

Woodfield School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a very active and exciting half term back at school. Have a look at all the news from classes below. We had an amazing session with the Masai Cultural Arts organisation this week, who led drumming workshops for our pupils.

We have now put in place a programme of regular excursions for off-site learning for almost all of our classes (separate letters have gone out) - have a look at the information on Community Access below. Our two youngest classes have been exploring our site further in preparation for going off-site.

Our theme next half term is 'Festivals' and we will be having a Halloween celebration in the first week back (see separate letter), and a Diwali celebration (separate letter will come to you after half term) in the second week back. Later in the term there will be Christmas celebrations that families can join in with.

I hope that you have a good half term break, and we'll see everyone back on 30th October.

Best Wishes,

K. Mann. Gao

DIARY DATES



Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October - Half Term

Coffee Mornings - visitor dates

- **Wed 1st Nov - Up on Downs**

More details later in the newsletter.

Tues 31st October - Halloween Celebration

Wed 6th November - Diwali Celebration

Fri 17th November - Children in Need - more details below

Headteacher Awards

	13th October	13th October
Class 1	Marley	Oliver
Class 2		Elliott
Class 3	Rafe	Yasmine
Class 4	Ibrahim	Kailash
Class 5	Jenson	Palwasha
Class 6		Albie
Class 7		
Class 8	Charlie	Aiden H
Class 9	Jaden	Laila
Class 10	Hannah-May	L J
Class 11		
Class 12	Ollie	Luke
Class 14	Ben	Julia

Well Done



CHILDREN IN NEED



**I'M RAISING MONEY FOR
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

To raise money for Children in Need this year, Woodfield school would like to invite the pupils to come into school wearing anything spotty e.g. spotty socks, tops or they can come in their PJ's.

Children in Need day is on Friday 17th November and if pupils would like to take part, we kindly ask for a £1 donation.

We can't wait to see all the spotty outfits and we have no doubt everyone will look SPOTacular!

Black History Month

Woodfield School have been celebrating Black History Month! Classes have immersed themselves in celebrating and exploring Black History through different activities. Some classes have focused on different cultural elements such as food, materials, fabric, stories, music, dance and art. We also explored some core texts relating to Black History. One of these was 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin which explored Floella's own story about coming to England during the Windrush. We all enjoyed our topic ending event from the group Masai cultural arts which focused on African drumming and dance! Classes had the opportunity to join in with these interactive drumming workshops, which were a great success! We loved learning some new drumming techniques and celebrating together with Immanuel.



Community Access

This half term, several classes have started to take part in a range of community access visits and trips.

Class 1 and 2 have been working to explore the school grounds with regular visits to different areas within the school environment.

Class 3 have started to access the local park and will soon start library visits to the local library for small group reading sessions.

Class 4 have visited Tring Natural History Museum and will continue these visits for the rest of the term.

Class 5 will soon be visiting Woodside Farm on a weekly basis.

Class 6 and class 8 have been visiting Adeyfield Adventure Playground and will be doing so for the rest of the Autumn Term.

Class 7 have just started their trips to Sapphire gym in Sports Space.

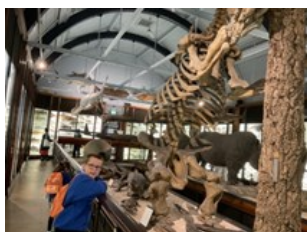
Class 9 will be starting their visits to the Adventure Playground after half term.

Class 10 and some of Class 11 have taken part in some sessions at the Ministry of Air and Dacorum Leisure centre.

Class 12 will soon be starting visits within the local community surrounding Oaklands college.

Class 14 have continued to enjoy regular outings within the local community surrounding school and to Tesco on a regular basis. They will soon start to take part in some active sports activities within the local community.

Class 4 at Tring Museum



Donation to the School

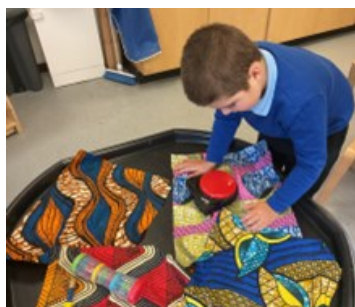
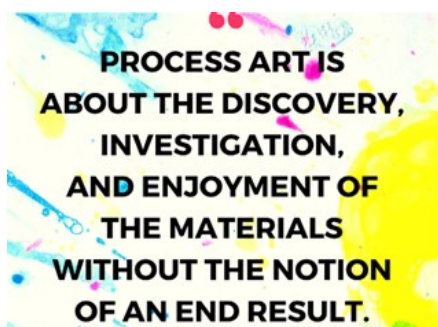
We would like to say thank you to The Lodge of Progression for their donation of £739.

NEWS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Class 1 has been working on their learning pathway and have been developing the awareness on making choices. We have been listening to different national anthems and sharing photos of our families. In Big Book time, we have read different cultural books as well. We have been working with lots of shapes in Maths and looking at shapes in materials, as well as putting different shapes into the sorter.



Class 2 have been developing their creativity and exploration of different media and materials. We have had a focus on shapes and patterns this week in our continuous provision. We then had a corroborative painting lesson that promoted pupils to engage in an active learning experience. Pupils were promoted to develop their ideas and be proud of what they have created.



Class 3. As we come to the end of a busy half term, class 3 have enjoyed the closing activity of Drum banging and regular music sessions in class. The children love joining in for nursery rhymes and dancing to music in class.

We have been working on the introduction of brushing teeth and getting the children to develop the understanding of brushing their teeth themselves but also the physical element of doing the actions. Another aspect we have been looking at over this half term is the children build their relationships with their classmates. Class 3 have settled in so well and are showing lovely instances of playing together and initiating play through class provisions, group work and within other areas of the school.



Class 4 have been working hard over the past few weeks. We have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month and looking into different cultures, especially the foods that are enjoyed. Class 4 started their weekly visits to Tring Natural History Museum and explored the different animals on show. Each week's small group of students will have this opportunity. We have also enjoyed the provision in class this week, looking at big and small and full and empty.



Class 5. We have had lots of fun in class 5 over the last two weeks. Class 5 to have Black History month embedded into their learning. We have listened to music, tried new foods and managed to make dishes with the help of our adults.

Our favourite thing this week were the drummers from the Massi tribe. We enjoyed learning different drum beats and working as a team to create different sounds.

Class 5 have also enjoyed a range puzzles in our continuous provision. We have been using their reasoning and problem solving skills to find the correct positioning and space for the puzzle pieces.



NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Class 6 have had a busy couple of weeks we have been celebrating black history month and completing lots of fun activities to support this learning. It has been a long term and the children have done really well to settle in and engage with their peers.



Class 7 This week class 7 had a trip to sapphire gymnastics which was very much enjoyed by our children.

We also had a visit from a nice gentleman doing African drumming which our kids also enjoyed.



Class 8 have been really busy these past few weeks. The children have been making rainbow fruit kebabs and Vietnamese Spring rolls during their cookery sessions. The children focussed on using small handed tools to cut and chop ingredients. During Touch and Taste, the children tried the different ingredients we had used from the cookery sessions earlier on in the week.

When visiting the cafe this week, the children have been choosing what they would like and paying for items with minimal support.

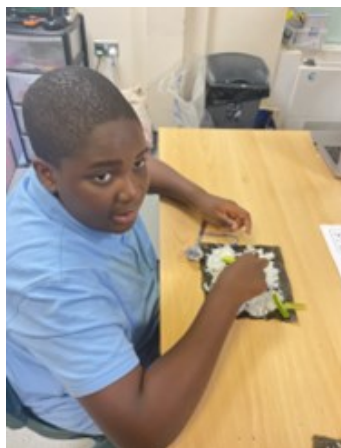
On Monday afternoons, a small group of children have been visiting Tesco's to purchase the food we require for the week. Lots of learning has gone on during our community visit, including matching the food items on Shena's pictorial shopping list.

On Thursday mornings, the entire class have been visiting the adventure playground and have had lots of fun exploring the apparatus.



Class 9 have been finishing off their heritage focus this half term. We have made some Chinese firework bottles and fish kites, rolled some sushi (and tried it) and made omelettes as well as touch and taste from around the world.

Our headteachers award goes to Leila for some excellent cooking and Oli for some amazing staff meal preparation (making eggy bread for a TA).



NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

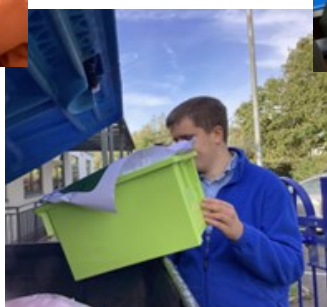
Class 10. In Class 10 we have continued to work on our phonics skills looking at different words to spot different sounds. We have also been learning about Black History month. We learnt about how Garrett Morgan invented the first three way traffic lights and then made our own traffic light display in an art session. We also enjoyed a drumming and dancing workshop delivered by Masai Cultural Arts.



Class 11 have been busy working on our functional skills and physical development skills. We have been working hard on our communication skills using aided language boards to choose vocabulary when creating Halloween sun catches. We were learning to make selections of words and symbols whilst creating the sun catches! We also really enjoyed joining in with the ending event for Black History Month and 'Me and my Heritage.' Some of us really engaged with the drumming and loved exploring the African drums with Immanuel.



Class 12. Over the last few weeks Class 12 have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month by reading stories such as 'Hey You!', embracing difference and learning about important values that have been installed in people from childhood. The students loved taking part in the African drumming, for our end of topic event on Wednesday afternoon and were very good at following instructions and socialising with their peers. The class have been keeping busy completing their preparing for adulthood daily tasks, such as taken the recycling out, preparing snacks, cleaning the tables for lunchtime and sweeping up. They have also been engaging with maths related learning and building duplo cities, using the language of taller and shorter.



Class 14 have had a busy fortnight learning to develop skills for employment and independent living. We have been learning to clear our outdoor spaces and work collaboratively with each other. We have also been developing our independence skills in class. We have been working on our decision-making skills and how to deal with our free time. We have been developing our communication skills through a range of activities and sessions. Some of us have been working hard in the Coffee Shop and Future Kitchen. We have all really enjoyed our topic this half term and Black History Month.



Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Autumn term visits during Coffee Mornings.

On the **1st November** we have Up on Downs coming to see us, here is a link to their page. <https://upondowns.com/>

Parents coffee morning

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

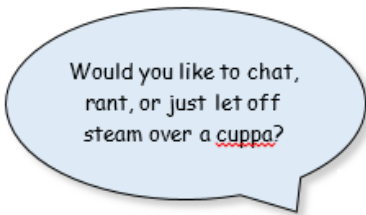
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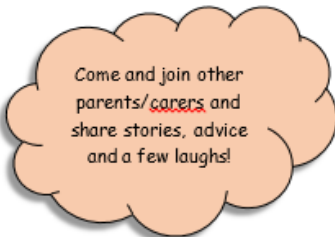
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Would you like to chat,
rant, or just let off
steam over a cuppa?



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.