

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 21st June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, it has been one of the busiest weeks of the year at Woodside! We've had several school trips, sports day, the library opening, PQA workshops and lots more!

Sports day was a huge success and I must thank Mrs Tandara for her organisation and planning of the event. It's a very big responsibility to lead a whole school event such as this and it was great to hear lovely comments from families and even to receive thank you emails this morning. I was so impressed with the level of competition on display and, most importantly, with the many examples of sportsmanship seen during the event. From cheering each other on and sharing stickers with friends to helping others who had tripped over, even if it cost places in the race. It was a great example of the Woodside community spirit, well done to everyone and many thanks to those who were able to attend and support the children.

Year 3 enjoyed a day at West Wittering beach, including a walk around the headland and even a chance to paddle in the sea! Thankfully, the weather this week has been great and they were able to make the most of the day. The children were an absolute credit to Woodside, even during a long, delayed trip home via the busy M25!

Year 4 had the opportunity to visit the Verulamium Museum in St Albans to learn more about life in Roman times. These opportunities add real depth to the curriculum and allow the children to really see and experience what life would have been like in Roman Britain. Many thanks to the Y4 team for arranging this.

Year 4 also visited Dr Challoner's High School for an athletics festival this week and, again, behaved and competed at a very high standard. Well done Year 4!

Our library opening was a highlight of the week, with visits from Alastair Chisholm and the Mayor! The children enjoyed the author visit and then had a chance to visit the new library and see the results of the PTA's hard work in action. Look out for today's Bucks Free Press, where there is an article on the library reopening.

Next week will be even busier for many children, as the majority of Year 6 head off on their residential to Mill on the Brue in Somerset. I will be joining them for the week and am really looking forward to seeing the children enjoy the different range of activities available at the centre.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend!

Mr Lloyd

The Year 6 Enterprise Fair is the 9th of July 3.15-4pm. Parents to collect as normal and then go round with children to the activities/stalls. Either the parent will need CASH ONLY when you collect or children can bring money to school (at their own risk). More info about the stalls to come. Year 6 will need to stay until 4.15pm to clear up please!

House Point Totals

This Week	483	420	491	380
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24.06.24 - 28.06.24	Year 6 Residential - Mill on the Brue
26.06.24	3F Forest School Morning
01.07.24	Bikeability for selected Yr6 students
02.07.24	Transition day
03.07.24	Bikeability for selected Yr6 students
03.07.24	3J Forest School
04.07.24	Bikeability for selected Yr6 students
05.07.24	Year 6 Games at DCHS
09.07.24	Year 6 Enterprise Fair- 3.15-4pm (cash only event)
12.07.24	Mile for mental health after school
16.07.24	Rocksteady Summer Concert
17.07.24	Year 6 dress rehearsal
18.07.24	Year 6 production 1.30pm and 6pm
19.07.24	Woodside's Got Talent
22.07.24	Year 6 leavers assembly
23.07.24	End of year achievement assembly- choir to sing
23.07.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.
03.09.24	Inset Day
04.09.24	Inset Day
05.09.24	***Back to School*** New School Year starts

[Click here for the calendar of 23/24 Term Dates](#)

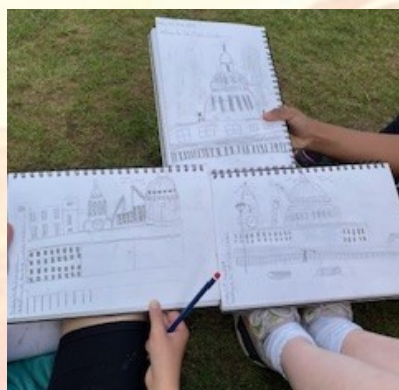
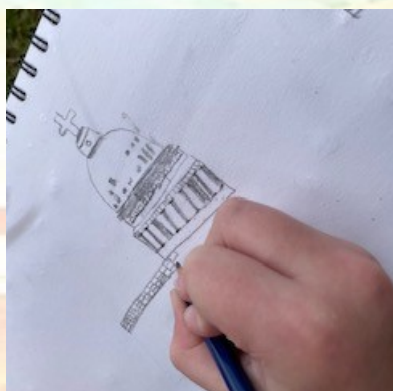
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Year 5 Tate Modern Gallery Trip



Year 5 experienced visiting one of the most famous art galleries in the world last Friday - The Tate Modern in London; a first gallery visit for most. There they saw famous artists work such as, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Paul Cezanne to name but a few. The children looked, puzzled and admired. Located on the bank of the River Thames, it also provided the perfect cultural opportunity to point out famous London landmarks such as, St Paul's Cathedral, the Millenium and Tower Bridge as well as Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, which we took the opportunity to sketch (between showers!) in our art sketchbooks, just like many famous artists have done before us. Several lovely comments were made by members of the public passing by on the quality of the children's sketching.



LIBRARY OPENING CEREMONY!

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to share the news of our special library opening event that happened on Tuesday afternoon.

We were joined by author Alastair Chisholm and the Mayor of Amersham to cut the green ribbon and officially open the new school library!

It was a wonderful occasion which started with a reading of Alastair's new book during a special assembly. Followed by the children heading outside for the official ceremony!

Both Alastair and Mayor Dominic Pinkney spoke to the children about the importance of libraries as a place for ideas and inspiration, and for instilling a love of reading.

The children were then invited to go into the library to see the space for themselves, and their reactions were wonderful!

They all seemed so excited to have such a special place and many wanted to take a book out immediately!

As Mr Lloyd said, "We hope the library's going to become a real heart of the school in the future and we look forward to it being used regularly."



More photos...





A huge well done to **Elm House** for winning Sports day this year!

Here's a photo taken by a parent capturing the moment they found out! Many thanks for all your support!



Please see below for some useful and interesting links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...

- If you would like some information on the Bucks Mental Health Support Team's summer wellbeing camp, please click [here](#).
- Please click [here](#) for information on a Chiltern Table Tennis camp this summer.



Well done to Felicity in Year 4 for passing stage 7 in swimming and moving onto stage 8!!

Congratulations to Varisha in Year 3, who has won lots of badminton tournaments!

Finally, huge well done to both Poppy Year 4 and Sadie Year 5 who won their netball league!



THANK YOU

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TOGETHER WE RAISED AN AMAZING....

£2,534!

Thanks to everyone who donated tombola prizes, made fabulous Jolly Jars, bought raffle tickets, ran a stall, helped set up and tidy up and came along on the afternoon...! We couldn't have done it without you!

As you all know the PTA has been busy this year renovating the new library which has been a wonderful success.

Now this work is complete, our attention will be turning to next year, and to topping back up the PTA funds so we can support the school and the children where needed.

So look out for more exciting events next term!

Thank you for your continued support.

*Wishing everyone a fantastic
summer!*

