

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the fourth edition of our Spring Term Newsletter. We are definitely feeling as if spring has sprung - our ducklings have reminded us about cycles of growth and renewal. They have gone to a good home with Helen, our School Nurse.

We have all been learning about special occasions and thinking about others with Mothers Day approaching. I have seen some lovely cards, presents and cakes being produced across the school and the pupils have been very proud to show their work.

Our playground project works have begun this week, with the slide area on the Secondary Playground being the first to be developed. We will share photos via the website as the work progresses. Our pupils have been very excited to have the builders onsite, and we have been promised a tour of the site for some of our post-16 students.

World Book Day was a great success yesterday - thank to everyone who brought in their favourite book, dressed in pyjamas or as a character from a book. Our staff joined in enthusiastically with dressing up and we had the Queen of Hearts and the Big Friendly Giant come to see us this year !

I have undertaken an additional tour for parent volunteers this term - we now have 6 parents interested in coming in to volunteer on a regular basis, which is great. Please join one of the regular tours if you would like see how the school is developing - you can do this via the admin team, who will book you in.

I hope to see some great entries for the Easter Egg competition - we are already looking forward to celebrating in school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

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DIARY DATES



Fri 15th March - Red Nose Day - see notice below

Thurs 28th March - End of Term - School closes at 1pm

Mon 15th April - School closed for Students

Tues 16th April - School open for Summer term

Headteacher Awards

	1st March	8th March
Class 1		Charlee - Archie
Class 2	David	Joseph - Wilfred
Class 3	Lukas - Khadijah	Maisie - Michael
Class 4	Cayson - Ibrahim	Harley - Joshua
Class 5	Vinnie - Jenson	Finley - Alesha
Class 6	Amber	Evelyn
Class 7	Lillie - Archie	Thomas - Jovan
Class 8	Aiden T	Ruby - Alessia
Class 9	Miles - Holly	Joshua - Njoki
Class 10	Hannah-May - James	Jordan - Hifzah
Class 11	Sienna S - Benjy	George - Sean
Class 12	Lauren	Ollie - James
Class 14	Mejwad - Owais	Liam - Ethan

Well Done

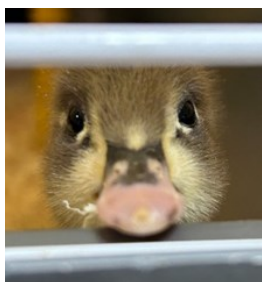
DUCKLINGS

We have been lucky enough to have some Duck eggs in school to hatch. They came last Monday. One hatched Monday night, 2 more hatched on Tuesday night and the last one didn't hatch until Friday night!

All the students have enjoyed coming to see the duckling and stroking them. Some of them have also seen them have a bath.

They have been a hit with the staff too.

They are now going home with Helen our Nurse and have a very happy life.



Woody

Cookie

Tweetie Pie

Monkey



RED NOSE DAY



Next Friday the 15th of March is Red Nose Day. We are inviting students to attend school in non-uniform, wearing something red or alternatively they can wear some pyjamas for a suggested donation of £1 to support the charity.

We will also be holding a bake sale in our Coffee Shop. Donations of baked items to sell on the day are welcomed, please send these in to our Coffee Shop or the School Office from Thursday the 14th of March.

Children are also welcome to bring in some spending money to purchase items.

PTA meeting - Monday 25th March at 1:30pm

As I'm sure you are aware we are looking to form a **Friends of Woodfield** group.

We would like to call our first meeting, which will take place on Monday the 25th of March at 1:30pm. The meeting will be held virtually via zoom to ensure as many people as possible are able to attend. At this meeting we will work to select our committee.

Please email PTA@woodfield.herts.sch.uk if you would like to receive the link for this meeting, or to put yourself forward as a committee member.

WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day the students and staff either dressed up as their favourite character or in their PJ's. Lots of fun was had reading and interacting with stories during the day.



Class 1 have been continued to enjoy exploring our topic of transport and travel. We have been particularly enjoyed listening to the rhymes and the stories related to the theme. On the Tuesday afternoons, the students have the weekly trip and went to the coffee shop, exploring different areas of the school and socialise with other children and staff. For the Maths area, apart from counting, we have been working on one and lots concept and one to one correspondent.



Class 2 have had a fantastic fortnight exploring a wide range of media and materials. This has been in Child-Initiated play opportunities and structured learning. This has helped to develop tactile processing skills. We have also continued our trips to the Woodfield Coffee Shop and have been learning to have appropriate interactions with the wider community. We have enjoyed watching the ducklings hatch, listening to their vocalisations and having the opportunity to observe wildlife within the school.



Class 3 have settled well since being back in school after half term. We have continued exploring our topic of travel and transport. We particularly have enjoyed an interactive race track which we are able to control with switches to make the cars go fast around the track! We have started to take regular visits to our Coffee Shop in school. We have been learning about how to purchase an item of choice in the coffee shop with support of a communication aid and handling money. Many of us enjoyed tucking in to the cakes that we chose! Some of us experienced a Table Cricket session in the hall, we had lots of fun playing and taking turns with our peers. In our art session we have enjoyed making sun catchers which we have put up on our windows in class, we are all hoping for some sunshine soon!

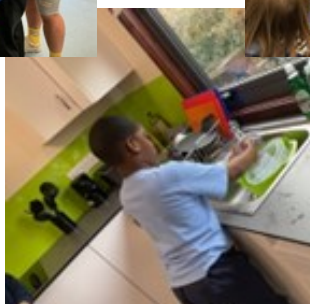


Class 4. Welcome back from Class 4, we hope you had a wonderful half term.

Class 4 have been working really hard over the past few weeks, we have been learning to use blue strips to follow a set of directions in different sessions, the children especially enjoyed using these during cooking, we made some lovely cakes to take home to our families.

We have been learning about our emotions and how they can make us feel, the children enjoy using our working wall to put their faces in a zone to tell others how they are feeling.

As part of our PSED sessions Class 4 took their first trip to the Coffee Shop this week, hopefully the first of many. The children are learning to be in new and different spaces and were very excited by this.



Class 5. The start of this half term, Class 5 have continued to work on the theme of travel and transport in varied ways. In our continuous provision, we have been working on extending our action words in genera and on the theme of transport by moving vehicles through different materials like flour, different types of sugar and jelly. Our messy play sessions are some of our favourite parts of the week! We visited the ponies, had lots of time enjoying music in Jummy Dance, in the classroom playing musical instruments, dancing and singing along with our favourite songs, and laughing and dancing along when our favourites come up! We have taken part in a few different art projects, have made pizza & cupcakes in cooking, experienced lots of new tastes and textures in Touch & Taste.



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 6 have had a great couple of weeks. We have continued exploring our topic of travel and transport as well as different events such as Mother's Day and world book day. We have also had visitors to the school, 4 ducklings! Class 6 have been very interested in these and have enjoyed looking at them on their way into school. We've been getting outside a lot and have enjoyed the new basketball hoop in the playground.



Class 7. We have had a very busy start to this half term. We are continuing to enjoy learning activities as part of our continuous provision related to our travel and transport topic. We have been focusing on turn taking with our peers and adults and using our communication to interact. In Maths we have been following lists and continuing to develop our 1:1 correspondence, during these activities. One of our favourite activities in Maths has been preparing party bags using a list and counting items. We have been continuing our community access, and our highlight of the week was visiting the Library. We are very proud of Class 7 following social rules when visiting the Library, they made choices of books and engaged well sharing these with adults and putting the books when they had finished. As part of our community access we have also been learning to stop at road sides and use the pedestrian crossing. Integration sessions have been very popular and we have continued to work with different peers across class 8 and 9 and, visiting peers from Tudor school taking part in touch and taste and making smoothies together. In communication sessions we have been focusing on working on our individual communication targets about our experiences we particularly enjoyed our Ramadan themed touch and taste session.



Class 8 have had a fantastic start back after the half term break. In cooking, we have made pancakes with a selection of toppings, including healthy choices such as fruit. We also made bird feeders. The children have been excited by our new fluffy duckling friends, the children have visited the ducklings as they have hatched. The children have been learning about health and hygiene, as part of our ongoing learning for independence. Each day, the children take part in a range of maths and literacy-based activities. We have been focussing on sentence building and number work these past two weeks. In art, the children have been creating different colours and textures to create the sea and recreating sail boats as part of our transport and travel topic. We look forward to putting these sail boats into frames within the classroom, when they are completed.



Class 9 have been busy working on their big art project, where each week a big new piece is added to help bring the student's work to life. This is something all the pupils work on and really enjoy. We have also been busy with some spring crafts looking at special celebrations like mothers day.

In phonics we have been looking at letter recognition and hiding letter around the classroom and our school area and matching them to our letter line in class.

Finally class 9 would like to wish their adults a Happy Mothers day and we hope you like the surprises that should be coming home on Friday.



Class 10. In class 10 we have really enjoyed our new book: Mrs Armitage on wheels. At the end of the book, Mrs Armitage's bike crashes and is destroyed and needs taking to the dump. Unfortunately, Mrs Armitage's bike is too big to fit into the boot of her car! So Class 10 have come to the rescue! We have learnt all about how a bike is fixed together with screws and bolts. We learnt about allen keys and shifting spanners and used these to remove the screws and bolts from the bike. We also used our fine motor skills to play turn taking games using the wheels and tongs to grab items through the spokes one after the other. This really helped us to increase our hand grip strength and our precision when using our hands for activities.

We were also lucky enough to have a session with a visiting table cricket group in the hall which was a big success and very enjoyable.



Class 11 had a fantastic week with learning new things in maths, using different ingredients. Class 11 welcomed the newborn baby ducklings! We explained to class 11 on how the ducklings were born and the process of it. They also watched a video of the ducklings being born! We decorated pictures of ducks using different coloured tissue paper as a welcoming to Woodfield. Students in class 11 discovered and participated in table cricket and competing with their peers. Great fun was had! We have been doing lots of transitioning around school, socialising with peers in different classes. We had a visit from the music therapist and enjoyed a lovely music session using various instruments and exploring different sounds of each instrument used.



Class 12 have had a good two weeks and have been very busy with lots of activities. The class have been practicing their turn taking and social skills with games such as snakes and ladders and connect four. Last week they loved making Welsh cakes to celebrate St David's day. They used aided language boards to communicate to staff what ingredients and equipment they needed next. This week the class have been talking about how special their mums all are and making water bottle flowers and cards for gifts. We really hope all mums enjoy receiving them and have a nice weekend celebrating with your children and the rest of your families.



Class 14 have been learning to cope with and accept change, we have been working on getting to know each other and welcoming new staff. Saracens have been in to get us moving and of course Jummy has been in to get our blood pumping! We continue our hard work in the coffee shop as always.



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)

@ The Woodfield Coffee Shop

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

Upcoming workshops

TBC

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



**Anxiety and Attendance
Workshop – Part 2**

Date Wednesday 13th March 2024

Time 10.00-11.30 am
The session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Is your child struggling to come into school?

A **free** workshop for parents/carers:

- Understand your child, their responses and behaviour
- Understanding the escalation cycle and strategies to help deescalate your child's behaviour

Emotionally Based
EBSA
School Avoidance



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



DACORUM
FAMILY SERVICES
NORTH & EAST

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)

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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