



Newsletter 19

Friday, 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. As this is the final Newsletter of Term 3 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Half-Term Break.



Spotlight on Mental Health Week – The School Council

On Tuesday the School Council led our Whole School Assembly. This year's theme was Let's Connect. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. My thanks to Ms Garton and the Woodlands School Council for organising such an engaging and important assembly.



Spotlight on the Curriculum - Computing – Year 6 Coding Club & Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we covered **Safer Internet Day** and many classes watched a 30-minute Live Lesson in partnership with the UK Safer Internet Centre, aimed at primary-aged students and linked to the primary computing curriculum. This looked at how we can stay safe, responsible and wise in an increasingly digital world, with tips and advice from some of the biggest personalities on the web.

Safer Internet Day, coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre, is an annual celebration aiming to raise awareness of emerging online issues and concerns amongst young people, from cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity. My thanks to Mr Mawdlsey our Computing Leader for organising this.

On Wednesday we had our second Coding Club session. The children enjoyed designing their own games using the Scratch Computing Programme. Many thanks to Mr James for giving up his valuable free time to run this after-school club.



Celebration Assembly

Today, we celebrated: **Ethan and Rose** (FS2); **Charlie and Freya** (Y1); **Oscar F and Teal** (Y2), **James and Georgia** (Y3); **Evan and Aaron** (Y4); **Maisie, Felix & Charlie** (Y5); **Jessica and Bradley** (Y6).

Huge congratulations to these children who have demonstrated great **Team Work (Community Spirit)** and **fantastic behaviour** through their learning during the whole of Term 3 and they are role-models for us all.

Respect, Kindness, Resilience and Aspiration form our other core Values.

Spotlight on the Curriculum – Year 6 – Writing Workshop

On Monday some of our Y6 pupils went to a Writing Workshop at Winterslow Primary that was run by the Author Kathryn Evans. They were really enjoyed the experience of learning how to write a book and produced some very high quality creative Writing. My thanks to Miss James for booking this brilliant workshop.



Spotlight on the Curriculum – Year 2 - Religious Education

On Wednesday Year 2 were reflecting on what makes a good leader as part of their learning about Islam. The children enjoyed playing Simon Says and Follow my Leader. They listened and responded to the story of the, 'The King, the Three Ministers and the Bags.' They used adjectives to describe the Prophet Muhammad as an inspiring leader.



The Attendance Cup



Congratulations also to **Willow Class** who have won the Attendance Cup with an impressive figure of 100%. This is a fantastic achievement and our first maximum of 2023! Willow have also won the Attendance Cup for the whole of Term 3 – well done on achieving the double!

06/02/23 - 09/02/23			Term 3 Final League Table		
1	Willow	100.0			Points
2	Maple	98.4	1	Willow	22
3	Ash	94.7	2	Maple	21
4	Cedar	94.5	3	Beech	18
5	Acorn	91.7	4	Ash	16
6	Beech	91.0	5	Acorn	14
7	Hazel	87.5	6	Cedar	13
			7	Hazel	12

Spotlight on the Curriculum – Art – Y5 making Mosaics with local Artist Joanna Dewfall



Team Points Cup Winners

Team Points Cup				
Date: 10.02.23				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	4	1	2	3
Y2	4	1	2	3
Y3	4	2	1	3
Y4	4	2	1	3
Y5	3	4	1	2
Y6	1	4	2	3
	20	14	9	17



Today, Green House won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done. The Team Captains add up the team points in each class and they give 4 points to the winning team, 3 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for fourth place.

Safeguarding – Online Safety



As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section.

<https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Please click here for the latest Online Safety Newsletter – February 2023 -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery.](#)

The latest Online safety Newsletter includes important information on the dangers of PUBG, HiPal-Walkie Talkie and Instagram.

Dates for the Diary

Children's Mental Health Week: 	February 6th – 12th, 2023	<i>“Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.”</i>
Watch the introductory video @ https://youtu.be/wb8SDnS-M_M		
Final Day of Term 3	Friday 10th February	Normal 3pm finish
First Day of Term 4	Monday 20th February	
Book Week Story Evening	Wednesday 1 st March	4.30pm-5.00pm Come back to school in your pyjamas for a Book Week Story session.
  Woodlands Book Week Mon 27th Feb-Fri 3rd March	Thursday 2 nd March	<i>Dress up as a book character on Thursday 2nd March.</i>
Year 6 Residential at Osmington Bay	Wednesday 24 th May to Friday 26 th May	

Kind regards,

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