where the Circus Skills company, Fantastiko, comes into school and pupils get a chance to develop their juggling, spinning plates and balancing skills.

You will also be sent a link to our parent survey, please make sure that you fill it in by the end of term, so that we can take your views, your children's views and governors' views into account as we move into the next academic year.

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DIARY DATES

Tues 18th July—12-3pm—Staff Goodbyes in the Coffee Shop

Wed 19th July— 9-12am - Parents Coffee Morning

Wed 19th July—12-2.30pm— Pupils Leavers Prom

Thurs 20th July—Fantastiko Circus Visit

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

Tues 5th Sept—Pupils back to School

Fri 29th Sept — MacMillan Coffee Morning

in Coffee Shop 10 am—12 noon



Hello & Goodbye to Staff

Leavers and Starters this term:

We have said goodbye to the following teaching assistants:

Lisa Davis

We have welcomed the following Teaching Assistants:

Dee Johnson

Saphy Hollick

Denise Stone

Kiya Curson

We have said goodbye to the following teachers:

Karen Gibson

Paul Worden

Vicki Jeffery

And our Deputy Head Teacher:

Ian Burgess

We have welcomed three new teachers:

Racheal Myers

Shena Lee

Polly Hobley

And a Pastoral Lead, who is a member of the Senior Leadership Team:

Sheree Moss

We will welcome two further teachers in September:

Gill McCarthy

Janet Ma

We are also welcoming back:

Shabana Ali

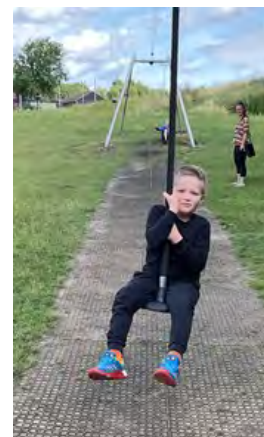
And we are welcoming

An Assistant Head Teacher, who is a member of the Senior Leadership Team:

Marina Perianez

School Trip — Class 4

Class 4 enjoyed a trip to Greenwood Park, St Albans



Sports Days



NEWS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Class 1. It has been a busy couple of weeks with class changeovers and it was very sad to say goodbye to pupils and staff moving up, but has been lovely to welcome new pupils and staff as well. All pupils really enjoyed practising for sports day and coped really well on the day. It was lovely to see so many parents come along so thank you for your support. We have also enjoyed another swim in the pool as part of our Beach topic.

As this will be my last ever Woodfield newsletter, I would like to thank everyone for all the support I have received over the past 16 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Woodfield and have been incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with the most wonderful pupils and staff. I wish you all a happy and healthy future.



Class 2 have had a great time exploring all things Seaside. We have enjoyed making and tasting ice creams. This was a good opportunity to develop our self-help and independence. We had our second visit to the Zoological Museum in Tring. Pupils really enjoyed seeing a wide variety of animals up close. We have also had lots of focus on social games with familiar adults and peers. This has helped to develop our listening and attention skills.



Class 3 has had a busy few weeks to round off the Summer term. We have had a number of celebrations for those children and key staff who have birthdays during the summer holidays. Half of class 3 have also enjoyed the closing event by spending time with staff in the pool to finish off our Beach topic. The children and staff have a great time splashing and playing in the pool. The other half of the class will be going swimming next week. We have also welcomed our new children and staff to Class 3 and the transitions have been going really well, with children settling in and staff working really well together. Class 3 has also enjoyed Sports day this week with lots of races and cheering had by all.

Class 3 would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of the Woodfield family a lovely summer break.



Class 4 have had a very busy few weeks, last week we enjoyed our summer term class trip. We spent the day at a lovely park in St Albans and enjoyed the sunshine. The children enjoyed turn taking on different pieces of equipment and playing in the sand pits.

This week we welcomed Ibrahim and James to class 4 and said our goodbyes to Jamie. We have enjoyed lots of activities in class getting to know our new children, a firm favourite was learning to follow directions to make an ice cream. On Tuesday we enjoyed Sports afternoon, welcoming our grown ups to come and watch us, the children were all fantastic during this and loved showing off their sports day stickers.



Class 5 have continued to enjoy the continuous provisions and choosing different activities that they may have not been motivated by at the start of the year. Before our transition, we were lucky enough to visit a splash park. We were really lucky with the weather! It was a fantastic trip for all!

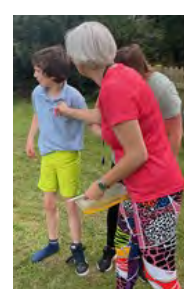
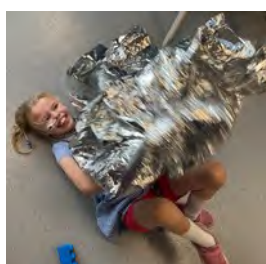


NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Class 6 have had lots of fun this week getting to know our new class peers and some more unfamiliar faces. We have done lots of fun sensory activities and have focussed a lot on our topic of beaches. The children also had sports day this week which they absolutely loved. Every had an amazing time and really enjoyed the day. The children have worked really hard this year and have all earned a well deserved summer break. Well done class 6 on a great first week in our new class!



Class 7 have been continuing to enjoy our 'Seaside topic'. We have been playing social games and used our communication to join in taking turns and making choices in small group situations. Requesting different 'seaside' songs has been very popular activity in our class. We have enjoyed action games communicating our peer's names to get their attention and the action we would like our peers to try. We had a great day on our finishing event making our own ice creams and requesting toppings and playing on the bouncy castle. We have loved working in the sensory room, particularly making sound effects activating the switches. We have enjoyed seaside touch and taste session especially the coleslaw and Gherkins! We have worked on requesting more and expressing our likes and dislikes and joining words together.



Class 8 have been getting to know our new friends in class. We have enjoyed parachute games, touch and taste and writing about ourselves. We all had a great time at sports day and everyone participated really well.

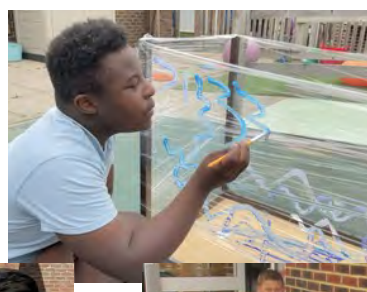


Class 9 have really enjoyed getting to know each other this week. We had a fantastic games session, working to choose numbers and find the correct box with a prize in. We started to work together to learn how to make our healthy Rocky Road Ice Cream and of course we had a fantastic time at sports day.



NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

Class 10. It has been great to welcome two new pupils to Class 10! We have all enjoyed being outdoors together. We have used our courtyard for construction activities, sensory play and large scale art work. We have enjoyed meeting the ponies and taking them for a walk around the playground. Lots of us now feel more confident when handling and stroking the ponies. We have also had fun in our 'bubble experiment' Communication lessons working collaboratively to make bubble mixture and then choose different wands to see if we could make big or small bubbles. We used lots of vocabulary such as 'pop', 'blow' and 'catch'.



Class 11 the last couple of weeks have had lots of fun, we enjoyed our end of term party which was BBQ and pop-up beach. Some of the students enjoyed standing and sitting in the sand and the water dipping in their feet. All students enjoyed the BBQ food and ate lots. We have welcomed new staff and students into Class 11, and they have all settled in well.



Class 12 have been enjoying the last few weeks of term and definitely been keeping busy. We have enjoyed getting ready for sports day with practice PE sessions and they have all been looking forward to the main event today. They have continued to enjoy reading a range of books linked to our beach theme, fiction and non-fiction and particularly learning all about different sea creatures. The students have come up with some good actions to remember which ones are which. The students have done really well the last few weeks at developing their life skills, especially at making toast for snack time. They have remembered all the correct equipment to prepare it successfully and been brilliant at communicating what they need help with. The students have liked the introduction of a new class sensory room and they can't wait to use it more in September. Last but not least, class 12 have been fantastic at welcoming the new students for the transition weeks and have welcomed them warmly. It has been fantastic to see new friendships being formed.



Class 14 have been learning to collaborate and celebrate together with Class 12 during our end of event beach style picnic! We prepared the food and served it to our peers and had a lovely time celebrating in the sunshine. It was lovely to be together. We have also been extending our preparing for adulthood skills and functional literacy and maths skills. During shopping trips we have been developing our understanding of money and value. We have welcomed our new classmates and are excited about getting to know them! Everyone is excited about the Prom next week and have talked about sending off our friends who are leaving. We will miss them lots and wish them the best for the future.



Coffee Shop



Date for the Diary

Friday 29th September 2023

At the

Woodfield Coffee shop

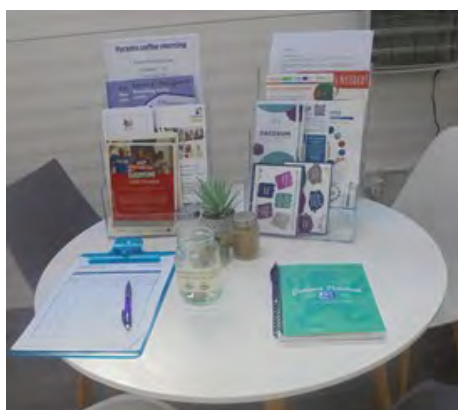
10 am - 12 noon

Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

We have a '**Special Treat**' for the end of term on Wed 19th July,
pop in and see us.

Autumn term workshops include..

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



Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Parents coffee morning

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

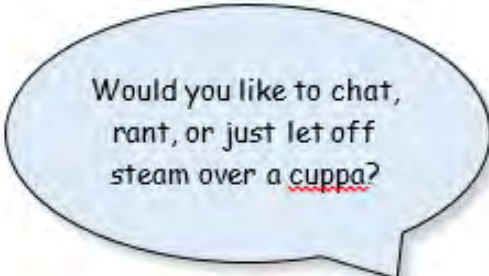
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Would you like to chat,
rant, or just let off
steam over a cuppa?



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.