



Woodfield Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school term continues apace, with a myriad of exciting events. The whole school enjoyed a very energetic start to Anti-Bullying Week last week, rocking away with the Odd Socks Band in the school hall, before following up with a number of focused workshops and events in classrooms throughout the week. The children's 'promise pledges' can be viewed on the Odd Socks display on the trees at the front of school, as each child considered their individual part to play in ensuring our school continues to be a happy and kind place to be. On that note, our focus Whole School Value for November is KINDNESS, and we have an absolutely bumper edition of Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher this month. So many children have been noticed and nominated for living our Kindness Value this month; it really is fabulous (less so for poor but super Mrs Ellison who has to make all the hot chocolates!)

Thank you to our parents who were able to come into school this week to watch the Year 6 children present their class assembly on their learning and experiences so far this year. It was a great assembly, and I know the children really put a lot of thought into the individual parts of this term that they wanted to showcase. Thank you to all the staff in Y6 as always, who work so hard to ensure a range of enriching learning and other experiences for the children.

Children across school have last week had their flu immunisations, which will hopefully help with all the winter bugs going around. Please support our work in school by re-iterating to children at home the importance of washing their hands regularly and especially after toilet visits.

A number of children across school attended the Wigan Youth Zone last week to participate in sessions on movement, dance and ball skills, and the Canal and River Trust visited to do a special assembly on how to stay safe around water – particularly pertinent as the cold freezing weather approaches. Our Y6 children visited the Wigan Museum as part of their Geography learning, and both Y2 and Y6 are working with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust each Friday in our Forest School to support their curriculum learning in Science and Geography. All classes are working hard on preparing for their Christmas celebrations and performances for families – thank you for your support with learning lines and lyrics at home!

Following Odd Socks Day, Children in Need and with a number of non-uniform and Christmas dress days coming up, could we please take this opportunity to remind all families that our normal school uniform (including PE uniform) is statutory on all 'normal' days. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE joggers; alternative fashions such as leggings, branded or coloured joggers, football-style 'skins' etc are not part of our school uniform. If you are struggling to source the correct items, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do all we can to help.

This week, we welcome Miss Bird to Woodfield, who will be staying with us through the Spring term. We sadly bid farewell to Miss Lamb, who has been working with our Y3 class throughout the Autumn term, and thank her for everything she has brought to our team.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Miss Prior, Headteacher

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Whilst we do appreciate that there are occasions when lateness is unavoidable, it is important that your child arrives at school in plenty of time as lateness often disrupts their own and other children's learning and your child may miss important information given by their teacher at registration. An accumulation of a few minutes on a regular basis can add up to several days' absence for your child which could result in missing essential learning in school.

As a reminder, school registration is at 8.50 am and children can come into school from 8.40 am. The school's side gates are closed at 8.50 am and any late arrivals should go to class via the main office and are then given a late mark.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

A brief reminder to log on to your Arbor account and pay for your child's Christmas activities 2022. Thank you.



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MISS PRIOR

Congratulations to the children who were nominated for demonstrating our November value "Kindness". We had our most nominees yet! Our value for December is "Resilience".



News & Information

STAR OF THE WEEK (awarded by Class Teacher)

Reception: Inaya and Freya
Year 1: Alexandra and Isabelle
Year 2: Mandira and Dorothy
Year 3: Isla E and Fletcher
Year 4: Ethan and Daniel
Year 5: Arthur and James
Year 6: Scarlett and Alfie



GOLDEN APPLE AWARD (awarded by lunch staff)

Reception: Owen and Bethan
Year 1: Pearl and Alfie
Year 2: Holly and Wynter-Rose
Year 3: Henry and Poppy
Year 4: Poppy T and Isabel
Year 5: Luca and Sophie
Year 6: Ronnie and Zac



READING CHAMPIONS

(number of times children have read)

Key Stage 1: Reception and Reception

Key Stage 2: Year 3 and Year 3



MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

w/c 14th November Lara (Y4)
w/c 21st November Nicole (Y5)
Congratulations to our Musicians.



ATTENDANCE

w/c 14th November: Year 1
w/c 21st November: Year 6
Year to date: Y5



CHRISTMAS HAMPER — RAFFLE TICKETS

An envelope containing raffle tickets has been sent home with your children today—if you would like to enter our Christmas Hamper Raffle, please return one side of the ticket strip with £1. Please remember to write your name and a contact number on the back!



WIGAN ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME

We hope you will join us in supporting the Wigan Rotary Club Shoebox Scheme this year. Boxes are available to collect from the school office and filled boxes should be returned to school before 29th November. Thank you for your support.



DOLCE SCHOOL MEALS — GENERAL INFORMATION

Dolce have informed of possible changes to menus as they are experiencing supply issues due to port delays, Spanish strikes, Ukraine conflict and rising energy costs, although every effort is being made to maintain a variety of options. Due to a lack of availability from suppliers, Dolce have removed the fish fillet from their menu and replaced with fish fingers.

JOTTER 3 APP



We would be grateful if all parents could download and log onto the new Jotter App (using the log in credentials sent home last week) so that we can communicate school events, notices, etc. **Please note that Jotter 2 will no longer be updated after Monday 5th December.**

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

We have been informed of the cancellation of the collection scheduled for 8th December. Our next Bag2School collection will be on Thursday 26th January. If you need any bags, please ask at the school office. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

We have accumulated a large selection of lost property during the term—please inform the school office if your child is missing any items. May we please remind parents to ensure all their child's belongings have name labels. Any uniform not claimed by the end of term will be washed and included in our Smart Shop. Thank you.

Upcoming Events—December 2022

Whole School	Dressing of the Christmas Tree	01/12/2022
Whole School	Christmas Bingo (4.15-5.30 pm)	01/12/2022
Whole School	Non-Uniform Day (<i>donations for Fayre</i>)	01/12/2022
Reception	Christmas Performance 2.45 pm	05/12/2022
Year 1/Year 2	Christmas Performances 2.45/6.00 pm	06/12/2022
Whole school	Christmas Lunch	07/12/2022
Parents/Pupils	Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop	07/12/2022
Year 5	Guitar Concert 10.30 am	08/12/2022
Choir	Christmas Carols at RAEI 12.00 pm	08/12/2022
Whole School	Christmas Jumper day (<i>wear with uniform</i>)	09/12/2022
Whole School	Christmas Fayre 3.30 pm	09/12/2022
Whole School	Christmas Pantomime (in school)	12/12/2022
Year 3/Year 4	Christmas Performances 2.45/6.00 pm	13/12/2022
Year 5/Year 6	Christmas Performances 2.45/6.00 pm	14/12/2022
Whole School	Christmas Party—afternoon	15/12/2022

COMMUNICATION—PLANNERS, LETTERS TO SCHOOL

KS2 planners are checked every Monday and Thursday weekly. If you are adding a note to your child's planner and/or sending letters/money for tickets or events in your child's backpack, we would be grateful if you could highlight this to your child so that they can pass on the information to their class teacher. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP



Following a positive register of interest from parents, we are pleased that Gemma, professional florist, will be running her Christmas Wreath Making Workshop again this year. We hope you will be able to join us for this festive workshop in school on Wednesday 7th December. Booking forms and information have been sent home and we would be grateful if you could return these with payment by Friday 2nd December. Gemma can also offer take-home kits if you are unable to attend but would like to make your own wreath at home.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed an increase in the number of children not wearing the correct uniform items to school. Please ensure the school uniform list is adhered to (a full list is on page 6) at all times. Skins, leggings and other fashion wear are not part of our uniform. Thank you for your co-operation in maintaining our high standards.

News & Information

Y6 VISIT TO WIGAN MUSEUM

Year 6 visited the Museum of Wigan Life linked to their geography curriculum, learning about the local area and mining communities.



ODD SOCKS DAY

Woodfield took part in "Odd Socks" day to start Anti-Bullying week, participating in a BBC live lesson and thinking about who we can turn to and how we can be kind. We proffered our ideas to resolve different scenarios and showed off our odd socks to celebrate differences. We also completed pledges which you can see at the front of school.



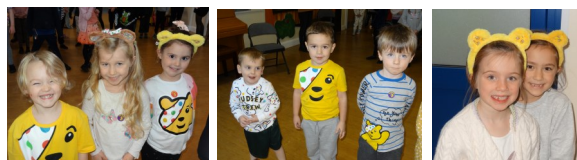
OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our Y2 and Y6 classes are currently taking part in a 6-week programme linked to our Science, Geography and/or Art curriculum topic. The programme is delivered by the Outdoor Learning team from Lancashire Wildlife Trust and is a great addition to our bespoke Woodfield curriculum.



CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, we raised an incredible £253.73 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support.



TREETOPS

Our Treetops children worked hard to make a wonderful display at the front of school to commemorate Remembrance Day.



HOLIDAY PATTERN 2022-2023

Autumn Term ends Friday 16th December

Spring 2023	Term Begins	Wednesday 4th January 2023
	Half Term	20th — 24th February 2023
	Term Ends	Friday 31st March 2023
Summer 2023	Term Begins	Tuesday 11th April 2023
	Half Term	29th May — 9th June 2023
	Term Ends	Friday 21st July 2023

Y5 GUITAR CONCERT

We are pleased to confirm that our Year 5 children will be performing their termly guitar concert for parents on **Thursday 8th December 2022 at 10.30 am in the school hall**, as part of their Wider Opportunities Programme with Wigan Music Service. We would be delighted if you could join us to see the wonderful progress your child has made with their guitar tuition so far this year.

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2023-2024

Autumn 2023	Inset Day	Monday 4th September 2023 (school closed)
	Term Begins	Tuesday 5th September 2023
	Inset Day	Friday 20th October 2023 (school closed)
	Half Term	Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October 2023
Spring 2024	Term Ends	Friday 22nd December 2023
	Term Begins	Monday 8th January 2024
	Half Term	Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February 2024
	Term Ends	Thursday 28th March 2024
Summer 2024	Term Begins	Monday 8th April 2024
	Inset Day	Thursday 2nd May 2024 (school closed)
	Half Term	Monday 27th—Friday 7th June 2024
	Term ends	Friday 19th July 2024

Please note changes to Easter and May half term holidays

ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

www.rotaryshoebox.org

Ideas for filling your shoebox

Child / Toys ~ For Boys & Girls

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Baby ~ Age up to 12months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

What NOT to include in boxes

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

And for safety -

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers. Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into the Toys box.

The type of contents are indicated on the box top.



In the case of child / toys & teenagers, additional information as to the suitability for boy or girl, along with age group is also indicated.

Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

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safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about...

GAMES CONSOLES

What are they?

? 'Games Consoles' ?

Much like a television allows you to watch movies or a radio allows you to listen to music, a games console allows you to play video games. The most modern ones are names you might be familiar with – Sony PlayStation, Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo Switch – and almost all of them can now connect to the internet and be enjoyed online with friends.

Know the Risks

Online Content

While modern consoles don't strictly need to be connected to the internet, many of them also double up as an internet browser or provide the ability to stream TV shows and movies, so it's important that the appropriate filters and parental controls are in place to restrict children viewing any unsuitable content.

Addictive nature

Games consoles require video games, and both can ultimately contribute towards an addictive habit. Playing too much and too often can force children to become reliant on the good feelings released when playing games, making them more likely to want to play them more frequently, and for longer periods of time.

Hacking risk

It's almost impossible to avoid signing up to different services when using modern consoles. Keeping track of all these accounts can be confusing and in a worst-case scenario, fraudsters could gain access to personal information, addresses and bank details by hacking online profiles.

Online Chat

Once connected to the internet, players can talk to each other either over headsets or using text chat functions on the consoles. Without the proper protections in place, children could speak to anybody of any age and find themselves building relationships with strangers they know nothing about.

Safety Tips

Check contacts

Online predators and hackers often use sly tactics to build relationships with children get them to illicit personal details through gaming platforms or gaming communities. Be on the lookout for suspect communications such as intrusive personal messages or people you suspect might not be who they say they are.

Look for behaviour changes

Becoming withdrawn, irritable and anxious when not playing on a games console are trademark symptoms of gaming addiction. If children turn angry when asked to stop playing, that could also be a sign that an intervention is needed.

Keep details private

Games consoles will almost exclusively ask you to enter your details securely on the console itself, or through a trusted website tied to the console maker. If somebody claiming to be working for Sony, Microsoft or Nintendo asks you to share your passwords or account details, do not give it to them.

Use parental controls

Most gaming consoles will have parental controls which can be used to set up things like family management accounts. From here, parents can often set age limits on games and content, spending restrictions, limit play time and set up passwords and authentications to help keep children safe.

Further Support

Block and report

If someone has made your child feel uncomfortable, make note of suspect players' usernames. Often, you'll be able to ban or block these players in a game's settings. If you have proof of their intentions, don't hesitate to contact your local police force or authority with as much information and evidence as you can gather.

Seek Support

If you're concerned about your child playing too much on their console and think they may have developed a gaming addiction, try and offer them support. The World Health Organisation has classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition and there may be external providers locally who can offer you more targeted help.

Keep IDs safe

Be sure to talk to your child about the importance of keeping their identity safe. If they ever receive messages claiming to be from companies but something doesn't feel right, tell them not to respond and inform you. Things like odd spelling and grammar, strange email addresses, or asking for personal information are tell-tale signs.

Our Expert Mark Foster



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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School Uniform List

We are extremely proud of our uniform here at Woodfield School. We feel that the uniform adds to the school's identity and gives children a sense of belonging. Please ensure that all clothing in school is clearly labelled with your child's name.

School Uniform:

- White Shirt
- School Tie
- Grey City Shorts (optional)
- Grey skirt/Pinafore
- Tartan Skirt/Pinafore
- Grey Shorts/Trousers
- Green Sweatshirt/Cardigan (with school logo)
- Grey/White Socks or Tights
- Flat, Black Shoes (not trainer-style)

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor.

P.E. Kit:

- White T-shirt/PE top
- Green Shorts
- Bottle green joggers
- Bottle green hoody
- Black Pumps/Plimsolls with light soles (for indoor P.E.)
- Trainers (for outdoor P.E.)
- Green drawstring bag (to hold PE kit and/or swimming kit)

The school logo on the P.E. kit is optional.

Light-soled pumps are preferred as dark-soled pumps (including those designed as non-marking) can mark our hall floor due to the nature of activities.

School Bags:

Only designated school bags with the Woodfield logo, available from a range of retailers, are allowed in school.

- Book Bag (preferred in YR-Y2)
- Book Satchel (preferred in YR-Y2)
- Woodfield Backpack (small)

Jewellery, Make-up, Nail Varnish, Hair Styles

In addition, we do not permit jewellery, make-up or nail varnish to be worn in school. The only exceptions are a basic watch, ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask that children remove these items during PE and games, or, in specific circumstances, cover them with a plaster.

Long hair must be tied back. Hairbands, ribbons, bows, etc should be plain and unadorned, eg not have large flowers or accessories attached. Extreme or 'fashion' hairstyles, including those where there is a significant difference in length between different parts of the hair, are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.