

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We have all returned to school after the half term break and we are busy learning all about different festivals.

We enjoyed the Halloween celebrations last week, and this week we had an arts workshop all about Diwali. Some of our older students have also been learning about Remembrance Day.

Behind the scenes we are getting Evidence for Learning ready to be used by parents, so that we can share photos and information about your child's progress via the app - look out for the letter to you next week for more details.

We will now be focusing on getting ready for the Winter Fayre on Wednesday 29th November - we hope as many of you will be able to make it into school for this exciting event!

I hope that you have a good weekend,

Best Wishes,

K. Mann. Gair

DIARY DATES



Fri 17th Nov - Children In Need - Wear something spotty or PJ's, £1 donation & Cake Sale

Wed 13th December - Childrens Christmas Lunch

[Dates to be confirmed:](#)

[Christmas Jumper day](#)

[Christmas Fayre](#)

Tues 19th Dec - End of Term - Finish at 1pm

Headteacher Awards

	3rd November	10th November
Class 1	Thomas	Charlee
Class 2		Liam
Class 3	Nola	Micheal
Class 4	Cayson	Jousha
Class 5	Malih	Jamie
Class 6		Charlie
Class 7	Connor	Jovan
Class 8		
Class 9	Njoki	Joshua
Class 10		Jordan & Abby
Class 11		Ava
Class 12		
Class 14		

Well Done



Festivals — Opening Event

On Monday 6th we all engaged in an exciting workshop provided by 'Wise Moves' for our opening event for the topic 'Festivals'! Everyone enjoyed joining in with the event creating Rangoli art! We were listening to Diwali music and learning about the significance of Rangolis in the festival of Diwali! We enjoyed exploring the sensory materials including coloured sand, turmeric and lentils and feeling the different textures.



NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class 1 have been exploring different media and materials in touch and taste sessions. We have had a focus on festive colours and light this week in our continuous provision. We then had mark making lessons that promoted pupils to develop their creativity.



Class 2. It has been great to see pupils back after the half term break and they have settled back in to the routine well.

The topic for this half term is Festivals. Pupils been learning about festival of lights 'Diwali', and exploring the props used in the book. We have been learning to share the treats with each other .

We have also been learning to use different tools and different textured materials in our art lessons. All our pupils took part in and enjoyed the 'Rangoli 'opening event in the hall.



Class 3 have begun our trips to the library. The coped will with the walk to the Library despite being caught in the rain! We have enjoyed choosing different books to read. We will be continuing the trips weekly. This week we have enjoyed a colour event In the hall which all children enjoyed. As we are looking at festivals for our theme this term, class 3 have already experienced a colour in class with lots of bright coloured toys involved with our class provisions. We have also had the past week focused on camping with an area of the classroom set up for replicate a camping ground. We also have been focusing on personal hygiene in class, practising face washing and teeth brushing. We also had a treat of having a foot spa!



Class 4 have settled in well to the new half term, we have started our new topic of festivals and the children have enjoyed exploring new and different provision in class linked with this. We have so far enjoyed exploring Halloween, Firework night and Remembrance Day. This week our touch and taste theme was remembrance day, we explored a variety of red themed foods, this included tomatoes and strawberry laces.



Class 5. We have had a lovely week in class 5! Monday we started to look at our Big Book which focuses on the Eid. The children have been learning key words from the texts. We have explored different materials, spices and fragrances from different parts of Asia. Oud is predominantly used by people following Islam to repel evil spirits. We are very lucky to have a TA who follows the faith to help us explore different aspects. Class 5 have worked hard navigating their way around school using blue strips. They also took on the role of teacher and lead us around the school. Which as you can imagine, they thoroughly enjoyed.



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 6 did lots of bonfire and Diwali activities this week. They made chocolate covered marshmallows and enjoyed these a lot. They did a Rangoli sand painting workshop and firework painting and play. The children have had a very busy 2 weeks learning about different festivals.



Class 7 have enjoyed exploring our new theme 'festivals'. We have already been taking part in a variety of different continual provision activities and group work themed around Halloween, Bonfire night and Remembrance Sunday. Our favourite activity was using our hand making small and big movements in yogurt and food dye, it was very messy but fun! We have been using core vocabulary and also joining words together to request and comment when tasting different foods related to Halloween. We enjoyed our opening event making our own rangoli patterns with a visiting artist. The pupils liked smelling and feeling the different coloured spices and coconut and rice used to decorate. Another highlight was dressing up and attending the Halloween disco with Jummy, where we joined in moving and creating our own 'Halloween' themed moves. We are looking forward to learning about Diwali next week !



Class 8 have had a very busy return to the second half of the Autumn term. As we move through our festivals topic, the children have been learning about and celebrating lots of different festivals and events.

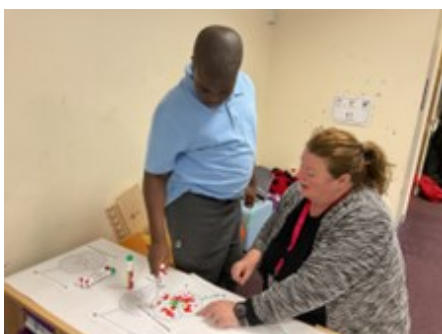
Children and adults took part in Halloween activities. We made decorated apples for cookery and Integration with Tudor school children.

We have been teaching the children how to make mini pizzas and will continue to do this the following week. We are using naan breads for the base.

As part of our new Life Skills and preparing us for adulthood, the school purchased us a new juicer to replace a broken one. The children made choices about what fruits and vegetables they wanted to put in their smoothie, chopped them up and juiced them with varied levels of adult support.

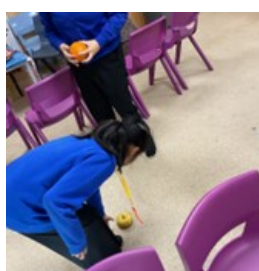
Woodfield had a visiting artist in to teach the children Rangoli art. The mixed media used was visual pleasing and smelt good enough to eat! We look forward to teaching the children about Diwali next week.

Class 9 have been looking at festivals - we have explored Bonfire night making rockets and our own collaborative firework display picture. We have at the different colours of poppies associated with Remembrance Day and what they represent. We have made poppies using lots of different materials and we have even made our edible mud! We have started looking at Diwali and some students have taken part in a workshop and made some lamps.

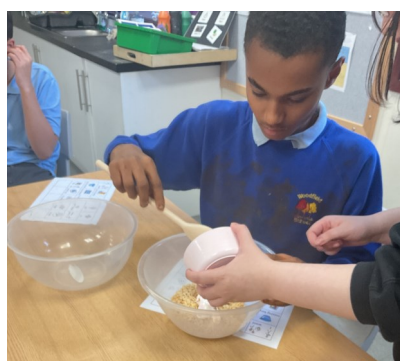


Class 10 visited The Dens Foodbank and took the Harvest Festival donations to deliver as well as a few last minute donations.

We have also been learning about pumpkins and squashes and looking at the different shapes and sizes. We talked about what differences we could see using symbols to help us. We then had 'pumpkin races' to see which pumpkins would roll fastest and straightest across the classroom. We have also used symbols to support us to make our own scary stories all about different characters.



Class 11 have had a very busy couple of weeks Learning about different festivals around the world they have worked on different activities on Halloween, the students have been enjoying continuous provision and dressing up for Halloween. Class 11 also enjoyed a Halloween party in the hall with Jummy. We have also learnt about fireworks and the students enjoyed making edible fireworks with bread sticks, chocolate and sprinkles. All the students enjoyed this session as it got very messy.



Class 12 have been embracing our new topic 'Festivals'. The first day we got back to school we got straight into celebrating Halloween and the students used communication boards to let us know what they do to celebrate from dressing up to carving pumpkins. They enjoyed making alternative pumpkins with Lego and potato printing in paints. All of the class had a great time participating in the Halloween Jummy dance session and enjoyed interacting with their peers, not just from their class but others too. Music teacher Nyree taught us how to sign along to some spooky songs during our Monday lessons too. This week we have started talking about Diwali and why the celebration is important, using the valuable information from the staff that work in our class team. The class have loved listening to stories of how they decorate their houses, the foods they eat and we are looking forward to seeing some traditional clothing, jewellery and dancing next week. The students have decorated their own rangoli patterns and we have more exciting projects to complete. The students have also been doing really well at completing their daily adulthood tasks such as hoovering the hallway, getting the classroom ready for lunch and tidying away afterwards and also taking the recycling out.



Class 14 have been engaging well in our new topic 'Festivals!' We have been learning about festivals of light this past fortnight, focusing on Diwali and Bonfire Night. We have been learning to make samosas; learning to follow our recipe with accuracy and increasing independence. We have also been learning about other ways people celebrate Diwali through lights, hair and make up, art and core texts. We have also been lucky to start some work with Saracens! We joined in with a sports workshop. Curling was a favourite! We have also worked hard on our independent living skills and skills for employment.



Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Autumn term visits during Coffee Mornings.

Wed 15th November — Mental Health Support Team

Parents coffee morning

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

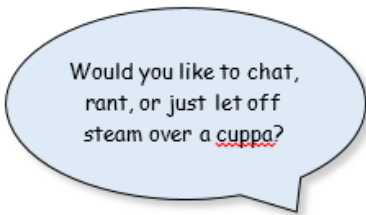
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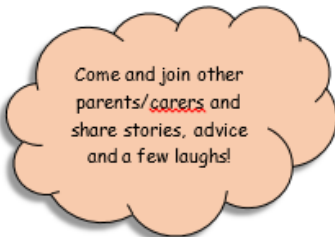
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Would you like to chat,
rant, or just let off
steam over a cuppa?



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.

Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors



Helping Your Child Manage Their Anger

Date Wednesday 15th November 2023

Time 09:30-11:00 am

Session will be held face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School in the Myatt Room

Does your child display challenging behaviour?

A **free** workshop for parents:

- Why do children display challenging behaviour?
- Understand your child and their responses and behaviour when they're angry
- Strategies and tips to help your child manage their anger



For more details and to book, please email:

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Please include contact details and
name of child's school when booking

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FREE Workshops

For all parents/carers*

Sessions will be held either online via MS Teams or face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School HP3 8ER

Lite Bite	Date	Time & Location
Family Life on a Budget	Wed 18th October 2023	10:30 to 12:00 pm Online
Helping your Child to Manage Anger	Wed 15th November 2023	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Anxiety & Attendance	Tues 9th January 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Parent & Carer Wellbeing	Wed 28th February 2024	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Managing Worries & Anxiety	Wed 15th May 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Moving onto Secondary School	Thurs 20th June 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online

To book your place, please contact

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*at present sessions can only be offered to parents/carers of those children/YP who attend a DFS North & East Partnership School