



Woodfield School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of this half term already and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the picnic today.

All of our classes have enjoyed learning about healthy living and lifestyles. We had a facilitator in this week who ran a hands on workshop in the Hall for all of our classes, our pupils did very well and the facilitator was very complimentary about how well our pupils took part.

We have more minibus news, we will be collecting our new minibus on Wednesday 3rd June. We will take a group of pupils with us and make sure that we take plenty of photos to share. This means that more of our pupils can be out and about, especially those who use wheelchairs -fantastic news!

I hope that you have a good half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on 1st June,

Best wishes,

K. Man. Carr

DIARY DATES

- 10th June (Daytime) – Living Life for Year 13 - details to follow
- 15th June – Year 8 & Year 9 Immunisations
- 15th June – Circus Skills (pupils only)
- 23rd June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (KS1 & KS2) - details to follow
- 24th June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (PNP Classes) - details to follow
- 25th June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (KS3) - details to follow
- 26th June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (KS4 & KS5) - details to follow
- 8th July – Leavers' Assembly - year 14 - details to follow
- 15th July – Leavers' Prom - year 14 - details to follow





We would like to extend our sincere thanks to one of the parents in Gemma's class for kindly purchasing a lawn mower and strimmer for the pupils. This generous contribution provides a wonderful opportunity for the students to develop important life skills by helping to care for and maintain the outdoor grass areas around their classroom.





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 17th April
Holly's Class	Adam for taking part in different work
Samantha's Class	Elliott for great effort on the class walk for over 1 hour
Aleigha's Class	Maisie for using sentence strips to ask adults to perform actions
Zoe's Class	Zakk for progress in his transition and regulation
Cara's Class	Maida for working hard on all her targets and communicating well using her adapted grip switch
Caitlin's Class	N/A
Caroline's Class	Liam for coping with his new timetable, being happy, calm, engaged and working really hard
Amy's Class	Toby for going out on the minibus with small groups
Libby's Class	Theo for exploring the gym for the first time
Shabana's Class	Vinnie for working exceptionally hard on his physio programme
Polly's Class	Jaime-Lee for trying new foods during touch and taste sessions, breakfast club and starting to school dinners
Chrissy's Class	Abby for learning and trying new things
Gemma's Class	Julia for working really hard
Coffee Shop	



WELL DONE





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 24th April
Holly's Class	Muhammad for having a great week
Samantha's Class	Raad for amazing communication using his voice
Aleigha's Class	Marley for using his AAC in different situations
Zoe's Class	Reed for turn taking with his friends
Cara's Class	Zak H for his communication and switch work
Caitlin's Class	Ella for using her communication device so well in class
Caroline's Class	Corey for coping with the new activities room, being kind to others and working really hard
Amy's Class	Ines for helping staff around the school
Libby's Class	Josh for making a pizza and choosing his own toppings independently Amber for being more confident with personal care
Shabana's Class	Jovan for doing amazing with his standing and walking
Polly's Class	Ellie for socialising with her peers out in the community
Chrissy's Class	Zaid for being kind to his peers and helping to keep the class tidy
Gemma's Class	Ethan for being kind and helping others
Coffee Shop	



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Holly's Class.

Over the past two weeks, the children in Holly's class have taken part in a wide range of engaging activities, making it a busy and enjoyable time. They have spent lots of time exploring the outdoor learning environments and visiting the local community, supporting both their learning and personal development.

We have continued focusing on our topic, "*Healthy Me*," helping the children develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles and physical wellbeing. They have made excellent use of the outdoor gym equipment and have taken part in regular movement breaks, which have supported their physical development, coordination, and concentration.

Last week, we welcomed parents and carers to a special session in the Dell. It was lovely to see the children confidently exploring the natural environment alongside their families, creating valuable shared experiences and strengthening the link between home and school. During our touch and taste sessions, the children explored a variety of foods with different textures and flavours, including spicy, wet, and dry items. It has been wonderful to see their progress, with many children becoming more comfortable touching foods and some beginning to taste them.



Samantha's Class

In Samantha's class we have been supporting our physical and mental health through countryside walks across fields and through woodlands, walking for over an hour at a time. Pupils developed their stamina, explored safely as a group, and are learning important road safety skills. We discovered some pupils thought that them saying "it's safe to cross" mean they could cross. Opening and closing country gates really tested grip strength and coordination, and everyone enjoyed stopping for a healthy snack along the route. Some of us are learning that taking different paths can still be fun and enjoyable experiences.



Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's Class have continued to enjoy exploring our topic 'Healthy Me'. We have particularly enjoyed taking part in Yoga sessions, helping us to practise balance, movement and relaxation. We have also had lots of fun with Doctor and Dentist Roleplay. We also enjoyed our Nature Scavenger Hunt in the Dell alongside some of our parents. We used visual prompts to explore and find different natural objects around us. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our lovely outdoor learning experience.



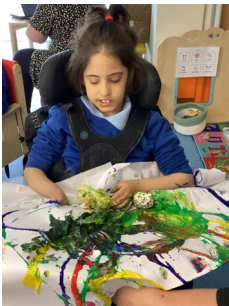
Zoe's Class

Zoe's Class have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks! The pupils have done incredibly well at experiencing our new activities at the XC climbing centre and have really enjoyed the trips out on the bus. We have also enjoyed visiting the ponies in the big playground and using a parachute in Maths to practise positional language such as under and above. The class are looking forward to making smoothies and exploring different healthy ingredients in our upcoming cooking lessons. Pupils have continued working on their sound recognition and phonics activities and are enjoying sensory walks around the school to collect and sort multiples of the same items. We have also been making the most of the lovely weather by taking Book sessions and other learning activities outdoors when we can.



Cara's Class

We have come to the end of our topic on healthy eating and living, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a wide range of engaging sensory and practical activities. One highlight has been our sensory Tac Pac sessions, where the children responded wonderfully to different music and experiences. They particularly enjoyed using massage and reflexology tools on their hands and feet, supporting relaxation, sensory awareness, and communication skills. During sensory art activities, the children explored a range of vegetables through touch, smell, and creative play, encouraging curiosity while developing fine motor and sensory skills. We also took part in a Playdough Disco session, where the children copied actions and movements to build hand strength, coordination, and their ability to follow simple routines. Our sensory story sessions provided opportunities to practise healthy routines such as brushing hair and teeth, while also developing switch skills as children independently activated parts of the story. We enjoyed a special storytelling workshop focused on healthy living, alongside a tactile workshop exploring healthy foods through hands-on sensory experiences. Outdoor learning remained an important part of our week, with children enjoying activities outside, as well as community visits to the shops and park to build confidence, independence, and social skills.



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class have had lots of fun this half term exploring healthy living and how we can keep our bodies healthy and energised. This week we have had a healthy living workshop, and we explored lots of activities about foods, our bodies, and personal care and keeping ourselves safe. We have been continuing our trips to Tesco, using shopping lists and following instructions to buy food for our tuck shop and cooking sessions. In cooking we made some healthy smoothies using a juicer, these were very tasty. We have been very active in PE and on the playground, playing tennis, football, hockey and chase. We are looking forward to next term and enjoying the nice weather.



Caroline's Class

We have had a very busy and lovely two weeks in Caroline's class.

We have been focusing on our Healthy Choices theme and have used this in our touch-and-taste sessions as well as in our cooking activities. We have been exploring different coloured foods from our Healthy Choices big book and testing and tasting a wide variety of foods and learning about what is healthy to eat. The children have made some exciting dishes, including carrot cake, blueberry muffins, flapjacks, and have also been practising making sandwiches.

One of the highlights of the last two weeks has been introducing our weekly Friday park trip. The children are gaining lots of confidence with this transition and are really enjoying playing and trying out new pieces of equipment. The ice pops have gone down very well too!

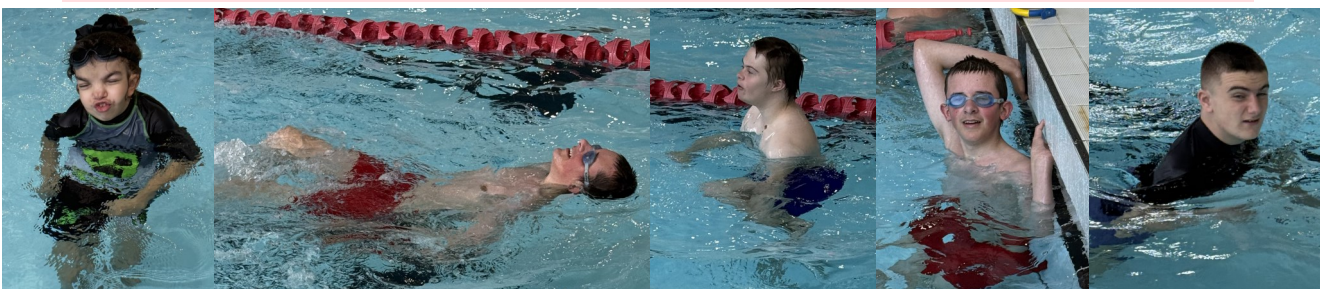
In our art sessions, we have also been exploring a colour of the week. So far, we have painted carrots, lemons, broccoli, and strawberries, with lots more fun to come. We have even planted our own sunflowers!

We have also celebrated two birthdays in Class 7 over the past two weeks and enjoyed marking the occasions with in-class parties, it's been very exciting!



Amy's Class

In Amy's class, we have been enjoying a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities. We have been continuing to listen to our class Big Book, supporting our engagement and communication skills. Alongside this, we have been focusing on developing independence skills through cooking activities. In Art, we have taken part in messy play using fruits and vegetables. The children explored cutting fruit and vegetables in half, dipping them in paint, and printing them onto paper to observe the patterns created. We also painted whole pieces of fruit and rolled them across paper to discover the different patterns and marks they could make. As part of our offsite learning, we have continued our swimming sessions at Westminster Lodge. The children have greatly enjoyed attending and participating in these sessions.



Libby's Class

This week in Libby's class, we have been learning all about healthy foods and making healthy choices. The students have really enjoyed making their own healthy pitta pizzas and trying different toppings in which we are being more confident with trying new foods. We have also spent time exploring different areas around the school, including the dell and the gym, where everyone had lots of fun being active and exploring new environments. We are also very proud of how well the students have been doing with their personal care routines this week, especially with teeth brushing and developing their independence.



Shabana's Class

Over the last couple of weeks, it has been a very busy and exciting time in Shabana's class. We have been exploring the outdoors and taking part in nature hunts, collecting natural objects from the environment to create artwork inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The pupils have also enjoyed using playdough to model and create sculptures, adding natural materials such as sticks, stones, and leaves to their designs. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of measure by following recipes to make healthy cereal bars and choosing different ingredients to add, including sunflower seeds, apricots, raisins, and chocolate chips. We have also been using cups and measuring skills to make our own playdough ready for our Friday Dough Disco sessions. In Music, we have been exploring singing and percussion through the song "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars, alongside listening to calming sensory music and enjoying sensory massage activities. Throughout all of our learning, we continue to work on communicating our choices, expressing preferences about activities and places we would like to go, and confidently communicating "no" when we do not want something. We have also continued developing our strength and physical skills through our daily physiotherapy programmes. We joined a workshop on Wednesday revolving around Healthy Living to conclude this half terms topic, which was very interactive and fun.



Polly's Class

Polly's class have had a wonderful two weeks of learning. The students have enjoyed making lots of healthy foods and we have started up breakfast club where they choose to make smoothies, toast or a fruit salad. Some of the parents also joined us this week and took part in the breakfast session. It was lovely to welcome them into class and for them to see their children using a variety of communication, making independent choices and using functional life skills. We have had some wonderful trips out in the local community visiting the park, the shops and the local library.

The students have continued to learn Makaton signs based on our healthy living topic, such as the signs for emotions and fruits and vegetables. We have also loved our regular visits from the ponies and music teacher Euan. As well as some special workshops linked to healthy eating and emotions.

The class team hope you have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer 2 term.



Chrissy's Class

This half term, all students have continued to engage with their morning independent work tasks. We have really enjoyed exploring our topic book and have been learning the signs from the story, which include a variety of fruit and vegetable signs.

Students have also continued developing their cooking skills by making vegetable curry. They have been learning how to weigh and cook rice, as well as chop a range of vegetables.

We have continued to enjoy our dance and music sessions, which the students look forward to each week.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who joined us for our breakfast session, we really appreciate your support. We are also looking forward to seeing some of you at our picnic on Friday.

In addition, we have continued our road safety learning and had great fun making a birthday cake to celebrate a staff member's special day.



Gemma's Class

Gemma's class welcomed parents in this week to join us for our breakfast club session. Students showed off their tea and toast making skills and prepared some fresh fruit and cereal. Students then put their social skills into practise while sitting round the table for a chat.

We have been focussing on healthy living, really thinking about making healthy choices when it comes to food and drink and getting our bodies moving! We have enjoyed some calming yoga sessions and lively dance workouts in class as well as our usual community access.

We also enjoyed some pickleball fun in the hall using balloons and soft balls.





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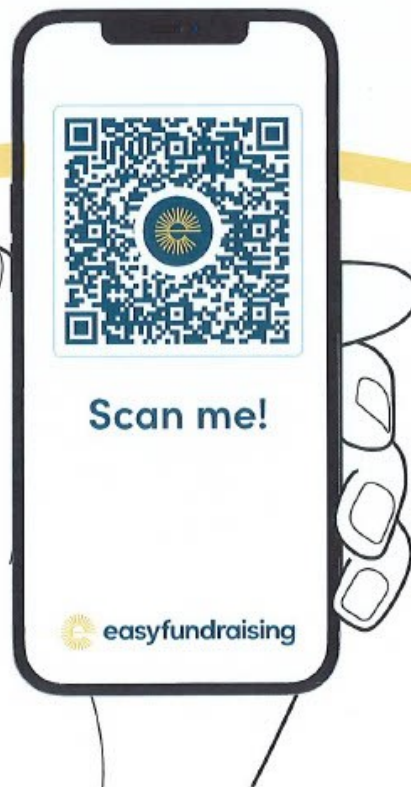
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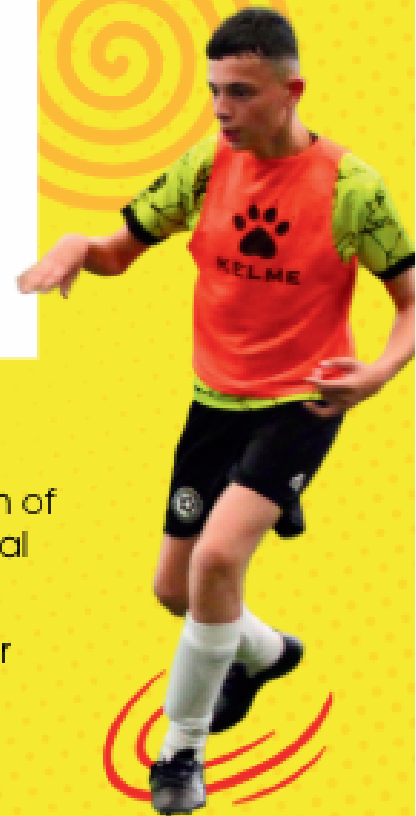


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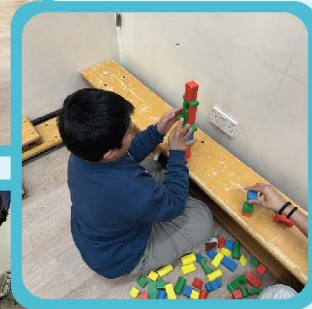
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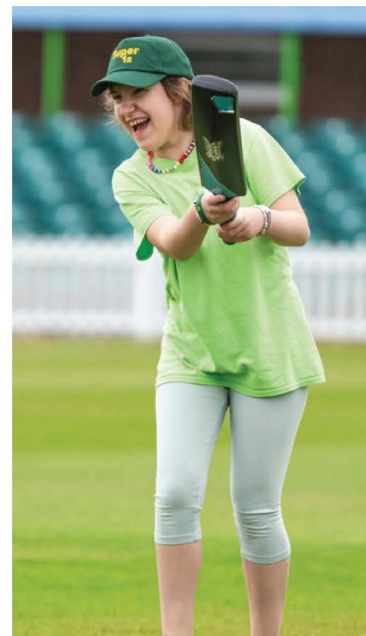
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