

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter in 2024. It is lovely to have everyone back in school and busy learning.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came in for Parents' Evening on Tuesday - we had a very good turnout. Please make sure that you are booked in for a call if you were unable to attend on the day.

We are very pleased to announce that we have renewed our Leading Parent Partnership Award, with our Family Liaison Team coming out as a particular strength - well done especially to Sheree, Gemma, Lauren and Emma! Also thank you to all the parents and staff who spoke to the assessors.

A while back in the autumn term we had a contractor in from Herts County Council to check for any RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) - we have now had official confirmation in writing that there is none in our building.

We are looking forward to having a temporary swimming pool on site after Easter - we are hoping to be able to offer some Family Swim sessions, as well as regular slots for pupils across the week. We will give you more details nearer the time.

I hope that you have a good weekend in the warmer weather,

K. Mann. Carr

IN OTHER NEWS

Upcoming Parent Governor Vacancy

Please look out for the candidate application form coming out soon.

DIARY DATES



Thurs 15th Feb - School finishes at 3.30pm for half-term

Fri 16th Feb - Inset day - closed to pupils

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd February - Half-term

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day

Headteacher Awards

	12th January	19th January
Class 1	Charlee	Thomas
Class 2	Rebecca, Liam	Joesph, George
Class 3	Edward	Khadijah
Class 4	Reed	James
Class 5	Palwasha	Ana
Class 6	Daniyal	Aaron
Class 7	Varshana, Maida	Jaime-Lee
Class 8	Archie	Ella-May
Class 9	Efe, Hayden	Joshua, Oli
Class 10	Toby, Abby	Jordan, James
Class 11	Zaid, Sienna S	Ava, Christian
Class 12	David	Zohi
Class 14	Ben, Ethan	Hanaa, Julia

Well Done

Rose Hall Farm

Some of the pupils from Upper School have started to visit Rose Hall Farm to learn about horse care. They really enjoyed learning how to groom the horses, feed them, and lead them around the riding school.



NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class 1. Happy to see the students back to the class in the 2024! Over the past two weeks, we have been learning, exploring the tasks related to the theme 'Travel and Transport'. Class 1 enjoyed reading the sensory book, pop-up books and stories related to the theme. Students enjoyed joining in the transport related rhymes by using music instruments. They also enjoyed the sensory play and Touch and Taste sessions.

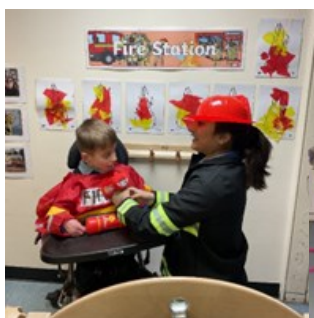


Class 2. It has been wonderful to welcome Class 2 pupils back to school for Spring term. We have enjoyed settling back into our class routine. Learning we have particularly enjoyed this fortnight these include:

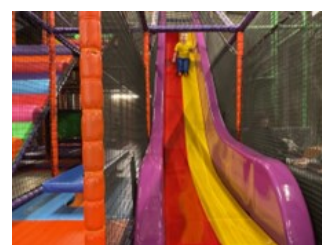
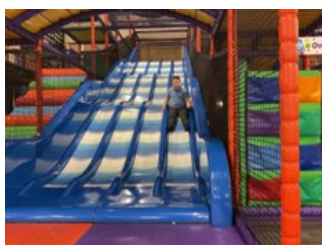
- Musical instruments and songs, pupils have been learning to make choices and express their likes and dislikes.
- Exploring the way objects move, including using key vocabulary such as "fast and slow", "up and down" and "round and round".
- Listening to environmental sounds, such as cars, bikes, pitter patter of footsteps. Barefoot books - 'We all go travelling by', has been recorded onto a switch for pupils to access in their provision.



Class 3 has had a great start to the Spring Term. In class we have learning about our new topic 'Travel and Transport'. We have been learning about different types of transport and taking part in walks around the school to understand our surroundings in a public place and how to cross the road safely. This week we have particularly enjoyed our role play area which is a Fire Station! We have explored lots of different items which firemen use and have enjoyed dressing up as a Fireman. Some of us were very pleased to see the Ponies back in school this week too!



Class 4 have settled back into a school routine well since returning from the Christmas break. We have started to explore our new topic of Transport/ Vehicles and this has been a great hit, within our provision in class we have been making paper aeroplanes, exploring tyre marks in the sand and we had a train station role play area set up. During our art session we worked collaboratively to create a picture of a vehicle using different materials, the children worked incredibly hard on their sharing skills and the ability to work cooperatively. Class 4 also started their weekly community visits last week, some of us took a trip to DJ's play park, here we explored climbing, running, jumping, sliding and much more, the children all had a great time and are excited to return for their next visit.



Class 5. Over the last 2 weeks, Class 5 have been practising verbs and doing actions associated with our theme of transport like, 'push,' 'pull' etc. We have been creating art around transport and reading a fun and exciting Big Book about cars. We've also been practicing our phonics, sorting and colours, and tried some wonderful new flavours in Touch & Taste. We also worked on the skill of spreading in cooking by making chocolate filled pastries and sandwiches, which the students chose the fillings for. It's been a great start to the school year!

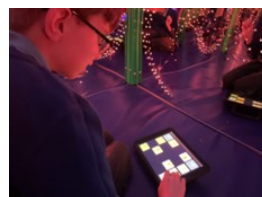


NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

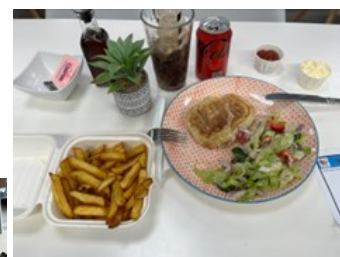
Class 6 have had lots of fun exploring our new topic 'transport and travel'. We have been exploring the different modes of transport and exploring the community to explore different ways of travelling. We have been plane spotting and looking out for different vehicles. We are also beginning one of our class trips this week exploring the RAF museum and the children are very excited. We are looking forward to exploring more this term.



Class 7 have had a great start to the Spring Term and have been enjoying our new topic 'Transport and Travel'. We have been very busy using our physical skills to explore different environments in and around school. We have particularly enjoyed using our physical skills in the sensory room to travel to different activities we like. We have had a great dance session with Jummie this week copying different dance moves and interacting with adults and peers. In Maths we have been identifying one and lots of objects and using our subsidising skills to identify groups of objects. One of our favourite continual provision activities has been using toy vehicles and paint to create and experiment making different marks. We have also been working with peers to create our own smoothies making choices of fruit and vegetables, using our knife skills to cut up vegetables and fruit and learning to operate the blender.



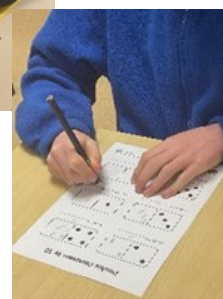
Class 8. The children have been very busy in class 8. We have introduced a daily Yoga session as our calm time for when we come in from our playtime outside. The children are responding really well to it. Our new topic this term is Travel and Transport. The children have made pictures, junk box models and sentences all about transport. In cooking, the children have been making apple style turnovers and they have gone down a treat. Kim has settled into her new role within the school Cafe and made her first ever meal (see pictured). I would also like to share with you all and congratulate Lauren S on her recent pro-



Class 9. This term Class 9 are exploring travel and transport. We have been looking at the different transport options both in our community, such as buses, train and cars. we have also explored less typical forms of transport, such as boats, planes and traveling on horseback. one of our highlights of the term so far has been our weekly visits to from the ponies, which our pupils love.



Class 10. In Class 10 we have really enjoyed starting our new topic all about travel and transport. We are really enjoying using all the different transport toys and resources. We have used them to count to match different numbers, to sort into groups by colour and to set up different traffic scenes. We have also been working on our fine motor skills using our pincer grip to pick up small items and strengthening our hand grip by using tongs to pick up items to move. We have continued to work on our communication using our communication devices such as in art lessons to choose different paints and to ask for more paint. We are also working on the concept of doubling and looking at how many we have and then how many we have if we double the group. We are also working on our independence skills and getting out and putting resources away by ourselves.



Class 11. This week class 11 have loved making fruit kabab skewers, choosing, peeling and chopping the fruit. The best part was the tasting!

Dancing with Jummie and socialising with their peers from other classes in upper school has been a favourite, the dance moves and interactions were fabulous!

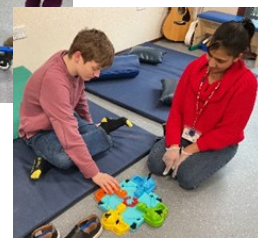
In Math this week we have been learning about measurements and the process of how to make a milkshake, the students really enjoyed the lesson and gave their option on the flavour.

English has been interacting and reading our big book related to our transport topic.

the sensory props that the student's engage with is fun and has been great to engage with social interaction



Class 12. It has been a fabulous start to 2024 for Class 12. The students have come back to school with a great learning attitude, ready to learn all about our new topic 'Travel and Transport'. We have started exploring the topic with a fun sensory story called 'Naughty Bus'. The students have loved acting out the 'Naughty Bus's' adventures and using real life objects from the story to bring each page to life. They have been using aided language boards to communicate the correct props to use to staff. The class have also used their independent and preparation for adulthood skills to make transport cookies. The students followed instructions using visual symbols to help and were great at using their fine motor skills to mix all the ingredients together. The students have been working hard on their EHCP targets such as making independent choices and playing turn taking games, to develop their sharing and social interactions with members of staff and their peers. This term Class 12 are being treated to workshops run by Saracens coaches every Tuesday afternoon. The coaches are putting on some fantastic activities and games which really help the students with their physical development, as well as many other benefits. Favourite activities so far have been the parachute game and writing our names with gymnastic ribbons.



Class 14 have been learning about transport, we have been looking at how we use transport as a class. We have discussed places we like to go and different ways to we get to these places, train, car or bus. When talking about holidays we discovered that lots of us have travelled by aeroplane. We all enjoyed making rockets and planes from different materials and racing them in the corridor. We have also been sharing new turn taking games in class. Hungry Hippo's was a favourite.



The Woodfield Coffee Shop

Coffee Shop Opening Times

We are pleased to announce that the Coffee Shop is extending its opening days and times, please see below.

Monday 08.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 08.00 - 16.00
Wednesday 12.45 - 16.00
Thursday 08.00 - 16.00
Friday 08.00 - 14.30

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: familyliaison@woodfield.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01442 253476

Upcoming workshops

31st January community sports project

7th February help and support with Arbor and EFL

14th February Herts minds

If you don't fancy the workshops regular coffee morning is available on these days.

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



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

Jan Nethercoat on:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5 (Term time only)

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

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

For Your Information



The Grand Opening of the UK's First Fully Inclusive Playground

Fair Play Barnet

Celebrate with us on
Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
at 1 pm, Victoria Recreation Ground,
Lawton Road, New Barnet, EN4 9BS



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Contact: fairplayinclusive@gmail.com