



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a bumper edition of our school newsletter which, this week, includes an extra section from Mrs Khaira who is keen to share her love of maths with everyone.

It has been an incredibly busy, action packed week this week, starting with Urban Strides, StoneAge Day, a school disco and a residential trip for Year 6. There has also been a governors meeting thrown in for good measure.

A massive thank you and well done to everyone who has worked so hard this week and this half term. It has been a great start to the new academic year, and everyone deserves a good rest over half term.

Many thanks for your continuing support

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)



Hill End Residential– Year 6

Year 6 pupils have had an amazing time at the residential at Hill End Oxford. They have learnt to use knives, cooked on the fire and went on night-time walks!! The pupils spotted Jupiter, Mars and Saturn! Wellbeing day consisted of den building and lighting fires and back at base pupils were whittling and using clay. Habitat day involved pond dipping and natural artwork. The pupils learned so many personal skills such as problem solving, working as a team, and most importantly looking after and making new friends.



Sophia Cooney" I loved the wilderness walk and going in wildlife walks"

Layah Tupman " I enjoyed the mental health walk with Karen and the maze walk at night"

Harvey Shay Brown " Making a wooden knife and burning the handle over the fire!!"

Mrs Khaira



Attendance News

Please can we remind parents that the school doors open each morning at 8.45am to allow children to enter school and be ready for registration at 8.55am. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school for this time. Late arrivals can cause disruption to the class and be unsettling for your child as they may miss initial instructions from their teacher.

If your child is absent from school please ensure that you call the school office to advise of this everyday of the absence, calls should be made to 01926 497491 before 8.55am.

Well done to Miss Lyon's Class, **2L** who had the highest class attendance last week with **100%** whilst the whole school attendance to date sits at **95.5%** and we have **187** pupils achieving 100% attendance so far this year.



School Council

The 'Garbage Gang' have been out again this week collecting litter from the area surrounding our school. Here is what the 'Garbage Gang' had to say

"It was fun and we made quite a difference. It was all messy when we were finished much cleaner."

"It felt nice to help our community"
"It felt good cleaning our community and I feel proud to help."



Oliver, Annie, Lucas and Amaiya.

What I love about Woodloes

'I Love writing and impressing my teacher by 'Wowing her socks off''

Lucas 2L



Focus on Excellence– Stone Age Day

Y3 had the most wonderful Stone Age day this week which gave the children the opportunity to consolidate all of their learning about Stone Age life this half term. They took part in many different activities including cave painting, making necklaces from 'clay' bones and rocks and also a mammoth hunt on the field! The children also made a bone photo frame, including a photo of themselves in their costumes, to take home as a souvenir of this special day.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for supporting the day and sending your children in wearing the most amazing themed costumes!

Mrs May

Urban Strides comes to Woodloes!

Urban Strides, the street dance crew who some parents may remember from their performances at the Young Voices concert at the NEC, came to Woodloes this week to teach us some dance moves as well as sharing the important lessons of team work, co-operation, focusing ourselves and listening to instructions.

The children learned some fab new routines and got to express their own street dance style whilst having great fun!

Mrs Astley



Reception 2023 Open Day

If you have a child starting school September 2023, then please join us on one of our open days for a chance to see our fantastic facilities. Bookings are not required, just turn up.

Thursday 10th November 9.30am - 10.30am

Monday 21st November 1.30pm - 2.30pm



Halloween Disco

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Halloween Disco last night. A fabulously spooky time was had by all.



Dates for the Diary

- Monday 31st October- Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 1st November- School reopens to all pupils
- Tuesday 1st November– Year 6 Swimming resumes, please ensure kits are in school
- Thursday 3rd November– Saplings Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am-10.30am, no bookings required just turn up on the day.
- Monday 7th November– Guided reading drop in session for parents, 9.15am Year 1.
- Tuesday 8th November– Guided reading drop in session for parents, 9.15am Year 2.
- Wednesday 9th November– Guided reading drop in session for parents, 9.15am Year 6.
- Wednesday 9th November– Guided reading drop in session for parents, 10am Year 3.
- Thursday 10th November– Guided reading drop in sessions for parents, 9.15am Year 4.
- Friday 11th November– Guided reading drop in sessions for parents, 9.15am Year 5.
- Monday 14th November– New to You uniform event, 3.30pm in the large hall.





Woodloes Primary School Maths News Autumn Term A 2022

Mathematician of the term:



Marjorie Lee Browne 1914-1979
From an early age, Marjorie Lee Browne was a mathematician at heart. She loved it because it was challenging and made her think. In the 1940's, it was unusual for a black woman to study Maths at University but she loved Maths and wanted to learn more. She is known for her involvement in helping to inspire more black women to become involved in STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and Maths) She inspired confidence in young mathematicians.
Film recommendation: Hidden Figures-very inspiring

What we are learning this half term:

EYFS follow a Mastery approach alongside NCETM number (using Number Blocks)

Number Recognition

Year 1 follow Mastery approach with a focus on using concrete, pictorial and abstract representations.

Number and Number Bonds

Year 2-6 follow 6-part maths lesson. This includes Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving

Place Value and the Four Operations

Parent/Carers will soon be invited to see their child immersed in a Maths lesson. Look out for the date and time.



White Rose Maths-One-minute Maths app

This app is primarily aimed at children in EYFS and KS1 and gives them an introduction to addition, subtraction and subitising-recognising numbers

Users are able to choose the layout of their questions, either using cartoon objects or coloured dots placed at random or in arrays and, as it is only one minute per game, is not onerous on the user, or their parents!

Times Table Rockstars

Children in Years 1-6 will have received their login details for TTRS as part of their ongoing Maths homework.

Year 1 will have access to Numbots and well as EYFS. Times Table Rockstars gives the children chance to practise their multiplication tables-this has a huge impact on the speed and accuracy using calculations in class. It would be great to see all children engaged with TTRS at home as often as possible.

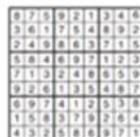


Now for a Mathematical Riddle!

This is for parent/carers as well as children!

When Miguel was 6 years old, his little sister, Leila, was half his age. If Miguel is 40 years old today, how old is Leila?

Answer



Answer: She is 37 years old.

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