



Newsletter 4

Friday, 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school with all pupils continuing to settle well into their new classes.

Spotlight on the Curriculum – Drama Workshops – Stories in the Dust Theatre Show – Arts Council Funding

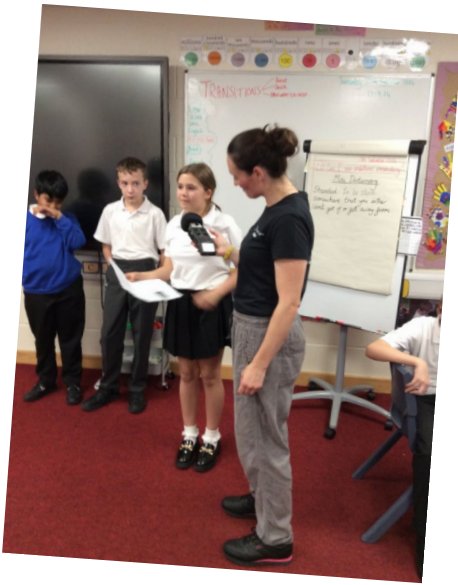
On Tuesday Hazel Class (Year 3) and Maple Class (Year 6) enjoyed fun, drama based workshops which were run by the experienced facilitators and inspirational performers of Stories in the Dust; Anna Harriott and Iona Johnson. The workshops drew on themes of climate change, displacement, home, fresh food, and hope.

Through the workshops, Anna and Iona successfully mixed science and drama to inspire and facilitate creative responses to the topics. They also collated audio recording of the children's thoughts and feelings, which will be hosted as an installation at Salisbury Arts Centre for four weeks. We want to give a platform to the voices of our Woodlands students and share their thoughts and ideas with the wider community.

The workshop programme has been developed alongside the Environmental Science Department at Southampton University who have worked closely with Anna and Iona, even publishing a paper on their collaboration and work in schools. You can read more about that here: <https://www.storiesinthedust.co.uk/news>.

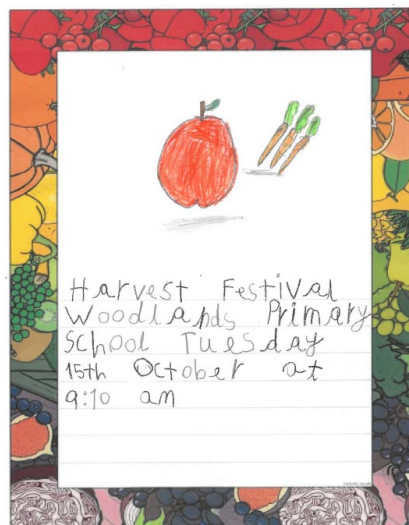
Anna and Iona were very impressed with the behaviour, positive attitude and the work created by all of the pupils in Hazel and Maple – well done to everyone involved in this inspirational project!





Harvest Festival collection for the Trussell Trust Foodbank

Our **Harvest Festival Assembly for parents** will take place on **Tuesday 15th October at 9.15am**. This year we will again be supporting the Trussell Trust. The Trussell Trust Foodbank provides short term emergency food to local people in crisis. Last year 19,014 emergency food parcels were distributed by the 18 Wiltshire Foodbanks (7,468 were for children), making a real difference to the lives of people in South Wiltshire during times of personal crisis.



In 2022-24 the Salisbury foodbank has experienced demand to their service beyond anything they have seen in previous years. **This represents a 300% increase in demand when compared with 2017-18.**

- 39% of the people the Trussell Trust support are children.
- Each food parcel contains 9 meals per recipient.
- The food is free of charge to the recipient.
- Jan to June they distributed 38,916 meals to people. Over 14,000 meals went to children.

Please can you assist this work by bringing tinned or dried food for our Harvest Festival.

Urgently needed items are breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, rice, pasta, sugar, UHT milk and fruit juice. All food needs to be in date and undamaged. Please can children start bringing in food from Monday onwards; this will allow several weeks to collect as much food as possible. Many thanks for your support.

There will be a competition to see which class can collect the most items.

Many thanks to Abby for the Harvest Festival poster. I have also attached a Trussell Trust shopping list that will go out with this Newsletter.

Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Ahmed and Teo (Y1); Achintya and Rosa (Y2); Kai Barnes and Charlie (Y3); Jaxon and Darcie-Mae (Y4); Jaxson, Harry and Georgia (Y5); Joshua, Ryan and Vogue (Y6).**

This week the awards are for **Respect** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children.

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

Today, **Blue House** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points for the second consecutive week. They had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

Team Points Cup

Date: 20.09.24

	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	3	1	2	4
Y2	3	4	1.5	1.5
Y3	2	3	1	4
Y4	1	2	4	3
Y5	4	2	1	3
Y6	4	1	2	3
	17	13	11.5	18.5



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 – September 2024** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The September issue looks at a variety of topics including App ideas for children, social media algorithms and how to check in on an iphone.

Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance.




This week **Cedar Class** are the winners with an attendance of 96.7%.

Attendance Cup				Attendance Cup after 2 Weeks		
Date: 13/09/24 - 19/09/24				Pts		
	Class	%age	Pts			
1	Cedar	96.7	7	1	Maple	12
2	Hazel	95.8	6	2	Cedar	11
3	Maple	93.1	5	3	Ash	9
4	Willow	92.7	4		Hazel	9
5	Ash	92.4	3	5	Willow	6
6	Acorn	91.3	2		Beech	6
7	Beech	90.5	1	7	Acorn	3

Attendance Matters



Dates for the Diary

New Reception Parents Meetings (YR)	Tuesday 24 th September	3.10pm-5.30pm
New Reception Parents Meeting (YR)	Wednesday 25 th September	3.10pm-5.30pm
Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation	Friday 27 th September	All day
Key Stage 1 Music Day – Ash & Cedar Class	Friday 4 th October	All day
Harvest Festival 	Tuesday 15 th October	9.10am <i>All parents/carers are welcome – please enter via the hall doors</i>
Final day of Term 1	Tuesday 22 nd October	3.00pm (<i>usual finish time</i>)
TD Day	Wednesday 23 rd October	School Closed to all pupils
First day of Term 2	Monday 4 th November	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>
Parents' Evening 1 (all classes)	Monday 11 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Parents' Evening 2 (all classes)	Wednesday 13 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Y5 Visit to the Tank Museum	Friday 15 th November	All day visit
Individual & Family Group Photos	Thursday 21 st November	am
Non-School Uniform Day – please bring a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar Tombola	Friday 29 th November	All day
KS2 Music Day	Friday 6 th December	All day
Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 6 th December	am
Christmas Discos Acorn Class & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	Friday 6 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2) 6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert for parents	Tuesday 10 th December	2.00pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class (Y1) Parents	Wednesday 11 th December	2.00pm
Book at Bedtime – all pupils	Wednesday 11 th December	4.30pm-5.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils	Thursday 12 th December	All day
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class (Y2) Parents	Thursday 12 th December	2.00pm
Woodlands Christmas Bazaar	Monday 16 th December	2.00pm in the school hall
Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Wednesday 18 th December	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
Final day of Term 2	Thursday 19 th December	1.00pm finish time
TD Day	Friday 20 th December	School Closed to all pupils
First Day of Term 3	Monday 6 th January	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>

Kind regards,
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