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Friday, 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.



Year 5 Mini-Police

On Tuesday Beech Class had their final Mini-Police session and they really enjoyed running past the police cameras and measuring their own speed! This was followed by an awards ceremony on Wednesday where they received their badges and certificates. The Mini-Police programme has been a great success and I am pleased to say that next year's Beech Class will be taking over as our next Mini-Police force for the 2024-25 academic year.



Spotlight on the Curriculum – Music – We are a Sing Wiltshire School!

I'm delighted to tell you that Woodlands has been awarded Sing Wiltshire status for the academic year 2024-25.

Sing Wiltshire schools are those that place value on singing and the many benefits it brings to children and young people, and that offer a broad and high-quality provision, enabling the whole school community to develop a love of singing together. Many thanks to our Music Leader Mrs Hollands for the work that she has put into completing the application and particularly our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who make up the Choir.

The Sing Up judges said, "Your school was clearly able to demonstrate the Sing Wiltshire principles in your application. We particularly enjoyed reading about the truly inclusive nature of your school choir and the way you find roles for everyone. Thank you for placing such value on singing in your school!"

We received more good news when we found out that Woodlands also won the Sing Wiltshire prize of £200 towards music provision in the school which will be used for singing workshops in the next academic year.

We also secured an additional £500 in funding from the Universal Music UK sound foundation for buying classroom musical instruments. We have used this to buy a set of African drums and lots of classroom instruments. The Year 4's used the drums in their class music day last Friday (please see the photos below).



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Lily** and **Emil** (Acorn Class); **Abby** and **Casey** (Y1); **Louis** and **Emma-Mai** (Y2); **Freddie** and **Jaxon** (Y3); **Brooke** and **Jaxson** (Y4); **Aaron** and **Zain** (Y5); **Jacob** and **Thomas** (Y6).

Huge congratulations to these children who have displayed great **Community spirit** during this week.

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

Today, **Yellow Team** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime – well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 12.07.24				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	1	3	2	4
Y2	4	3	2	1
Y3	2	1	3	4
Y4	1	2	4	3
Y5	3	4	2	1
Y6	2	4	3	1
	13	17	16	14



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 – July 2024** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The July issue looks at a variety of topics including strategies for support when children are being unkind online, Summertime screen time and looking at the transition from Primary to Secondary School.

Attendance Cup Winners for Summer Term Week 11

Congratulations to Willow Class who have won the most recent weekly attendance cup. Willow Class have now moved 4 points clear at the top of the league.

Attendance Cup			Attendance Matters	Total Pts after Wk 11		
Date: 01/07/24 - 05/07/24						
1	Willow	7		1	Willow	62
2	Maple	6		2	Beech	58
3	Ash	5		3	Cedar	49
4	Beech	4		4	Maple	43
5	Cedar	3		5	Ash	41
6	Acorn	2		6	Hazel	33
7	Hazel	1		7	Acorn	29

Sponsored Swim for Macmillan Cancer Support

Sophie Herridge (sister of Arwen in Year 4) is swimming a total of 26 miles! She has already started the swim and has currently completed 13 miles. Any support would be greatly appreciated for this very important cause – many thanks and well done Sophie.

<https://swimit.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/swimming-for-macmillan2025>

Dates for the Diary

Y3 History Visit to the Roman Baths	Monday 15 th July	
Y6 show "Where the Wild Things Are"	Wednesday 17 th July (re-arranged from last week)	2.15pm or 4.30pm –Y6 Parents and family members welcome
Y6 Trip to Moors Valley	Tuesday 16 th July	All day
Y6 Leavers Assembly – for Y6 parents and family members	Tuesday 23 rd July	9.30am start Y6 finish school at 12.00pm
Final Day of Term 6	Tuesday 23 rd July	All pupils finish at 1.00pm
TD DAY – School closed to pupils	Wednesday 24 th July	All day
TD Day – no pupils in school	Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training
First Day of Term for Year 1 to Year 6	Tuesday 3 rd September	8.40am Gates Open 8.50am Start Time / Registration
New Reception (YR) Pupils start	Wednesday 4 th September	Reception pupils: 8.40am Gates Open 8.50am Start Time / Registration
New Oak Tree Nursery Pupils start	Wednesday 4 th September	Oaktree Nursery pupils: 8.50am Nursery Door opens

Kind regards,

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