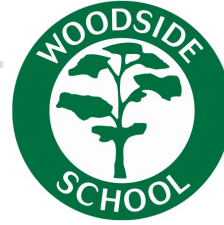


## A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 14th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of this half term marks the halfway point of the whole school year! It seems to have gone really fast and we've packed a huge amount of learning into it. Well done to Team Woodside!

This week, Mrs Harrison and I met with our School Effectiveness Partner from the ODBST to discuss behaviour, personal development and our progress against the school development plan so far. Mrs Quirk was very impressed with the engagement in learning seen, even during the afternoon lessons earlier this week and has given us some useful tips and advice to build on over the rest of the year.

One area which we discussed as an area for improvement was school attendance. When children are not in school, we can't teach them! It really is as simple as that and it is noticeable that the majority of children who are not reaching their academic potential are also those with high absence rates. Please continue to work with us to ensure that children are in school as much as possible so that they can access all of the learning opportunities available at Woodside.

We are also really keen to expand our community working. If anyone works in a role with a community outreach programme, please let us know. We have, in previous years, had great support from banks such as NatWest through the delivery of their Money Sense initiative and would be really interested in hearing if any parents can support with this or similar.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the second half of the school year, beginning with our World Book Day celebrations and I'm really looking forward to the rest of this academic year!

Finally, we would like to send our best wishes and congratulations to Miss Richer, who has secured a full time teaching position at a local school. We will be very sad to see her leave Woodside at Easter, after 11 years of outstanding service. The school is now advertising for the SENDCO position and will update parents as appropriate.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing everyone on the Monday 24th February!

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
14.02.25	Last Day of Half Term- School ends 3.15pm
25.02.25	Year 5 trip to Living Rainforest
03.03.25 - 06.03.25	Year 5 Bikeability- selected children only.
05.03.25	Year 4 Yoga @ Amersham School
06.03.25	World Book Day
08.03.25	Cross Country- Lowndes Park
11.03.25	Year 3 Benchball @ Amersham School
15.03.25	PTA Quiz Night
18.03.25	Year 5 Trip to Chesham Mosque
21.03.25	Year 4 Benchball
21.03.25	4B Hockey Tournament after school - invitation only
W/C: 24.03.25	Last session for all after school clubs
25.03.25	Year 6 trip- RAF Hendon
25.03.25	Book Fair- after school
26.03.25	Year 3 skipping @ Amersham School
26.03.25	Year 4 trip- Bhakivedanta Manor
01.04.25	Rocksteady Spring Concert
01.04.25	Spring Parents Evening 1
02.04.25	Year 3 trip- Ashmolean Museum
02.04.25	PTA Bingo event- after school
03.04.25	Year 5 Easter Assembly to parents
03.04.25	Spring Parents Evening 2

[Click here for the calendar of 24/25 Term Dates](#)

Please see our brand new Easyfundraising QR code for anyone who is able to make a donation towards school activities and events which are additional to the regular curriculum. If you are able to, please scan the below code and donate what you can- thank you on behalf of all at Woodside!



### House Point Totals

This week	568	453	384	515
Half term	2736	2732	2190	3520
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

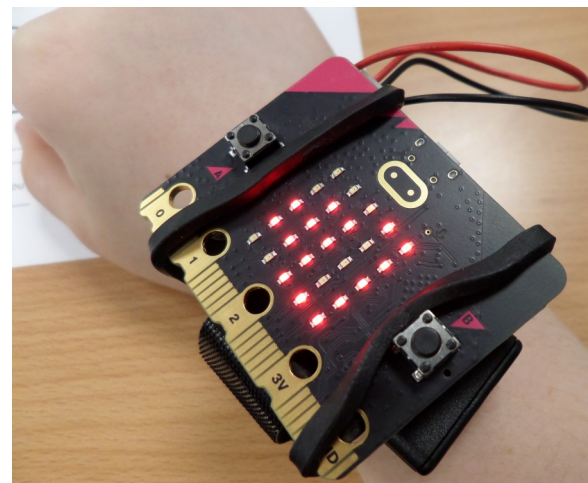


- Huge congratulations to both Denis (Year 6) and Vivian (Year 5) for competing in the England Championships for Taekwondo with 500 other participants at the weekend. They both not only came first place in their divisions, but also received a gold medal and are both now England Champions!! Please see photos below...
- Well done to Varisha in Year 4, for coming 2nd in the U11 girls singles badminton tournament last weekend.



Y6 applied their dribbling, shooting, challenging and passing skills in football matches this week with First Touch football.

Y6 also demonstrated their coding skills by creating a step counter using the Microsoft MakeCode program to code MicroBits.



- Please click [here](#) if you would like to see what activities are taking place at Discover Bucks Museum this February Half-Term!
- Please click [here](#) to be reminded about other caps taking place this February Half Term.
- Click [here](#) if you are interested in RugbyTots Spring Term classes for your child.

# WOODSIDE QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH  
7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL, QUIZ  
STARTS 8PM



A GUARANTEED FANTASTIC EVENING, WITH A BIT OF  
HEALTHY COMPETITION THROWN IN...

£12.50 PER PERSON, INCLUDES FOOD  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON CLASSLIST

SNACKS & DRINKS BAR ON THE NIGHT  
PLUS ... THE FAMOUS PUDDING AUCTION!!

# Thank you

*FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

More information will come soon...for every estate board that is put up and remains up for 8 weeks, the school will receive vital funding that will go directly toward upgrading the IT equipment for students.

This investment in technology will ensure our pupils have access to the best resources, enhancing their learning experience and preparing them for the future. It's a simple way to make a big difference in their education!

We want to emphasize that there is no cost to you or to the school. It's a simple and easy way for us to support our students' learning with updated technology.

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