

# Woodfield School

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We have been very busy in the last two weeks getting back into the swing of learning and sharing spaces with our peers. Have a look at all the amazing work that is happening across the school as part of our 'Me and My Heritage' theme.

Congratulations to all of the pupils who have already earned a Headteacher's Award, we are very proud of our pupils when they go above and beyond what they usually achieve. I am especially proud when our pupils try something for the first time or really persevere at something that they find difficult.

It was great to see so many of you in school for Parents' Evening - by now, every parent/carer should have had an update conversation with their teacher to share how their child is settling in. We also look forward to seeing you in school next week on Monday or Thursday as part of our Harvest Week celebrations. We have already had some donations for the homeless charity, DENS, please send in any more next week.

As per my letter dated 06 September about the presence of RAAC in our buildings, we have an officer from Herts County Council visiting us on Monday to look at the buildings that were built between 1990 and 1995 - we have now clarified that these are all storage buildings, which are not used by pupils. As soon as we have their report back, I will update you on their findings.

I look forward to seeing some of you in school next week, and I wish you and your families a good weekend.

*K. Mann. Gax*

## DIARY DATES



**Mon 25th - Fri 29th Sept - Harvest Week (more details below)**

**Mon 25th - Parents invited to sing and sign - 9.30-10.30am**

**Thurs 28th - Food Festival in the Hall - 10am to 12 noon**

**Fri 29th Sept — MacMillan Coffee Morning**

**in Coffee Shop 10 am - 12 noon**

**Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October - Half Term**

**Headteacher Awards**

	15th September	22nd September
Class 1	Zakariya Q	Thomas
Class 2	Muhammad	Liam
Class 3	Micheal & Khadijah	Edward
Class 4	Harley	Antonia
Class 5	Vinny	Malih
Class 6	—	Corey
Class 7	—	Jovan & Thomas
Class 8	—	Aiden T
Class 9	Abdullah	Laila
Class 10	George & Freddie	Jordan
Class 11	—	Sienna H & Zaid
Class 12	—	Zohi
Class 14	—	—

# Well Done



The Woodfield Coffee Shop

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT



Please Support Our Macmillan Coffee morning

On



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

9.30am- 12 pm

In

The Woodfield Coffee shop

Cake donations will be most welcome and any donation  
with your child to buy cakes is welcome too.

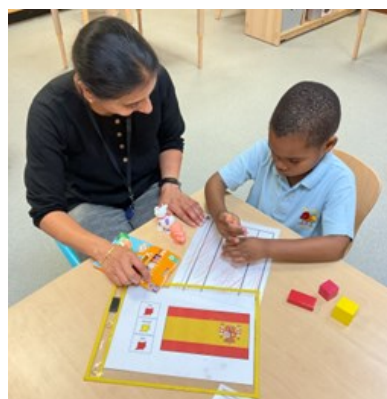


## NEWS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

**Class 1.** It is wonderful to see all the pupils in class 1 after the summer break. We have been enjoying the activities related to the theme 'Me and My Heritage', exploring 'ME', the family and the environment. Our topic books are 'Fruit A Caribbean Counting Poem' and 'Ten Fingers Ten Toes' which enable all of us to have the sensory exploration and learn more about our body.



**Class 2** It has been fantastic to see Class 2 pupils settle back into school for the new academic year. We have been enjoying our new topic this term 'Me and My Heritage', we have been learning all about our bodies, family and cultures which make us unique. Our topic book of this term is called 'You Are Light' which promotes a sense of belonging whilst offering an engaging sensory experience.



**Class 3** have had an excellent few weeks back at school. We have had our first trip to the park next door to school in which the children had a great time walking to and then playing on the equipment and running around on the grass. They have also enjoyed experiencing different heritage through touch and taste and mark making. Touch and taste over the past two weeks have focused on foods of English heritage - the Sunday Roast and Irish heritage such as sour dough bread, Irish crisps along with the colours of the Irish flag represented by Lemon and Lime and Orange Jelly and Meringues. The children have also started to develop friendships with their new classmates taking it in turns using class resources and walking towards their targets. In the coming weeks we are also really looking forward to our first trip to Hemel Hempstead library and more trips out to the park.



**Class 4** have settled well into the new academic year. We have been looking at ourselves and our families as part of our topic on Heritage this term.

We have explored where our families are from and what the food is like within these different cultures. Each week during touch and taste sessions we have explored a different culture. These have so far included foods from Africa and foods from Morocco.

During Expressive Arts and Design, we have explored ourselves by looking in mirrors and identifying features. The children have then been learning to draw a self-portrait, focusing on where the features such as eyes, nose and mouth should be placed.





**Class 5.** It has been a fun week in class 5! We have been immersing ourselves in our fairy big book. We turned our classroom into a fairy kingdom and created activities based on our learning intentions. Our favourite activities were making nature sensory bags and creating our own fairy doors.

Class 5 loved seeing the ponies this week. We seemed very comfortable and confident to touch and walk them around the playground.

We hope to continue our fairy adventures over the next few weeks.

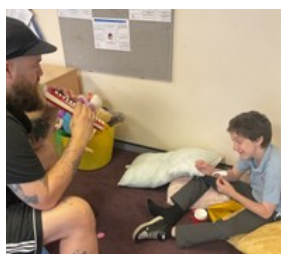


### NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Class 6** have had a great first few weeks back and have settled well into their new group. They have done lots of exciting activities such as exploring sensory autumn items and visiting the adventure playground. The children who visited the playground had a really lovely time and all the staff were very proud of them during this trip. We are beginning to explore different cultures within our class and will be doing this through touch and taste and reading lots of different stories.



**Class 7** have had a great start to the new school year and our topic about our 'Heritage'. We have been taking part in touch and taste sessions. We have been celebrating different cultures exploring photos from home and have tasted Indian and Scottish foods so far! We really enjoyed tasting Leek and porridge when tasting Scottish foods and using our communication systems to comment. We have loved making marks and exploring watercolours on different surfaces. We have been working hard on being as independent as possible using our physical skills making our own breakfasts for ourselves and others. We have also been working on our physical skills to complete tasks to help each other. In Maths we have focused on exploring shapes using them to build with as well as using different shapes to print with, learning to recognise different shapes in our play and our environment. We are enjoying our music sessions with Nyree and have been learning to make sounds and strum along to songs on ukuleles!



**Class 8** have been really busy since returning from the school holiday. During our cookery sessions, the children have made Rocky Road and rainbow rolls. The children have been learning about shape across the school and we have been focussing on properties of shape. The children have taken part in lots of shape activities, including going on a shape hunt. As part of our new topic, 'Me and My Heritage', the children have been looking at life cycles from when they were babies, young children and now.





**Class 9** have been looking at members of our family. We have also been exploring foods from different cultures such as tzatziki and colcannon. We are making jam for the harvest festival next week.



### NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

**Class 10.** We have been looking at different recipes and making different foods. We have made different breads and tried the bread with different toppings. We are now working on making dips to go with our bread. We have made hummus. We needed to cut and squeeze lemons and then use a blender! We have also been looking at flags from different countries and sorting them based on the colours and patterns in the flags. Class 10 have also enjoyed a visit from Oki the therapy dog.



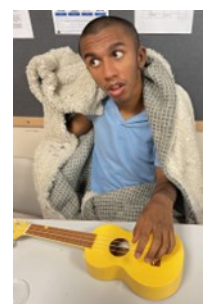
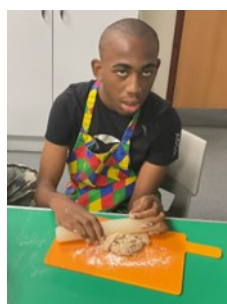


**Class 11** students have settled back into school really well after the Summer break. This term we are learning about our heritage, class 11 have been enjoying making our own passports for our heritage display board in class. We have also enjoyed learning about different cooking cultures, the last few weeks we have been cooking Ciabatta and the people have enjoyed cooking independently and they enjoying the finished produce.

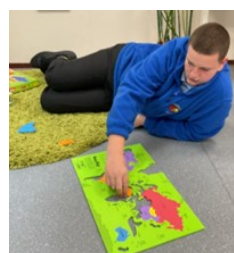


**Class 12** have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term and settled back into school well. They have embraced our new topic 'Me and My Heritage' and we have really enjoyed sharing all the family information that has been sent in from home. It has been wonderful to discover more about, Irish, Nigerian, Sri Lankan, Pakistani and Polish family traditions and foods that the students share with their loved ones at home. We have been using the student's recipes and exploring foods from around the world in our food technology lessons and so far, have had fun making chapati's and jollof rice. The students have followed instructions well and learnt more about the life skills needed to cook and developed their fine motor skills when rolling and mixing.

The students have enjoyed listening to stories linked to our topic, such as 'All Our Welcome' and 'From My Window', celebrating differences and exploring new cultures from around the world. We have also combined maths and creative art activities when making patchwork 2D shapes houses and Brazilian carnival masks.



**Class 14** have embraced our new topic 'Me and my Heritage.' As well as exploring different cultures and our own heritages, we have focused on South Asian cultures. We have been learning to make chapati's in cooking which we have really enjoyed cooking and tasting. We also have been exploring Thali plates during our functional maths. We visited our local library and chose different books on heritage. We have worked hard on our functional life skills during preparing for adulthood skills such as window washing, litter picking, gardening, vacuuming and shopping. We have planted indoor herbs and prepared our outdoor allotments for pumpkins. Some of us have been working hard in the Coffee Shop.



### The Daily Mile

**The Daily Mile**  
children fit for life

**Join the movement**

**What is The Daily Mile?**  
The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health, and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. It is a profoundly simple but effective concept, which any school can implement completely free of charge and without the need for staff training. Its impact can be transformational – improving not only the children's fitness, but also their attainment, mood, behaviour and general wellbeing. The Daily Mile is not sport or PE, but health and wellbeing through daily physical activity. Children are encouraged to jog or run outside for 15 minutes every day at a time of their teacher's choosing. In this time, most children will average a mile or more distance – and so, The Daily Mile is born!

To find out more, visit [www.thedailymile.co.uk](http://www.thedailymile.co.uk)

**Why The Daily Mile?**

- It's fun!
- It's 100% inclusive – every child.
- The weather is a benefit, not a barrier.
- No kit, equipment or set-up required.
- It's safe – children do The Daily Mile in school.
- Teachers decide when their class should do their Daily Mile.
- It's simple.
- It only takes 15 minutes!

Children run and jog at their own pace.

Join The Daily Mile movement at [www.thedailymile.co.uk](http://www.thedailymile.co.uk)  
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### The Daily Mile

We are currently in the process of implementing a Daily Mile for all pupils in school. The Daily Mile is a social physical activity, with all pupils and staff running, jogging, wheeling or walking – at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends. Our aim is for every child to have the opportunity to do The Daily Mile at the start of the school day. There will be a range of different courses that can be undertaken to ensure this is accessible to all, no matter their level of physical ability. We are currently in the initial stages of trialling this and will be developing the courses and expanding to all classes in the next few weeks.

More information can be found here:

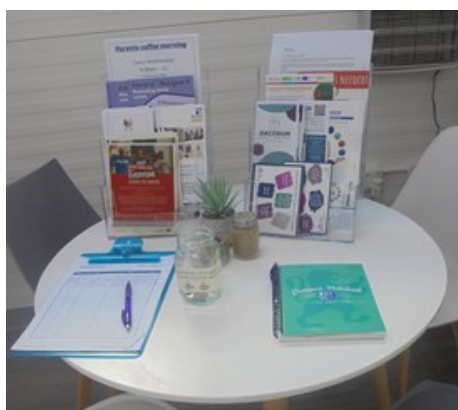
<https://thedailymile.co.uk/disability-inclusion/>

**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....



## **Parents coffee morning**

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

@ Woodfield Coffee Shop

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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.