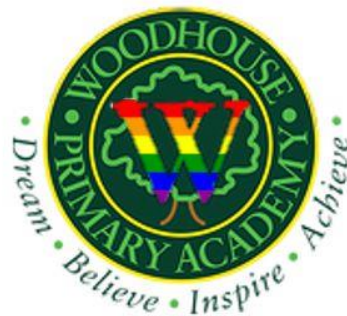


NEWSLETTER

17TH JULY 2020



Dear parents/carers,

We have come to the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and it's been a year like no other! So much has happened in our school this year and normally we would mainly be reflecting on our successful Ofsted inspection in December. Of course, since March we have been coming to terms with an incredibly challenging situation, which makes everything else pale into insignificance by comparison. All our lives have changed dramatically since the start of "lockdown" in March. With very little warning, we were all thrown into a situation where we had to adapt very quickly to a new reality, a new way of teaching and learning and a new way of operating our school. This was a real challenge – nothing had prepared us for schools to be all but closed for so long. I am proud that we were able to offer emergency care, including wrap around care, to the children of key workers and vulnerable children from the very beginning, opening throughout both Easter and half term. I am proud that school also offered this emergency care to children from another school in our trust. I am proud that our incredible teaching team have worked so hard to further establish our digital platform: Google Classroom and to create offline equivalents so that all children can learn. I am proud that we opened wider to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children in June. I am proud that they and you have adapted quickly to a new way of working. It hasn't been perfect, but I'm very proud of the way our school community has approached home learning – something we couldn't have done without the incredibly dedicated support of all parents and carers. Thank you.

I have written a few times in letters that: **though we are apart, we are together as the Woodhouse school community.** It has been incredible to see how this community shines through in the work and efforts of the children and families. We've all had to show resilience in coping with the changes to our freedoms, the loss of the things we take for granted and to keep going even on the bad days. I am proud that school staff have been on hand throughout to provide help and support where needed. I'm really proud of those in our school community – students, parents and staff - who've taken the opportunity during lockdown to help others: raising money for good causes; collecting items for vulnerable people; helping others; making PPE for the NHS; donating to and supporting local foodbanks. As you know, this is my community too – and it has been wonderful

to see the rainbow pictures in windows when taking daily exercise. The Rainbow signifies hope for the future – and the actions, behaviour, effort and positivity in our school community reminds me of this hope every day.

One thing that I think this crisis has taught us, is that in order to survive and thrive, we need to work together, with everyone in society playing their part. We have to realise that what some people perhaps took for granted are actually some of the most essential workers for our survival. Woodhouse would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all essential workers and NHS staff who have put their own well-being at risk to keep the country going through it all. I hope that even though the weekly applause is now a memory, we continue to remember the contribution of so many key workers.

For many of us, this has been a worrying and sometimes frustrating time: it's caused massive disruption to our daily lives, and put many people's livelihoods at risk. Many families across the country have lost loved ones, and their loss puts our frustrations into perspective. Of course, there's still a long way to go – the pandemic is far from over. However, our thoughts move now to September, in the hope that we will see a return to normality. The media are keen to stress how much education children have lost, and talk about the lasting damage the lockdown has caused to this generation. The assumption is that children have learnt nothing during this time, and that's not true for our students. Yes, we've lost the face to face contact, but we've found inventive ways to teach and to learn, and I know that children have worked hard and continued learning throughout this period of time. They have been blessed by time with their families and the opportunity to try new skills or contribute at home. It has been wonderful to see some of this in the photos and information you have shared with school.

Lastly, I'd like to once again acknowledge the great job that parents have done over the past months. I know that it is not easy trying to home school your children, especially when balancing the needs of a number of children, working from home and when under additional restrictions. You have all risen to this challenge admirably and I offer you my thanks and congratulations for the manner in which you have coped. Hats off to you all. I hope that you and your families stay safe and well over the summer. We all look forward to seeing all Woodhouse community again in September.

Yours sincerely

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TEACHERS ON YOUTUBE



Science with Miss Hunt:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvt8Tq9wfZ8c196ki3hyx9A>

Mrs Ali's Classroom:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZbvdS-eK10UL-OuZ5MGtA>

PE with Mr Milliard:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzyhU5fspUbEZLORkefReyg>

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

The end of Year 6 is always a strange time as we get ready to say our goodbyes and move onto the next chapter in our lives but as the leavers of 2020 your ending has been more than the normal strange.

It's very true that we feel cheated that Mr Waterworth didn't get to put on another end of year spectacular, that we didn't have a big end of Primary School farewell and yes, we are sad that we didn't get to do all the end of year things that we had hoped for. As the leavers of 2020 we will never forget this time, we are thankful that we are all still safe and once again we have shown how strong we are as a Woodhouse family even though we have been apart for so long. So take this resilience and experience with you as you step out into the world of Secondary School and show all the new people in your life how amazing you are.

Stay safe and be kind ...

Check out the Leavers book here in video form:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjoxOaJrq54>

Here are links to our transition pages:

Secondary: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/pupils/transition>

Reception: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/pupils/transition-to-reception>

Our worry box email contact will not be active during the summer. There will be some links in the automated response to signpost you to the right support if needed.

Email: worrybox@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk

If you are worried about something online, you can go to:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>

If you have other worries, you can get some information here:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

Information for parents of children in Year 6 next academic year. Shared on behalf of Perryfields High School.

Please find below a list of dates for their open events planned for September/October 2021:

Open Evening

Thursday 17th Sept 2020	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Open Mornings

Tuesday 15th September 2020	9am - 10:15am
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Wednesday 23rd September 2020	9am - 10:15am
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Thursday 8th October 2020	9am - 10:15am
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Information on how and when to apply for secondary school places will be made available in the next academic year. Information about open events at secondary schools can be found on their websites.

Celebrating Success



2020 - 2021 **STAFFING**

Over the past two weeks your child's new teacher will have tried to contact you to introduce themselves. If you have not spoken with them and would like to do so, please get in touch via the main office.

Here is a list of where staff will be teaching from September.

Mr Warlow – Nursery

Mrs Galloway Nursery support staff

Miss Moore – RM

Miss Sims – RS

Mrs M Williams – Additional Early Years Teacher

Mrs Shipstone & Mrs Thomas – Reception support staff

**Early Years
Foundation
Stage (EYFS)**

Miss Louch – 1L (with 19/20 RW)

Mr Oakley – 1O (with 19/20 RM)

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Ebanks & Mrs Morris – Year One support staff

Mrs Farrant – 2F (with 19/20 1L)

Miss Gibbs – 2G (with 19/20 1OW)

Mrs Hartland, Mrs Lallie & Miss Sohal – Year Two support staff

**Key Stage
One (KS1)**

Mrs Ali – 3A (with 19/20 2F)

Mrs Nijjar – 3N (with 19/20 2G)

Mrs Scott – Year Three support staff

Mrs K Williams – 4W (with 19/20 3N)

Mr Shelley & Mrs Ogden – 4SO (with 19/20 3A)

Mrs Boore – Year Four support staff

**Lower Key
Stage Two
(KS2)**

Miss Hunt – 5H (with 19/20 4W)

Mrs Spencer & Mr Waterworth – 5WS (with 19/20 4SO)

Miss Homer & Mrs Gupta – Year Five support staff

Miss Lavelle & Mr Parslow – 6LP

Mr Dunn – 6D

Miss Wynne – 6W

Mrs Miles, Mr R Wilson & Mrs Jarvis – Year Six support staff

**Upper Key
Stage Two
(KS2)**

Miss Toy, Mrs Wright, Mrs Franklin & Mrs Smith – Rainbow Room

The Inclusion Team – Mrs Kennedy (office Manager), Miss Mason (SENDCo), Mr Parslow (Deputy Head) & Mr Kennedy (Learning Mentor)

Autumn Term 2020

Tuesday 1st September - Inset day, school closed to children

Wednesday 2nd September - Inset day, school closed to children

Thursday 3rd September - First day school open for children, details TBC

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Monday 2nd November - Inset day, school closed to children

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 - Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - First day school open for children.

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

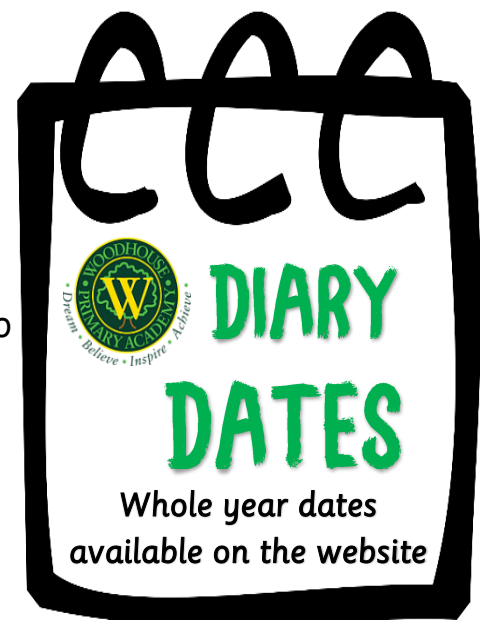
Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Tuesday 20th July - Last day of school year for children

Wednesday 21st July - Inset day, school closed to children



In RE this week, Year 3 were learning about Martin Luther King's 'I Have a dream' speech. Here is Ella's fantastic work:

What was the purpose of Dr Martin Luther King's speech?

Dr Martin Luther King's dream speech was to stop racism and segregation for black people in America. To make the world a better place for everyone.

What motivated him to give it?

What motivated Dr King to give his speech was that he believed that African Americans should have the same rights as white people. That people should be treated equally, no matter what colour skin they have.

What does this speech mean to you?

This speech meant to me that as a black girl in 2020 I should be treated fairly and not be judged because of the colour of my skin but the contents of my character. That's what Black Lives Matter marches which are happening today are all about.

How is this relevant today?

Yes this is relevant today because black people are still discriminated against. For example, George Floyd was killed for being black.

What can you do/ others or the school do to spread the message of Martin Luther King Jnr's message?

Schools can make posters and have history lessons about black history.

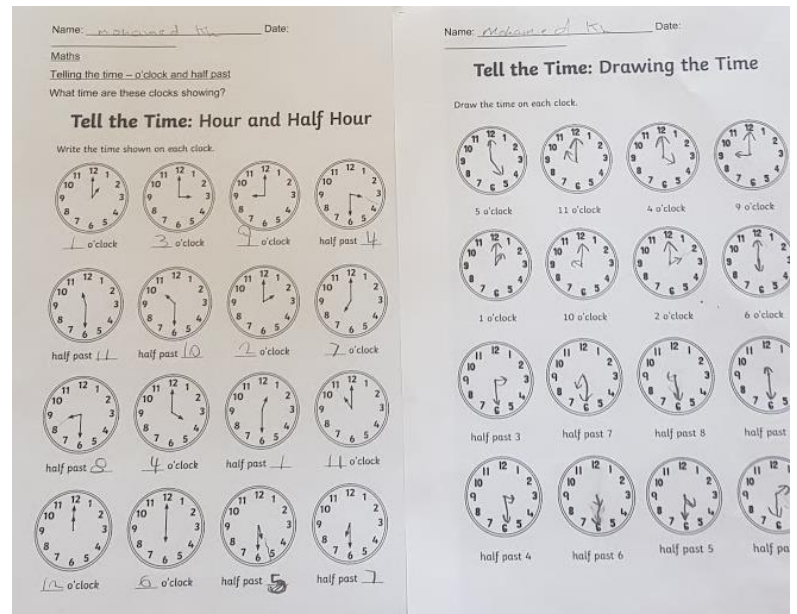


Jake the Snake as made by the EYFS & KS1 Emergency Care bubble.

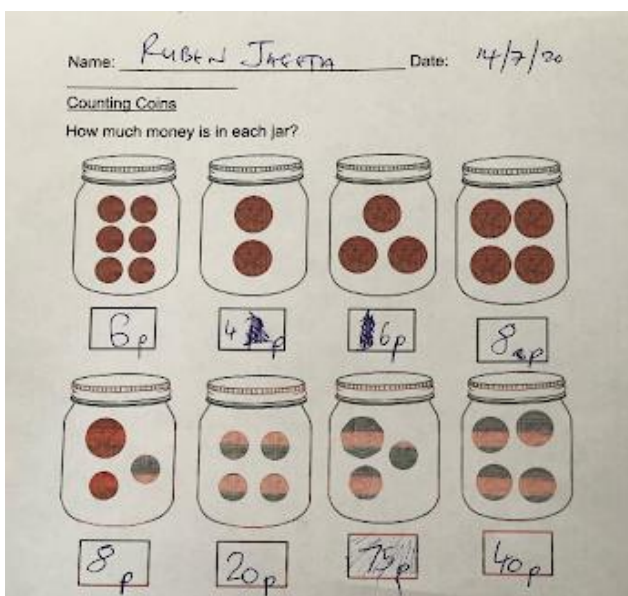
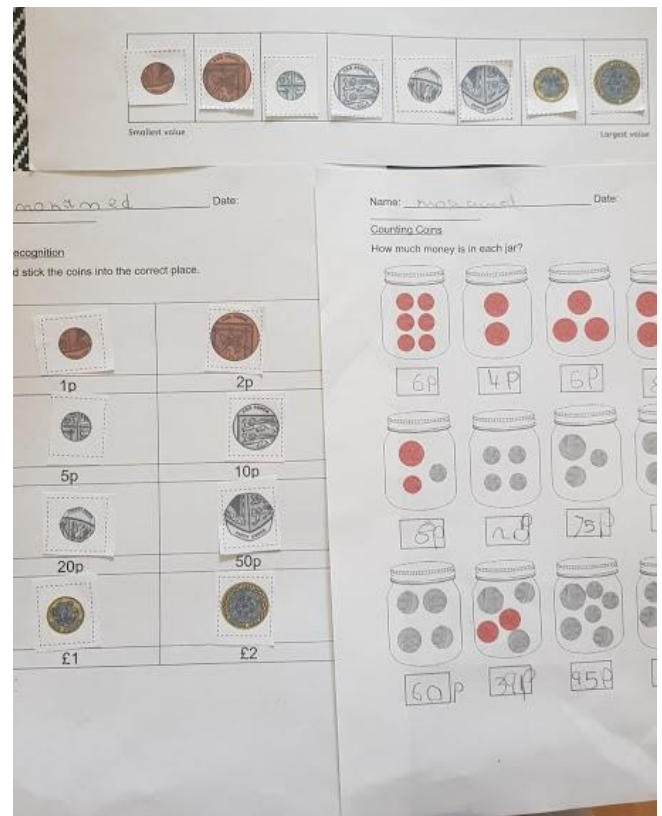


Jasmin, 1L was inspired by all of the gardening photos and has been helping out in the garden at home. It is clearly something that runs in the family. Layla and Ariana are also keen gardeners.





Year One have been learning about money and time this week in their maths learning. They have been identifying coins and their values and working out times on the hour and half hour.





When Aaryz, 1OW hasn't been in school, he has been helping his family look after their new chicks and also took a trip to the beach. You can't go to the beach without being buried in the sand!



Rashi, 4SO has celebrated her 9th birthday recently with this beautiful cake. Happy birthday Rashi!



The EYFS & KS1 Emergency Care bubble have made these beautiful butterflies with Mrs Sumner. They would look lovely hanging in a window.

Virtual SPORTS DAY



"Thank you to everyone who completed the Sports Day challenges. I hope you had fun pushing yourself and trying your best for your house" – Mr Milliard

4th.	TOLKIEN.	1315 points
3rd.	CHAMBERLAIN.	1739 points
2nd.	CADBURY.	1746 points



BOULTON.	2762 points
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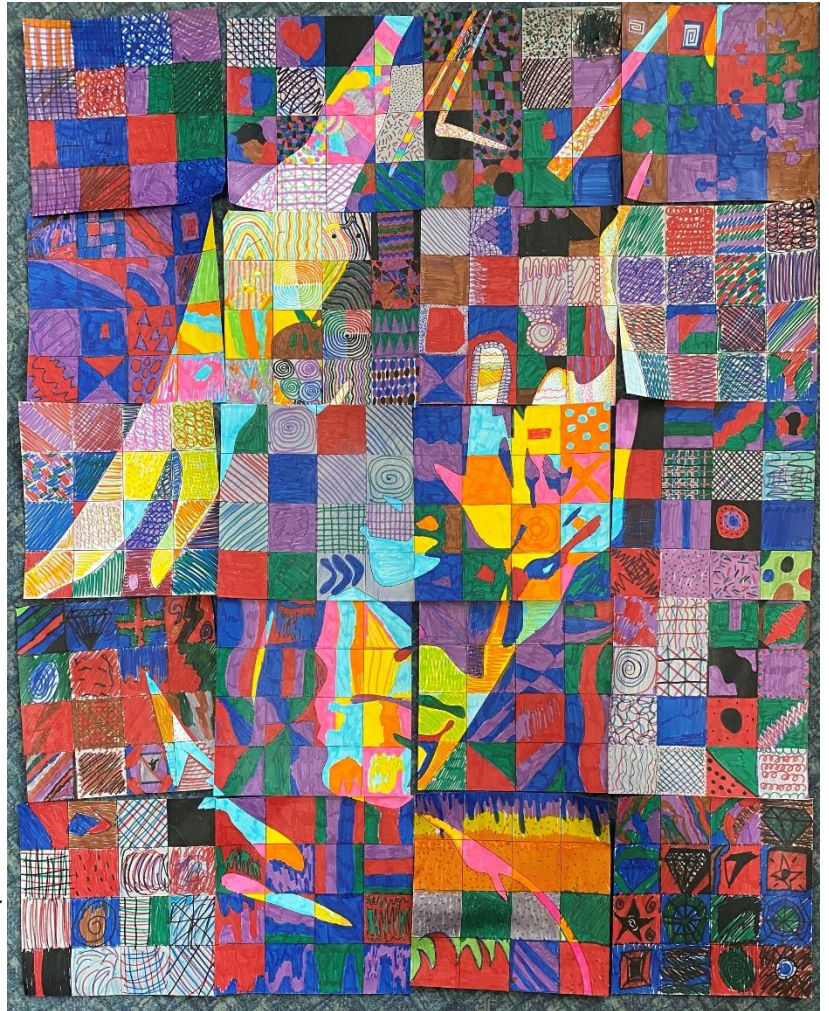
Well done to everyone who's had a go at these activities and all of the other sports, games and activities posted by Mr Milliard on the PE Google Classroom.

Stay active!





The Year 5 & 6 Emergency Care bubble with Miss Hunt were all given some squares of paper with a grid on and asked to colour them in using pre-agreed colour schemes. They were told that the sheets would all fit together to create one large picture. Can you tell what it is?



The Year 1 & 2 Emergency Care bubble created these fantastic art pieces with Mrs Williams. They used masking tape to create this effect.



ACCELERATED READER

End of year Accelerated Reader Data

We have reached a grand total of 70,951,223 words read and 9272 quizzes passed!



Last year's word count was 63,791,445 with only 5,362 quizzes passed. Woodhouse, you have outdone yourself again!

Congratulations to Arsam, 6D, our top School reader for reading over 7 million words. He overtook the word count of Elizabeth from last year who read 6,509,086 words. Arsam only read 2,527,428 words last year

Both Jack, 6WS and Mariyah, 5H have reached their 1 million words read.

The top class readers are:

2F Abdulbaqi	2G Jeron	3A Dallas	3N Rory
4SO Ayham	4W Gurraj	5H Mariyah	5W Navnika
6D Arsam	6L Arnika	6WS Marjan	RR Eisa

Congratulations to our Word Millionaires and Multi-millionaires this year Arsam 6D, Gurraj 4W, Fatima 6D, Marjan 6WS, Dallas 3A, Asiyah 3A, Adele 4W, Rory 3N, Mariyah 5H, Harold 6WS, Isabelle 6D, Grace B 6WS & Jack 6WS

Total number of words read since school closed is 20,797,351 with 3162 quizzes passed.

Top 5 readers since school closed

Gurraj, 4W - 3,061,627
Arsam, 6D - 2,711,215
Dallas, 3A - 1,554,885
Fatima, 6D - 1,456,831
Denisa, 6D - 933,584

A massive thank you to Mrs Scott who tracks and compiles this each week.

Welcome to the Woodhouse summer passport.

Using the fabulous website created by Mr Fox and Mrs Williams, you will be able to pick and choose activities to do over the summer. This fantastic opportunity allows you to choose a teacher's hobby or project and complete it yourself. There are lots and lots of activities like sign language with

Mrs Gupta, cartoon drawing with Mrs Ali or Mr Oakley then there are lots of recipes and food videos from Mr Warlow, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Boore. If these do not take your fancy, then why not try something different like learning to sing 'Head Shoulders Knees and Toes' in French or Spanish or you could do tie dying with Miss Sims or better still try some mindfulness with Miss Moore.



The best thing about this superb opportunity is that you get to do them alongside the teacher's in their videos and the project will go towards Children's University which means the more hours done, the more you'll have ready for your bronze, silver or gold graduation. Even if you're not part of Children's University, you will still be rewarded for taking part. If 5 hobbies or projects are completed you will receive a bronze certificate, 8 for silver and 12 or more will get you a GOLD.

We cannot wait to see your 'Project Passport' filled and you could even take photos of the fun you have had with the teachers this summer.

Follow this link to get going > <https://summer2020.woodhouse.academy>