

Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This issue is all about Community Access.

As part of our curriculum, we want all pupils to be able to access the local community and experience a range of different activities within a community setting.

Our intention for all pupils is to:

- Learn about the community within the pupil's immediate environment.
- Explore and experience different activities that are available, enjoyable, and suitable for all pupils.
- Learn about appropriate behaviour in a community settings.
- Learn to be safe when in the local community.
- To try new activities .
- To promote community participation and involvement.

Pupils this term have continued to take part in activities within the community. Some of our younger pupils are learning to explore the school grounds and to cross the road safely before accessing the local community. Others have taken part in visits to Adeyfield Adventure Playground, Hendon RAF Museum, Phasels Wood, Stone X Stadium, Leverstock Green Library, and Sports Space. Our aim is for all pupils to take part in a community visit once a week, whether it is a very local visit or further afield.

Have a look at all the different places that we have been to this year with our pupils!

I hope that you have a good weekend and a good Easter break when we get there.

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DIARY DATES



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



15th March

22nd March

Class 1		
Class 2	Rebecca, Liam	Muhammad, Elliott and George
Class 3	Rosetta, Yasmine	Rafe, Edward, Nola
Class 4	Reed, James	Tyler, Jodi
Class 5	Malih & Samson	Teddy & Palwasha
Class 6	-----	Charlie, Ava
Class 7	-----	Maida, Jovan
Class 8	Ines, Sean	Archie, Zaara
Class 9	Njoki	
Class 10	Toby, Freddie	George, Ella
Class 11	Sienna S	Sienna H
Class 12	Ayaan, David	Billy, Zohi
Class 14	Lewis, Isobel	Hanaa, Ben

Well Done



RED NOSE DAY



**Thank you for your support for Red Nose Day.
There was some nice dressing up outfits on the day.
We received some amazing cakes for the cake sale.**

We raised a total of £137.40

Opportunities Evening

On the 13th of March we celebrated our opportunities evening, where families and young people had the opportunity to explore and learn more about what the future can offer them once our pupils leave Woodfield.

We had different providers attending: SEN 0-25, Hop Into Your Future, Sunnyside Rural Trust, Herts, Inclusive Theatre, Watford Mencap, Aldenham Country Park, Life Enhancement Group, Watford Workshop, Home from Home Care, Alina Care, Transition Nurse Coordinator and Carers in Herts. We want to express our gratitude for their time and thank all families that attended. Everyone had the opportunity to ask questions to every provider and it was a very successful evening.

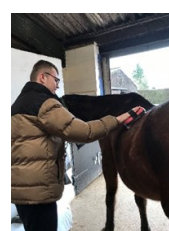
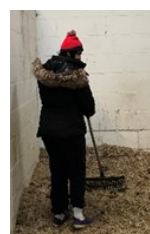
For those of you who were unable to attend and wish to ask questions about your son/daughter's future after Woodfield, please email the office. If you wish for another opportunity to attend something like this then please let us know, as I will be arranging a similar version during school hours but on a one to one basis. We also have some of the leaflets left by different providers that can be collected from the school office.

It was fantastic to see our young people interacting and listening to the providers. Well done to all the staff members who made it a success and a big thank you to all our families to managed to attend!!



Rose Hill Farm

Students enjoyed going to visit the ponies and helping to care for them.



Class 1 have been learning to transition to different locations in the school and more wider community. Some pupils have travelled to the gym, the sensory garden and school coffee shop this week. As well as this, groups of pupils joined class 3 to visit Stockwood Discovery Centre and explore the grounds as well as the transport museum. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of going somewhere different and learning to travel on the school minibus, having a snack in a different location and getting ready to travel back to school.



Class 2. As part of our travel and transport topic this term we have been spending time in different locations around the school. This included trips to the Woodfield Coffee Shop and Sensory Garden. Pupils have been learning to transition to different locations with support. We have been interacting with different members of staff. We have been looking at different modes of transport and movement and continued with listening walks along the way. Class 2 have also been to Luton Airport to watch the planes take off and land. This was a great opportunity to see different vehicles on the roads and see aeroplanes up close on the runway.

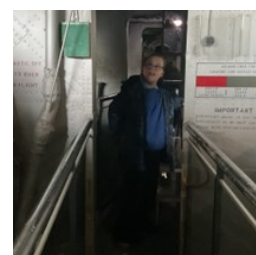


Class 3 have enjoyed having access to the community in a variety of places within school and out of school. We have begun to take weekly trips to our Coffee Shop to purchase items and then enjoyed sitting with our peers to enjoy our food that we have chosen. Each week on a Wednesday, we have enjoyed walking down to our local library experience sensory stories as well as choosing books to read. We have also been on a trip on our mini bus to Stockwood Discovery Centre. During our visit we looked at old carriages and different types of transportation in the museum. There was also some beautiful gardens that we walked through followed by a play area which was our most favourite during the visit. We have all enjoyed experiencing new places within the school and also out of the school grounds and we look forward to explore more environments in the Summer Term.



Class 4 were very lucky to have a whole class trip out this week. On Tuesday we visited RAF Hendon. A brilliant day was had by all. The children enjoyed looking and learning about planes from the war, planes that could land on water and planes that were big enough to carry other vehicles.

The children explored the park and all the Hangers with planes on display whilst on their day out. We also enjoyed lunch in the lunch area with lots of other children. We look forward to our next trip out.



Class 5 have been taking regular trips out to experience the wider world in different ways. They have visited the school's sensory garden to explore the natural world, searching for flowers, leaves and twigs and listening out for birds chirping and singing. This is especially interesting to do in the spring term as new plants start to grow and bloom. The students have also taken turns going on trips to the local library, DJ's Soft Play, St. Alban's Train Station, and we're starting trips to the local shops soon also. The students are able to work on numerous skills on trips such as these, like safety in the community, making choices, building independence and social skills. In addition to these trips enriching student learning, they get lots of enjoyment from them too!

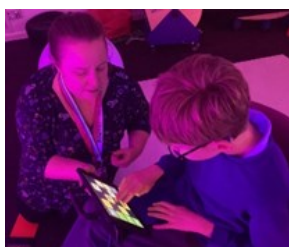
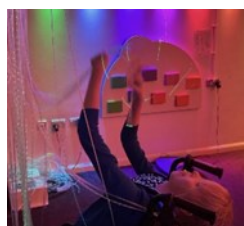


NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 6 have enjoyed exploring different areas of the community this term such as the sports centre, Adeyfield adventure playground and Hendon air museum. It has been great for the students to explore new areas and have lots of great experiences. The students have been able to work on skills such as following rules, staying safe in public, focussing on road safety, alongside many other super skills. We are all excited to carry on exploring new areas in our community.



Class 7. Over the past term Class 7 have enjoyed accessing the wider community around school and out in the community. We have been on trips to the Library, whilst visiting we have been learning to transition and to be part of a group and learning social rules. We have been learning to navigate there as a group and build on our awareness of transitioning safely and calmly. We have also been practising our transition skills accessing different places and activities. Some of our highlights has been table cricket, using the sensory room with our peers, weekly visits to the coffee shop and walks to the sensory rooms and attending a sensory and immersive experience show 'My Life with a wave '.



Class 8. Over the last 5 weeks we have been visiting the RAF museum in Hendon. Class 8 have had great fun exploring all the different planes, boats, tanks and helicopters the RAF have used over the years. We have had fun playing with all the different interactive games and exhibitions the museum has to offer.

Class 9 has been fully immersed in community access over the past two weeks! We've embarked on exciting visits to the local coffee shop, where students have been learning valuable skills such as purchasing items and handling transactions with confidence. Additionally, we've had fantastic outings to the adventure playground, fostering social interactions and outdoor enjoyment. Another highlight has been our visits to the shop at the Adeyfield Playground, providing students with real-life experiences and opportunities to practice essential life skills.



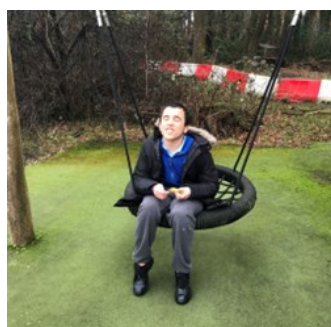
Class 10 enjoyed a trip to Luton Airport this week. We were looking at the different features found in the airport including the terminal, runway, control tower and how people travel to get to the airport. We saw the new trains travelling in and out of the terminal. We counted how many planes we saw and how many were from each of the different airlines. We also looked at the parts of the plane we could see including the wings, tail and landing gear.



Class 11. Students have been transition to the coffee shop to make choices

And making independent choices learning the value of money and making decisions with there peers been using their maths skills

Some of the student have been going to the adventure playground with students across upper school as the weather has been nice we have been outside making full use of the sports activities interacting with the peers Playing basketball some of the students have been going to the local shops



Class 12 have really been enjoying visiting the local shops as part of their community access.

Every week students visit the shops to buy snacks or food we need for the class. They choose peers from their class that they would like to go with and sometimes peers from Class 14. They are making great progress at communicating their independent choices when they are at the shops and do this in various ways. They can use functional maths skills and understand the exchange of money for goods. We have also used these trips as a good opportunity to educate the students on road safety ad learn when it is safe to cross the roads.



Class 14 have been going to the Adventure playground!

We have enjoyed exploring the equipment and all the amazing outside space. Some of us explored outside, on the swings, trampoline, climbing frame, huge slide and football pitch which turned out to be very wet and muddy! And others chose to stay inside where it was dry, we played pool, arcade games, bowling and table tennis. we were having so much fun that we forgot to take lots of photos but we are returning so we will try to remember to capture some moments.



The Woodfield Coffee Shop

Coffee Shop Opening Times

Please note that the Coffee Shop closes on Wednesday 27th March and reopens on Tuesday 18th April, when normal service will commence.

Monday 08.00 - 16.00

Tuesday 08.00 - 16.00

Wednesday 12.45 - 16.00

Thursday 08.00 - 16.00

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



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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

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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