



Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been two weeks since we re-introduced additional Covid safety measures and I am pleased to say the positive case numbers are starting to improve. These measures also included the wearing of face coverings in communal areas following advice received last weekend from the DfE.

Covid, and now the Omicron variant, continues to be an ever-present consideration for us and I have written a further letter today to accompany this newsletter which expands on this further.

In other news, I am delighted to report that our fantastic curriculum continues to be implemented in full in lots of creative and imaginative ways to inspire the children with memorable experiences. We have had the Fire Service here today, re-creating the Fire of London on the playground with our pupils in Year 2. They had made medieval houses that were then taken outside to recreate a London scene and these have then been set alight causing great excitement and a lot of smoke! The children (and staff) have watched the 'Fire of London' from a safe distance and it is safe to say they will remember the key facts of this event for some time to come.

We have also started year group based Achievement Assemblies and they have been great. They are certainly different to what we have done before but it is lovely to meet with individual year groups and celebrate achievements together.

Many thanks for your continuing support and please stay safe.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Photo & Caption

Reception are thrilled to be part the Kissing it Better project which has found us making window decorations to cheer up people in hospital. We had a lovely conversation about how we would be, 'Making people better' with our winter mittens!

Well done Reception and thank you Mrs May for arranging such a great project.



Governor Focus

Governors will be meeting next week (virtually, I'm afraid!) to review progress this term right across the school, and with a particular focus on maths, which is one of our key objectives in the Learning Improvement Plan this year. We will also be signing off the newly updated Behaviour Policy which has been the subject of much discussion, research, contribution and thought.

Lousia Farino - Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1W (Miss Winstanley's) with 98%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.4% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

My favourite subject is English. I like writing stories. What I like about Woodloes School is I get to read a lot!
Flynn
Class 6Y



Focus on Excellence

Mexico hit by a natural Disaster!

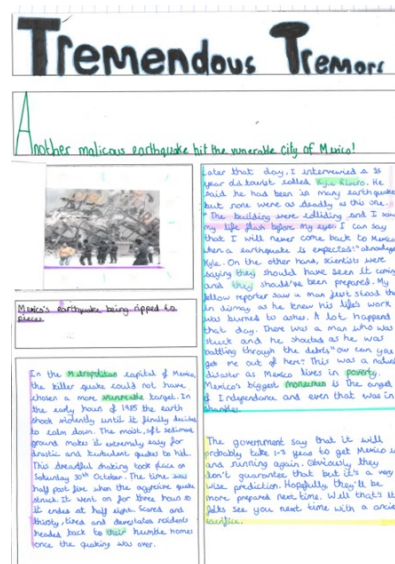


Our Year 6 'Roving Reporters' were asked to write an account of an earthquake that had occurred in Mexico City!

As they watched video clips on natural disasters around the world, the Year 6 pupils' used their empathy skills to magpie tier 3 vocabulary and reported speech. They then demonstrated their acting skills as they role-played a scene of being in the midst of an earthquake!

Finally, they used all of this knowledge to write a newspaper report about an earthquake hitting Mexico City.

Excellent work Year 6



Other News

Friends

A reminder, as per our newsletter last week that, unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone in Friends who had already put so much time and effort into this.

Cold Weather

Winter is well and truly here. With a rapid dip in temperature in recent days, can we please remind all parents/carers to ensure that your child is properly equipped for the cold weather ie., a warm, winter coat, sweatshirt/cardigan, plus hat and gloves if appropriate. Please also ensure that your child has appropriate shoes ie., 'dolly type shoes' are not ideal when it is raining. Finally, please remember to label everything! We usually end up with a 'mountain' of un-named hats, gloves, scarves etc., over the autumn/winter period (in addition to the usual unlabelled sweatshirts/cardigans etc). Thank you

Air Ambulance

As you know, we have a clothing bank situated on our site. Please bear this in mind if you have a sort out of clothing (particularly over the Christmas break). You are welcome to donate it here. The Air Ambulance do a tremendous job and we would like to support them wherever we can.

Did you know they have attended over 40,000 missions in the 16 years they have been established. Only last Friday in Warwickshire, they attended a patient who had had a fall down stairs and sustained a head injury.

The average mission cost is £1,700. Therefore any donations of clothing etc., would be gratefully received, to help raise money for this amazing cause! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please visit <https://theairambulanceservice.org.uk/>

