



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week and you and your family are well!

We have had a number of visitors to school this week and have been delighted to share different aspects of our work with them. Philip Hamilton and Ed May came on Monday: Philip is the CEO of the CAT and Ed is the Executive Director with responsibility for Primary Education. They both came to visit the school and meet with staff to discuss different aspects of the work we do to achieve excellence at Woodloes. It was great to see them in school again and to feel part of the wider multi-academy trust.

The CEO of the charity 'Kissing It better' has been with us today running a workshop called Looking after Great Granny. The aim of this project is to help children to learn how to communicate better with elderly members of our community. Gill, the CEO has links with the BBC and they are really interested in this project which could involve some filming at some stage. This won't involve everyone, and any participants will need full consent before anything happens, but we will keep you informed as this lovely project develops.

Finally, we are looking to recruit a new parent governor to join our School Standards Committee. This is a very rewarding and vitally important role that gives members the opportunity to be actively involved in the life of the school at a strategic level. A flier, which provides further information and contact details, will follow shortly so if you are interested then please look out for further details and let us know.

Have a lovely weekend!

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Photo & Caption

Year 6 designed, wrote and illustrated comics around their own money-making ideas based on the book 'Lunch Money'. They used tone and expression to engage the reader when retelling their comic story and are now using their idea as the basis for writing an extended narrative.



Governor Focus

I spent some time with Mrs May and Mrs Barlow on Wednesday as part of the school Deep Dive for Reading. As part of this, we had discussions with pupils from all age groups about the books they were reading and their experiences of Star and Accelerated Reader (AR). Everyone we spoke to demonstrated a thorough understanding and enjoyment of the books they were reading and how they could progress through AR. As well as enjoying their individual reading books, they also enjoyed listening to the variety of reading materials being read to them in class. They each read extracts from their readers to us and were very proud to share this with us. My thanks to the children involved.

Mick Potter, Vice Chair of Governors.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1W (Miss Winstanley) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.1% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

I like all my lessons, because
I like helping people.
Grace
Class 2ML



Focus on Excellence

During this half term's art topic 'Perfect Portraits', Year 2 have studied the work of Paul Klee and how he used line drawing and watercolours to create portraits of moving people. The children created their own watercolour backgrounds and then drew a moving person from a photograph, using only lines. They experimented by only using straight or curved lines in their portrait drawings. The finished portraits were amazing and reflected the skills and art techniques that the children have learnt over the last few weeks.

Can you tell the activity that these portraits are showing?



Other News

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for two school cleaners: a permanent contract and fixed term contract. Please refer to the school website or call the School Office for further details.

School Milk

Did you know that, if your child is entitled to 'benefits based free school meals', you are able to claim free school milk for them? Speak to the school office if interested.

Blaze Hockey Offer

Sunday 17th October vs. Belfast Giants at 6pm, Sunday 24th October vs. Guildford Flames at 5.30pm*
Sunday 31st October vs. Cardiff Devils at 5.30pm*

All games played at the Skydome Arena, Croft Road, CV1 3AZ

Per-game (max five tickets per-booking): Adults: £12 Under-16: £7 * *Free skating included*

After the games on 24th and 31st October, you can skate for free. (If you need to hire skates, it's £3 per-pair). To book tickets: Go to <http://tinyurl.com/Blaze-Offer-Oct>

Flu Immunisation

There are clinics available in Warwick in November for any children who missed having their nasal flu vaccination in September. The clinic bookings can be made via the Swiftqueue booking system using this link: <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

School Photos

School photo proofs were sent out at the end of last week. We know a lot of parents/carers now place their orders directly online. For those that wish to place an order via school, please note the deadline to do so is by 9.00am on Wednesday 20th October. Any orders received after that time will be subject to a further fee to cover the cost of postage. Thank you

Cycle Safely this Autumn!

NW Active are delivering a series of FREE community Bikeability

Courses at Cubbington Primary School. All participants must be able to ride and will receive a Bikeability booklet, certificate and badge. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To register your interest email cswbikeability@gmail.com or phone Zoe on 07976 918540

Heritage Education

Warwickshire Museum have an exciting half term holiday activity programme planned for children and families. Visit <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats/holiday-family-activities> for further information

Artlab

Artlab have a half term Art Camp taking place from October 25th to 27th 10am to 4pm, where there will be lots of Halloween fun. The event takes place at St Marks Church in Leamington Spa. Contact Libby Esler on 07963 935152, [artlabtry@facebook](https://www.facebook.com/artlabtry) for further details.