

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2024!

As part of this half term's theme of transport, we had a large Grab Truck join us on the play-ground this week, for our Primary classes to see. Thank you, Becky, for utilising your family connections!

Continuing with this theme, several classes have enjoyed trips to Hendon RAF Museum and we are all looking forward to the end of topic events in the last week of the half term.

From this week, the Coffee Shop is open every day. It has been great to see more of our pupils joining the work force. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to provide such a great experience on site.

Three new pupils who have recently joined the Woodfield community are settling in very well and progressing towards building up their time in school. Starting in a brand-new setting can be a challenging experience and it has been great to see families and school working together so positively to make sure we are able to provide the right support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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Important Reminder
We are a nut free school

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



	26th January	3rd February
Class 1	Archie	Marley
Class 2	Elliott	Muhammad
Class 3	Michael	Rosetta
Class 4	Tyler	Jodi
Class 5	Jenson	Samson
Class 6	Evelyn	Ava Bella
Class 7	Jaime-Lee	Michael-Patrick
Class 8	Sean	Aiden H
Class 9	Jaden, Laila	Joshua, Miles
Class 10	LJ	Ella, George
Class 11	--	Taofy, Sienna H
Class 12	Lauren	Billy
Class 14	--	Hanaa, Mejjwad

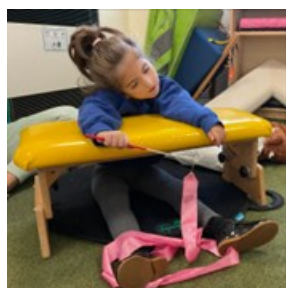
Well Done

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary school had a treat this week when a big lorry came to visit. They had a good look around and had their picture take with it too.



Class 1 has been focused on learning about the theme travel and transport. They have been using vehicles to make track marks on flour, paint, Weetabix, sand etc. They enjoyed the time staying outside, in the playground with peers. They have also tried to use the aided language boards to choose the instruments, songs to play with. For the upcoming week, they are going to make their own instruments as well. We look forward to seeing them playing with their own instruments.



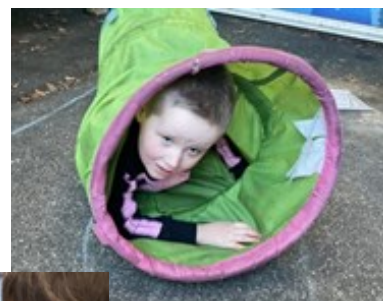
Class 2 have enjoyed exploring a wide variety of transport song and sensory stories. We have been enjoying looking at photos of the local area, enjoying trips to the sensory garden and school Cafe. We have been listening to the Train Ride story as part of our literacy and have been exploring different apparatus in the playground.



Class 3 have been enjoying exploring our topic 'Travel and Transport'. Within our provisions we have been exploring tyre marks, diggers in sand and creating tracks. During our art sessions we have enjoyed creating pictures of different types of transport using different materials. We've also been enjoying our cookery sessions learning new skills such as spreading ingredients. We have so far made pizzas and chocolate brioches; both were a great hit! Class 3 has also began weekly community visits to the library! We are enjoying being out in the community and exploring new books.



Class 4 have been enjoying all things transport over the last few weeks. We have been enjoying our weekly trips to soft play and the children have explored the ball pits, slides and role play areas whilst there. In class we have enjoyed our fire station role play area, the children have especially enjoyed dressing up and pretending to put out fires. In the playground we have been learning to push vehicles through tunnels and down ramps, some have also enjoyed climbing through the tunnels. We have been learning to be as independent as possible during sessions in class and the children are impressing us with their skills so far.

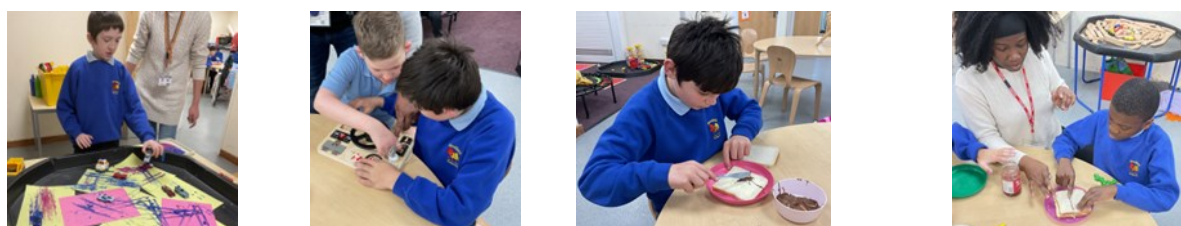


Class 5. The students in class 5 have happily welcomed a new student into class with us, which has been brilliant! We are continuing to explore the theme of 'travel and transport' through activities like messy play with painting on plates with glitter and glue, painting with trucks and cars, practicing making straight lines out of tape to create roads for our toy cars, identifying vehicle sounds and having fun with water play in our continuous provision by washing cars in a car wash. We have been practicing filling and emptying containers of varying sizes with sand and uncooked rice to get a feel for the different textures, doing giant puzzles together, dressing up in play clothes. Last but not least, we've also had an amazing time trying new foods in Touch and Taste and cooking yummy treats in cooking, like making fruit smoothies and traffic cone snacks, to tie into our transport theme!



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 6 have continued enjoying and exploring our transport and travel topic through different mediums. We have explored mark making with vehicles looking at how long or short we can make marks and what different sizes the different cars make. In cooking class have been working on their spreading and cutting skills and have enjoyed trying different fillings and exploring different textures. We are looking forward to continuing exploring the topic.



Class 7. We've had lots of fun with our transport theme over the last few weeks. This week we focused on using wheeled vehicles and paint to make lots of different marks and worked hard on using new and different vocabulary.

We have also been working on sharing resources and exploring various books about transport, the noisy ones were a big hit!!

Class 7 have continued to visit the coffee shop to develop independence and life skills.



Class 8 have been very busy these past few weeks. Every morning the children have taken part in a sensory circuit. They have been learning different ball skills and having lots of fun at the same time. The children have continued to make a hot air balloon, learning different skills along the way. We made pizzas, the children can now follow the instructions with greater independence, which is fantastic! The pizzas they make also taste amazing! The children have been learning the initial sounds of new words related to transport. We have played transport games and even made sentences about how we travel to and from school. As part of our physical development, the children have also been learning to thread to strengthen their fine motor control. During Child initiated play, the children have chosen from our continued provision on offer such as: playing with the keyboard, Hot wheel tracks and our new interactive toy plane.



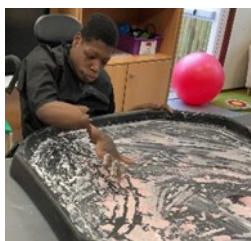
Class 9. In the past two weeks, Class 9 has been actively engaged in enhancing our communication skills while exploring a variety of new vocabulary related to transportation. We've been focusing on safety by practicing how to cross the road safely, an essential life skill. Additionally, we've had the opportunity to visit the school coffee shop, where students have been learning practical life skills by buying and paying for their own snacks. Moreover, our cooking sessions have been a hit, with one highlight being rocky road.



Class 10. In Class 10 we have visited the adventure playground where we used the outdoor play equipment like the trampoline and climbing frames, and the indoor play equipment like the table tennis and the old style 80s video games. We loved Pac-Man! We have also been making road maps and making our own signs. We have played turn taking games with each other. We have also been working on our independence and doing jobs such as taking the register, doing the washing up, and on one occasion, we were shown how to clean up the pony poo when the ponies came to visit! One class 10 student offered to help! We have also really enjoyed our new travel agency role play area.



Class 11 have been exploring different touch, taste and textures in cooking while using maths to measure out the ingredients along with colour semantics of different fruits and vegetables. Class 11 are learning about different types of transportation. They are exploring different terrain types using various cupboard ingredients such as cornflour and rice Krispies, while using cars to create tyre tracks.



Class 12 have had a good few weeks and all the students are continuing to enjoy our topic 'Travel and Transport'. We have focused more on trains recently, investigating the speed they travel at and comparing them to other modes of transport, with a new electric train track. We have finished our Class 12 train station role play area and students will now use this as a replicate ticket office and learn some work related skills (look out in the next issue for photos). The students loved making mini chocolate animal trains last week, and enjoyed getting messy by melting the chocolate and using it as a glue to stick various sweets on for different parts of the train. This was great for fine motor practice and even better for the taste buds! This week we have focussed on a more of balanced diet and helped the students learn more about how to make nutritious smoothies. The students used aided language boards to communicate what fruits, milk or juices they would like in their smoothies with an 'I want' sentence structure. They all did well with this and cutting the fruit up, before mixing it all up in the blender. The students have also been using their choosing boards and picking from a number of task related symbols to communicate what snacks they would like, where in the school they would like to visit in their walkers and which leisure activity they would like to do at lunchtime. We can't forget that we have had a number of big birthdays over the last few weeks and the students have had good fun celebrating their special days in school.



Class 14 have been busy this week making a double decker bus and tractor using boxes. They have painted them red and cut the wheels to shape and size and stuck them on. Using photos of their faces they chose where they wanted to sit on the bus and stuck them on too.



Well Done !



Ella wanted to share certificate for gymnastics she got last week. It was her first week and she had the most amazing time. Well done Ella!



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