

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. We have had a very busy fortnight in the lead up to Christmas.

Our pupils, staff and parents/carers helped to fund raise £213.06 for Children in Need - well done to everyone!

Our pupils have been busy working and learning—we have especially enjoyed using Special Days and Festivals to frame our curriculum activities—there have been many Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas themed activities happening across the school.

Every class is making products to sell at the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday next week - families and friends are welcome to drop in any time between 10am and noon. You might just find a special gift for someone!

Thank you for all the donations that have come in for our Christmas Hampers - our Family Liaison Team is busy putting them together.

I hope to see many of you in school next week,

Best Wishes,

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DIARY DATES



Wed 29th November 10am-12noon - **Christmas Fayre** - In the hall drop in and see us. Lots of goodies to buy.

Thurs 7th December - **Christmas Jumper Day** & **Embracing Arts Christmas Performance** (pupils only).

Tues 12th December - **Singing Assemblies** & **Music Classes** Parents and carers welcome - more details to follow

Wed 13th December - **Childrens Christmas Lunch**

Mon 18th December - **Santa's Grotto** in the playroom (pupils only)

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

Headteacher Awards

	17th November	24th November
Class 1	Archie	Zakariya Q
Class 2	Elliott	David
Class 3	--	Lukas
Class 4	Jodi	Reed
Class 5	Palwasha	Teddy
Class 6	--	Daniyal
Class 7	Thomas	Jaime-Lee
Class 8	Archie	Ines
Class 9	Hayden	Oliver
Class 10	--	Toby - Hannah-May
Class 11	--	Taofy
Class 12	Billy	Thanish
Class 14	Julia	Isobel

Well Done



CHILDREN IN NEED

Woodfield School raised **£213.06**

Thank you to everyone with your support.
The cakes were yummy !



NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

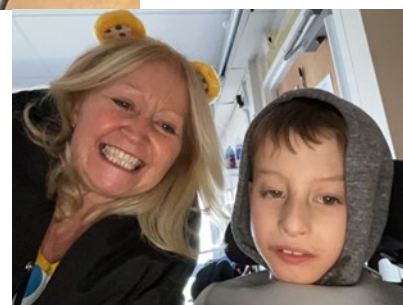
Class 1 have continued the topic of festivals and the children have enjoyed exploring new provision in class which are related to the topic. They have enjoyed exploring Halloween, Firework night, Remembrance and Diwali. We have been reading Big Books and listening to songs which are related to the festivals and children have been learning key words from the big book. The theme of touch and taste for this week was Diwali, we explored a variety of Indian food like mango chutney, rice pudding and poppadom.



In Class 2 we continued reading the book 'Diwali' in our guided reading session as part of our festival theme. We are learning to develop fine motor skills in expressive art and design session by making 'Diya' (clay lamp) using our hands and tools, rollers, cutters etc. We also explored Indian foods lemon rice, poppadum and Kheer (rice pudding) in the 'touch and taste' lesson. For Children In Need we loved colouring the Pudsey with paint sticks and decorated biscuits. In PE we took part in the daily mile, walking around the dell and school playgrounds. We finished the week by dressing up, wearing and exploring Indian traditional clothes Kutha and Saree.



Class 3. Throughout the past two weeks, the children have enjoyed bonfire night colours in Art and throughout class provisions. Within class the themes we have focused on are Music, Food and Colour festivals. For Remembrance day the children made some lovely biscuits in the colour of roses. For Children in Need, we dressed up, and have enjoyed developing our PSED skills with foot massages. Further to this, the children enjoyed the cakes they picked up from the coffee shop. They are also busy working away to create their items to sell at the Autumn fayre and are all looking forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.



Class 4 have been continuing with the topic of festivals over the past few weeks. We have enjoyed making Diva pots out of clay during our art lessons, we used blue strips to support us in our independence whilst doing this. Class 4 have also practice sentence building with our Speech and Language therapist and continued to enjoy the provision within class.



Class 5 have had a busy week! We have been working extremely hard on practicing our fine and gross motor skills, across a range of activities. One of our favourite afternoons this week was spending some time with children in class 8. We have been working on our play skills and unfamiliar peers. It was lovely to see some of our older pupils and engage and model play to our younger pupils.



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 6 had fun last Friday for children in need and all got dressed up spottily for the occasion. We did some fun activities and looked at why we give money to help people. We have done some fun winter based activities in preparation for the cold and the children have been really engaged with these. We are all looking forward to start looking at the more festive activities coming up.



Class 7 we have been doing lots of work on our communication skills. We have been interacting with adults during music sessions and sensory activities. We have used our AACs and symbols to go with different stories and activities. One of our favourite activities this week has been making coconut ice which was linked to our learning about the festival of Diwali.



Class 8 have all had such fun these past few weeks. Thought we would add the Halloween staff picture, as it is always nice to see the lovely team that works with your child.

In our cookery sessions, the children learned how to make pizzas again, with a naan bread base. They have also been learning how to create and decorate peppermint creams. If anyone would like the recipes to try at home, with the communication sheets that we create for our children to use in our cookery sessions, please email class 8 and we will send them to you.

Continuing with our topic work, the children learned about Diwali. They made sentences, created Diyas and have started to decorate these with bright colours, and other mixed media. In preparation for our Christmas sale next week, the children created tie dye bags and decorations.

We do hope you can all make the Christmas event next week (Wednesday 10am-12noon), to purchase something that your child has created. If you are unable to attend, we will send class 8 parents a list of items so you may also purchase something that your child has made. We don't want anyone to miss out!



Class 9 are now in full festival swing! We have made different festival foods and tried them, including Diwali sweets and Mango Lassi. Children in Need day saw everyone dress up and create a huge collaborative Pusey picture. We visited the cake sale and managed to choose a cake to buy from the huge selection, which was a hard choice! We are now looking at Road Safety Awareness week and starting to prepare for our Winter Fair so Class 9 is a little hive of activity!



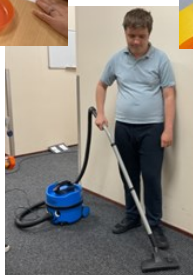
Class 10 have been learning about Hanukkah. We looked at a menorah which has 9 candles, one helper candle and 8 candles for the 8 days of the festival, one lit each day. We then looked at dreidels and played our own games with the dreidels spinning them with each other. We also enjoyed doing activities for Children in Need and did lots of spotty painting using our fine motor skills. We have also really enjoyed throwing, jumping and parachute games in PE.



Class 11. This week in class 11 we have played bowling. Everyone took turns and had lots of fun, helping each other to throw the ball, while aiming at times with a bowling ramp. It was difficult, but when everyone celebrated a throw and counted how many pins went down, it was fantastic to share the emotion. We also did some printing with fruit and vegetables. We started by chopping celery, apples, pears, and some orange skin, some of us independently and some of us with a bit of help from the adults. The class smelt beautiful of all the fruit and vegetables. We then worked on matching different paint colour to the fruit and vegetables' colours. After we all took turns on choosing the pieces we wanted to use and the colours, we did lots of printing with them on different papers. Some of us even got to chop and eat some extra fruit once we finished with the printing.



Class 12. Over the last two weeks Class 12 have really loved learning about the festival of Diwali. We have become immersed in the cultural traditions of the celebration. The students have used their fine motor skills to mould clay to make divas (tea light holders), and some enjoyed the sensory touch of wet clay but not everyone! You can see the finished decorated products when we sell them at our Winter Fayre stall next week. They have made their own colourful rangoli patterns with powder paints and decorations, kindly brought in by a member of staff that celebrated Diwali at home. The students have enjoyed dressing up in original Indian fabrics and then learnt some dances. The favourite activity linked to this celebration has to be the touch and taste sessions we have done together as group. The class have enjoyed coming together and sitting around the table to try different foods. They have all used communication boards effectively to let adults know whether they like or dislike the foods and also pointed to symbols such as crunchy, soft, lumpy to describe the texture. Last week the students enjoyed trying savoury foods such as flavoured naans and dipping poppadom's in mango chutney and mint yoghurt (that they had made themselves). This week we tried sweet desserts such as mango pulp, rice pudding, madeira cake, Baqar Khani and cake rusks. They have all embraced new flavours, and it has been wonderful to see them all so engaged. Class 12 have also enjoyed a visit from the ponies, trips to the school coffee shop to use their functional maths skills and done well at continuing to complete their daily adulthood jobs.



Class 14 have been engaging in a range of new independent living tasks. This has included ironing and steaming the Coffee Shop uniforms! We were all very careful when using the iron and steamer. We have also been developing our knowledge of different festivals. We have been learning about Hanukkah and the significance of Menorahs. We have been lighting our candles and sharing the significance. We also really enjoyed more visits from Saracens! Our favourite has been the rhythm sticks and parachute games. We have had two players of the week!



Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Parents coffee morning

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

@ Woodfield Coffee Shop

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

Contact: Gemma.Tuff@woodfield.herts.sch.uk

Lauren.Lettis@woodfield.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01442 253476

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

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

DSPL8 are pleased to announce our forth Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre!

Thursday 7th December 2023

10am-12pm

at Bennetts End Community Centre

Gatecroft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9LZ

The Information Fayre will include local provider information stands, activities for children & refreshments!

Please register your attendance via the booking link below and you are welcome to drop in any time between 10am—12pm.

Booking link: <https://dspl8sendinfofayre071223.eventbrite.co.uk>

(Registration closes on 29th November 2023)

Local Provider Information Stands at Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre: 07.12.2023, 10am-12pm at Bennetts End Community

Beezee Bodies Berkhamsted Raiders Football Club Carers in Hertfordshire Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Children & Young People (CYP) Therapies Dacorum Family Services North & East DS Achieve Gade/Kings Langley Schools Family Support Hertfordshire Mind Network (Mental Health Charity) and NHS Talking Therapies Hertfordshire SENDIASS Herts Disability Sports Foundation Herts Have Cafe (Herts Mind Network) Herts Parent Carer Involvement Herts Sport and Physical Activity Partnership Inspireall Family Centres - Dacorum Integrated Services for Learning/ Graduated Response/ Ask Sali	Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Dacorum Playskill - a charity supporting children with physical delays and disabilities, and their families, in Hertfordshire. Potential Kids Public Health Nursing Service 0 - 5 years: Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust SEND team SEND SAS Speech Language, Communication and Autism Advisory Team Services for Young People SPACE Hertfordshire Supporting Links The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website Unlocking Children's Potential Waterways Experiences Watford Mencap withYOUTH (Herts Mind Network) Woodfield school Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL8)
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This event is organised and funded by DSPL8 for Dacorum SEND Families.

In Other News

M e r r y C h r i s t m a s

Rotary
Hemel Hempstead



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Santa's Sleigh

Visit our **Santa Sleigh Website** for the Calendar and Streetfinder
at www.hemelsantasleigh.co.uk



Track Santa

Come out and say hello to Santa and his elves
– they'd love to see you.

Santa will be nearby even if he doesn't pass your house.

Every evening you can track Santa's progress at

Christmas.trackit247.com



Santa Sleigh Website



Routes start at 17.30,
generally finishing at 19.30

HOW TO DONATE



Text £2

Text **HEMELSANTA2** to 70085 to donate **£2**

Text **HEMELSANTA5** to 70085 to donate **£5**

To donate a different amount insert that
amount after **HEMELSANTA**

Texts cost the amount of the donation plus one standard rate message.



Text £5

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