

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 half term.

Our pupils have continued to work on our transport topic, as well as enjoying the Lunar New Year and Valentines Day celebrations. We continue to have regular trips out into the community with our pupils, and it is great to see pupils out and about and building their confidence in exploring the world beyond school.

The Coffee Shop has been extremely busy since extending the opening hours, and our pupils are enjoying building their work related learning skills there. We have also had very good attendance at our Wednesday Parent Coffee Mornings, especially when we have hosted a workshop as well. More information will follow on sessions planned for next half term.

We are very excited that the first phase of our Outdoor Learning Project will commence with the Playground Project on 4th March. The team will be onsite until mid-April making improvements to the areas outside classes, as well as the Primary Playground and the Secondary Playground. They will work sensitively around our pupils and I will keep you updated with progress. We will also upload the plans to our website, and put up a display in our Entrance Hall, so you can see what is planned.

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DIARY DATES



Fri 16th Feb - Inset day - closed to pupils

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

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day

Headteacher Awards

	9th January	15th February
Class 1	Marley	Oliver
Class 2	Elliott	Muhammad
Class 3	Maisie	Nola
Class 4	Antonia	Kai
Class 5	Teddy	Malih
Class 6	--	--
Class 7	--	--
Class 8	Zaara	Theo
Class 9	--	--
Class 10	Hifzah, Freddie	Hannah-May
Class 11		
Class 12	Thanish	Ayaan
Class 14		

Well Done

Class 1 has been enjoying the trips to soft play, sensory room, sensory garden and coffee shop during the weeks. They have been exploring the school environment. In class, we have enjoyed the sensory area, exploring with the sensory materials like spaghetti and vermicelli. During the music session, we have been choosing different materials to make our shakers. This week, we have learnt about the story of Chinese New Year, exploring with the role play toys during the Big Book time and made our own red lantern.



Class 2. We had had a fantastic final two weeks of Spring 1 term. We have enjoyed exploring pancake day themed touch and taste, which included some yummy fruits. We have been learning about Chinese New Year - The Year of the Dragon. We have listened to some traditional music, engaging in mark making and exploring red and gold objects. We have had a focus on developing fine motor skills and using different actions to create effects. Such as squeezing, gripping, pulling and cutting.



Class 3 have continued to enjoy exploring our topic of transport. We have particularly enjoyed listening to and reading our class book 'All things that go' in literacy. We have been learning about the different types of transport and what some may be used for. Some of us went out in our minibus to visit the train station to go and see the trains and other types of transport on the way! We have enjoyed our Airport role play area. We have been dressing up as Pilots and taking the drivers seat in our own Airplane and bringing our passengers on board! We have been learning to become more independent whilst in the cookery room. We have been following instructions in preparing food and the tidying up process. Over the past 2 weeks we have prepared a vegetable stir fry and we have made cakes, yummy!!



Class 4 have continued to explore the topic of travel and transport in the last few weeks. We have especially enjoyed our music sessions with Kelly, learning songs about trains and buses, we have been learning to play different instruments whilst singing along to the songs. We have been learning about different celebrations, including Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we prepared a stir fry during our cooking session, the children were learning to cut items independently and follow instructions. The children also celebrated Shrove Tuesday with Pancakes and toppings of their choice, the favourite in class 4 was chocolate.



Class 5. This fortnight, Class 5 have continued to explore the topic of travel and transport through different activities in our continuous provision like our outdoor car wash, pushing and pulling tractors through hay in our farm area and seeing what happens when we place different sizes cars on a ramp. In messy play we did water play with boats and ran cars and trucks through pretend mud, brown squidgy Ooblek! In cooking, we made traffic light biscuits and pancakes for Pancake Day--yum! In PE, we worked on key skills like passing, taking turns and throwing. We enjoyed a visit from the ponies also--always fun! Music also plays a vital role in our learning: listening to, dancing along with, singing to and playing along to all different kinds of music every day. This tends to keep us engaged in our learning and in good spirits. It was a fun and productive end of our half term!



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 6 have continued exploring their travel and transport topic but have also been exploring different events such as pancake day and valentines day. The students especially enjoyed exploring pancake day and all the yummy toppings. In maths we have been looking at number. Some students have used the cars to count different amounts into the garages they built themselves and others have been looking at the difference between 1 and lots. We look forward to having the students back after half term.



Class 7. It's been an exciting few weeks in class 7. We have continued exploring and enjoying our 'Transport and Travel' theme. Additionally we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We have been experimenting with new tastes and textures, and engaged in lots of fun creative activities. We used the parachute and listened to some Oriental style music to recreate our own dragon dance. We had so much fun getting underneath it and thinking of different ways to move our bodies to the music. We finished the festivities making some valentines themed cards and cooking and eating some very yummy pancakes!



Class 8. The children in class 8 have had an exciting couple of weeks. Every morning, they have continued to learn more ball skills and every afternoon have taken part in a relaxing yoga session. During cookery, the children made cake pops and Chinese pancakes in celebration of the new lunar year of the Dragon! They have completed their hot air balloons, and some children made a dragon out of handprints. The children have been working on being kind to each other and helping one another to complete tasks. A pair of children ask the class every week what they would like for their breakfast/morning snack, they have been preparing toast with different toppings. This is supporting the children's life skills in preparation for adulthood.



Class 9 have been busy exploring travel, transport, and cultural festivities with our students. They've enjoyed farm visits and spending time with our ponies, learning about animals and nature firsthand. Crafting sessions for Chinese New Year resulted in a magnificent dragon hanging from our ceiling. Our Valentine's Day crafts, including cards for parents, have brought joy and connection to our classrooms.



Class 10. In class 10 we have been enjoying learning about different celebrations and taking part in cooking activities related to them. We learnt about Lunar New Year and looked at how this is celebrated in China. As part of our learning, we went to the cooking room and made vegetable spring rolls. We followed the visual instructions to do this. This week we have learnt about Pancake Day. This time we went to the Future Kitchen and used the equipment there to make our pancake mix and pancakes. We then used the choosing sheets to choose the different toppings to have on our pancakes. We also enjoyed a biscuit decorating activity on Valentine's Day.



Class 11. This week in Class 11, we explored different textures and tastes of ready made ingredients for cake pops and waffles as an alternative for pancakes as they RAN OUT OF PANCAKES IN THE STORE!!! Class 11 enjoyed trying all different sweet and savoury products with dietary needs. The students enjoyed all the different colours of each topping for their pancakes ranging from chocolates, strawberries, (lemon SOURRRR) sugar, and sprinklesssss.



Class 12 have had a great two weeks and a nice end to the Spring one term. The students have been busy doing lots of cooking recently and taking part in 'Touch and Taste' sessions to celebrate Chinese New Year. Last week the students made a vegetable stir fry and really enjoyed trying prawn crackers, chilli rice crackers, spring rolls and prawn sesame toast. During the 'Touch and Taste' session the students used aided language boards to communicate what food they had liked and disliked, and what they would like more of. Prawn sesame toast was a clear favourite! The class have enjoyed trips around the local community and going to the shops to buy favoured snacks. The students have also taken the opportunity for some peaceful moments in the sensory room and have chosen which peers and adults they would like to go there with. Wishing you a lovely and restful half term, Class 12.



Class 14. Last two weeks we have been learning about different transport modes and the reason we would use different methods of transport. We have created a fire engine as a group project, which was part of our expressive arts pathway and understanding the world. Last week Friday class 14 celebrated Chinese new year by designing their own personal lanterns. To celebrate the lunar new year we had a party that included touch and taste where we tried different Chinese snacks to experience different cuisines. Today students created Valentine cards and gave them to their loved ones as a way to express their love and gratitude.



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.

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Parent & Carer Wellbeing

Date	Wednesday 28 th February 2024
Time	09:30 to 11:00 am Session will be held face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School in the Myatt Room
Would you like some ideas of how to improve your general wellbeing?	
A free workshop for parents/carers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about mindfulness and positivity and how it can improve your wellbeing• Discuss gratitude and how it can improve wellbeing• Learn some strategies that are easy to implement into busy lives	
 	



For more details and to book, please email:

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

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

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**