

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter of the year. We have had a lovely time getting ready for our celebrations - thank you for all your support for the Christmas Fayre last week. We hope to see some of you on Tuesday for our Christmas songs and music sessions.

It just remains for me to wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

K. Mann. Carr

DIARY DATES



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

Thurs 4th January - Back to school

Tues 16th January 2024—Parents Evening

Headteacher Awards

	1st December	8th December
Class 1	Oliver	Marley
Class 2	Rebecca	Wilfred
Class 3	--	Maisie
Class 4	Jodi	Ibrahim
Class 5	Finley	Jenson
Class 6	--	Aaron
Class 7	Lillie	Varshana
Class 8	--	--
Class 9	Miles	Laila
Class 10	Toby	George
Class 11	--	George
Class 12	James	Lauren
Class 14	Hanaa	Owais

Well Done



Christmas Fayre

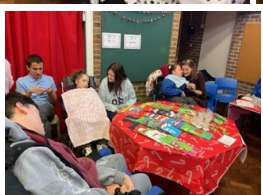
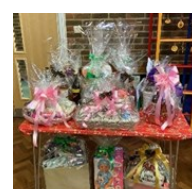
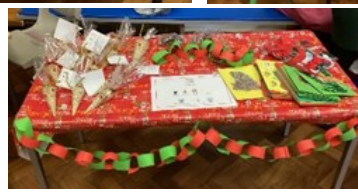


The Christmas Fayre was a very successful event held in the hall last Wednesday morning. It was great to see many of you there and **thank you** for all your orders, raffle donations and raffle ticket purchases.

Every class stall looked amazing, and it was very evident that classes had worked very hard creating amazing products.

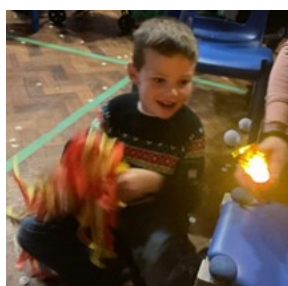
Including the raffle, we have raised a total of **£1,117** for school funds.

The classes had a competition to win a treat for their class by raising the most amount of money. We are very pleased that Class 5 has raised the most amount of money out of all the classes.



Embracing Arts - Closing Event

Embracing Arts came in and preformed their Chrimblemas show for the students. Everyone was engaged and interacting with the characters. Everyone enjoyed the singing, sensory snowballs and the northern lights.



NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class 1 did a lot of Hannukah and Christmas activities over the past couple of weeks. We have explored different Jewish food and stories, and have enjoyed spinning the dreidels. Class 1 have also been doing really well on preparing for the Christmas Fayre, making fingerprint clay Christmas ornaments and the calendar. The students have been working hard on their EHCP targets as well.



Class 2 started the week with Christmas crafts in our art lesson making sweet cups, gift tags and personalised calendars for our Christmas fayre. We sold most of the sweet cups at the fair! In guided reading sessions we are learning about Jewish festival Hanukkah and we are having fun spinning the dreidel and eating chocolate coins whilst reading the book. In our sensory walk we are learning to observe and listen to the environmental sounds. We also collected sticks to make a star of David on a sheet of paper. We have been enjoying making colourful play dough in expressive art and design lesson.



Class 3 have been busy over the past few weeks. We have enjoyed exploring our class provisions and learning to make pizza and explore dough. A number of children have enjoyed the show put on by Embracing Arts for one of the Christmas events. The Christmas fayre in the hall was also an excellent hit with the children and we can all agree that everyone made and bought some lovely gifts to take home. Over the last week of term, we will have more exploration with dough to finish off next week making doughnuts.



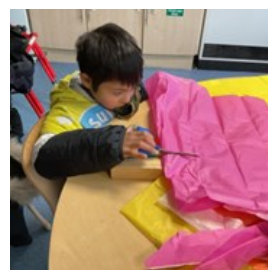
Class 4 have been working hard over the past two weeks. We have been busy making crafts for the Christmas fayre. These included Christmas cards and Snowmen, the children thoroughly enjoyed making these with support from adults.

Last week we were learning about the celebration of St. Andrews day. During our expressive arts and design session we learnt how to follow directions using a blue strip to make our own Scottish flag. We have also this week, started learning about the Celebration of Hanukkah. We have used our cutting and sticking skills to make our own Menorah's. We have been listening to Jewish songs alongside this.



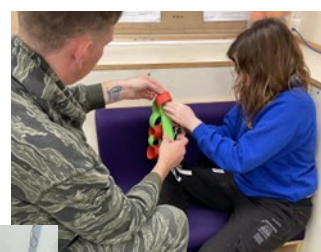
Class 5 over the last two weeks, have been practicing new skills. We have been looking at scissor skills. A lot of our pupils, have really enjoyed using block scissors and being able to see what happens when they press on the top of the scissors.

We have also spent a lot of time making Christmas decorations, we have really enjoyed getting messy, using our fine and gross motor skills to create some amazing products. We sold out!



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

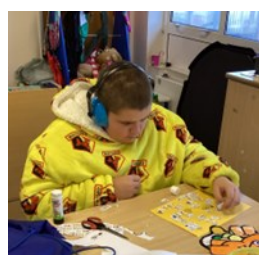
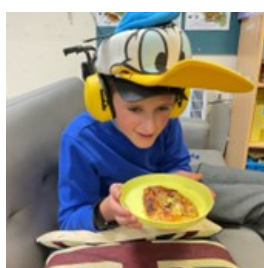
Class 6 have been getting festive and making lots of lovely decorations and items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. We have been reading lots of stories based on festivals while taking part in sensory activities to support our learning with this. The children are all very excited for the next few weeks with all of the exciting activities we have going on.



Class 7 have been continuing to enjoy our topic 'festivals'. Learning to use range of our skills to create products for our Christmas fayre. We have loved exploring the different smells for the simmering pots we made and using our communication to comment. In music we have been focusing on using our voices, bodies and percussion to create sounds and play along to songs. Some of us have become very creative exploring the sound and light walls in the sensory room to make own sound patterns whilst using our physical skills. We have particularly enjoyed the 'Tinkerbelle' and 'organ' sound setting.



Class 8 have been very busy these past few weeks. A huge thank you to those of you who either pre-ordered items or came to our school fayre. The children worked very hard in creating all of the wonderful items that went on sale. The children took it in turns to sell items at the Christmas fayre. A group of children from Tudor School, even came to help out. One of the adults in class 8 heard of a care home in our local area that wanted some cards to cheer up their residents. The class have made lots of cards and these have been posted to the Care home. We hope they bring lots of joy. In cookery, the children have made peppermint creams, pizzas and pancakes.



Class 9 continue with their festival celebrations. Last week we celebrated St Andrew's day: making shortbread, mashing tattles and creating the Scottish flag. Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the Christmas fayre. The students have enjoyed making the tea lights and hot chocolate cones. We are learning some Makaton songs which we are singing and signing along to. We have decorated our classroom and have designed our own Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper day.



In class 10 we have started our Christmas activities. We have been looking at how to make pop up cards and then making and decorating our own cards before using word and symbol mats to write in them. We have also been working on our understanding of different prepositions and playing games to move Christmas characters around a scene by listening to and following instructions. We then used our understanding and a symbol board to make sentences to say where Santa was hiding in a variety of different scenes.



Class 11 have worked hard making cards to sell at the Christmas Fayre. Well done everyone. We have enjoyed our festivals topic this term. We decorated baubles whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers!



Class 12 over the last two weeks have enjoyed learning more about festivals around the world, particularly the festival of colour 'Holi'. We have used this as an opportunity to experiment with making different colours, mixing primary colours together to make secondary colours. The students have been good at completing colour sorting activities and recognising them in our everyday environment. The class have loved getting in the Christmas spirit too and did an amazing job at making and decorating our clay tea-lights and Santa Christmas tree decorations. The students used their beaming personalities and big smiles to help charm the customers at the Christmas Fayre and we managed to sell quite a bit. The fayre was a wonderful morning, and it was lovely to see the family members that could make it. Thank you for showing your support and we were all very proud of Class 12. The students have had brilliant fun making our very own Christmas display in the classroom and we have now have a fireplace to hang their stockings above. The students used aided language boards to communicate whether they wanted paint, glitter, cotton wool, snow and really personalised their paper stockings. They also enjoyed printing the paint bricks on the wall of the fireplace to try and make it look more realistic. The sensory element of the sponge in paint was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have also taken some students to the local shops to buy their own snacks, as well as the school coffee shop. The students have been every polite to staff at the shops and been working on exchanging the right money for their items.



Class 14 have been busy with the lead up to Christmas! We are continuing to enjoy Saracens who have been providing workshops for us! This week we were learning to freestyle with scarves and music which we all thoroughly enjoyed! We have been learning to follow instructions during the sessions and exercise and play together. We worked hard in the lead up to the Christmas fayre to make lots of crafts and have continued this during our Art lessons where we have been learning to use clay to create 3D models. In the Coffee Shop some of us have been working hard to serve customers, prepare orders and complete essential stocktakes! We have also been pricing and sorting our Christmas stock for the Charity Shop!



Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors

Parents coffee morning

Every Wednesday

9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

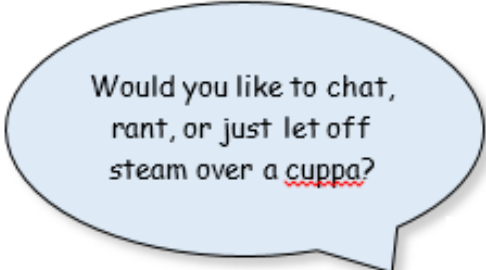
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Would you like to chat,
rant, or just let off
steam over a cuppa?



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.

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Anxiety and Attendance

Date

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Time

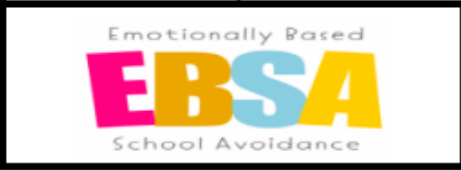
10:00 to 11:30 am
Session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

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Is your child struggling to come into school?

A **free** workshop for parents:

- What is anxiety – signs to look out for
- Strategies to manage anxiety and improve resilience and attendance
- Understand your child and their responses and behaviour



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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Woodfield Family Support Ambassadors



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

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Making Inclusive Arts Accessible To All



Embracing Arts Parties

We want every child to feel special on their birthday and with our In-Person & Virtual Visit shows we can make sure they do! Bringing bespoke entertainment to you, in a venue/space where your family feels most comfortable – no living room is too small!

Embracing Arts Workshops

We all learn in different ways! Our workshops help those who are visual and physical learners to explore subjects through performance and interaction – from PSHE topics, to performance and bespoke workshops!



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