

NEWSLETTER



23rd October 2020

How to get in touch



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enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk



07950368561 – Families mobile to call or text with any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.



homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

- Use this for any queries about home learning and the website is there for any children self-isolating alongside our google classroom provision.

Welcome to My Child at School [MCAS]

MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] is a portal enabling parents to make online payments and to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser, or an app.

In summary, MyChildAtSchool provides:

- The ability to make online payments for school dinners and before/after school club.
- Access to real-time Attendance, Assessment and Behavioural data.
- An insight to parents on their child's schoolwork (homework topics etc.)
- Communication facilities to improve contact between parents and school.
- Instant access to Published Reports and Letters.
- Option to purchase Items, join Clubs or book Trips.

Initially the focus of the app at Woodhouse will be on online payments, to enable parents/carers to easily make payments for school dinners and before and after school club. You will also be able to see announcements and school letters to help you to keep up to date with news and events. Some of the other features will be following shortly - look out for further announcements.

You will or may have already received an invitation to access the app. Please sign up and familiarise yourselves with it. Staff will be available to assist if necessary.

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you again for your continued support to enable our school to function successfully over the last half term. It has been a very challenging time for parents, children and staff – but I am overjoyed with the collaboration and mutual support which has allowed us to return to life in Woodhouse for all of our children. I am grateful for the flexibility and willingness of our school community to do what must be done to keep us all as safe as possible. I am well aware of the challenges this has posed for each of us and we at school do not take this lightly. You and your children's commitment and adaptation to our current way of working is a credit to you all. Thank you.

We have worked incredibly hard to keep our school running throughout the pandemic since March, but it has been particularly hard during the Autumn term so far. The challenges of self-isolation, coupled with the uncertainty and difficulty in getting much needed testing have made life difficult for all affected. We have had to close two of our class bubbles, 3A and the Rainbow Room, and I know that this has worried and concerned parents. I am pleased that in both these cases, the positive test result did not spread any further – it shows that the measures we have in school are robust and that we are doing all we can. I know that we will have further cases in the future, and when this happens, I know that we will be in a position to support families and to ensure learning continues. A reminder that if your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolation for Covid19 reasons, and they are well enough to, we have learning which matches the provision in school for them. If a bubble is forced to close, then rest assured that the provision they receive – either online or with work packs – will enable them to continue with their education.

We now come to the end of this very long half term, and staff, children and parents deserve a break to recover. A reminder that half term is for **one week** only, but that we have an INSET day, when school is closed to children, on Monday 2nd November. **I look forward to seeing all children back in school when we reopen on Tuesday 3rd November.** Though it is half term, if there is anything you need support with, please do not hesitate to email school on enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk and we will get back to you when we can.

You will hopefully have received a link to set up a “My Child At School” app from our management information system: Bromcom. We have great plans for ways in which we can use this app to develop our communication and interaction with parents even further. This will support with payments to school, sharing letters and information, keeping your child's details up to date and lots of other opportunities for us to develop further over time. You will have received an email about this, which may have gone into your junk folder, but please download this to your phone or device. Thank you in advance.

In the first few weeks of November, we will be arranging phone calls to carry out our usual parents' evening conversations with each of you. More information will be shared after half term – but you will be able to select a convenient date and time to have these conversations. As always, thank you for your contribution to the education of your child. Your encouragement and support are very much appreciated. Please take care and stay safe over the half term break.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Wilson
Head Teacher
Woodhouse Primary Academy



The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 23rd October.

Nursery

Olivia W
Harrison

Reception

Louie
Uzair
Ibrahima
Peeches

Year One

Violet C
Henry
Sascha
Julia

Year Two

Nahom
Michaela
Mia
Lexi

Year Three

Sarah N
Carelia
Alfie
Aryas

Year Four

Reegan
Asiyah
Amelia
Dilraj

Year Five

Dana
Tanisha
Oumou
Fareed

Year Six

Pria
Christian
Lilly
Noah
Tega
Rafiah

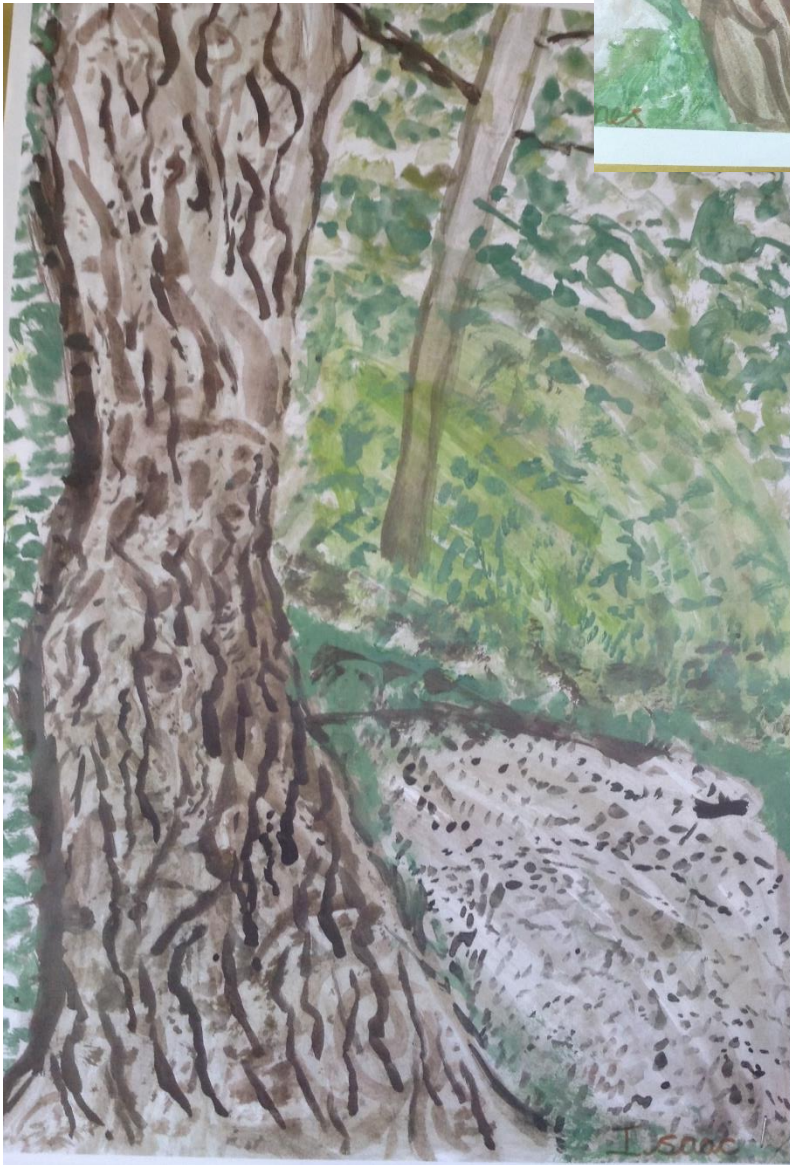
Rainbow Room

Layla
Kane

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?

The

Art Corner



Year 5 have been learning how to make landscape paintings in their Art lessons this week. They have used watercolours to create these fantastic pieces.

Top: James
Middle: Isaac
Below: Liyana



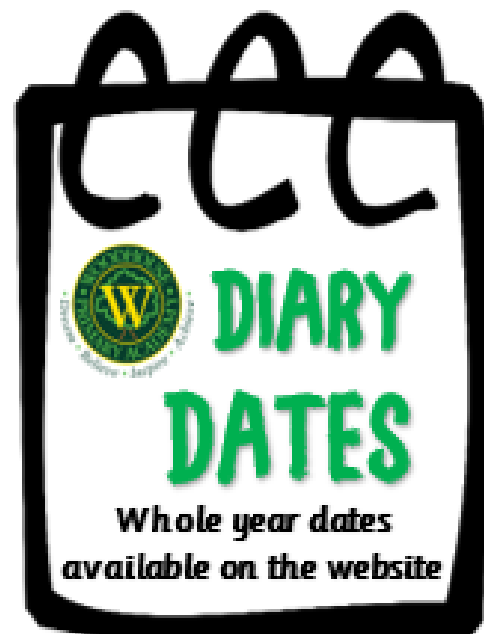
Autumn Term 2020

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

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

Tuesday 3rd November – First day back at School.

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

Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th June – Year 5 & 6 Bushcraft Residential

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

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

The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse



Miss Mason
SENCo
Assistant
Head



Mr Parslow
Deputy
Head
Behaviour
Lead



Mr Kennedy
Learning
Mentor



Mrs
Kennedy
Pastoral
Lead

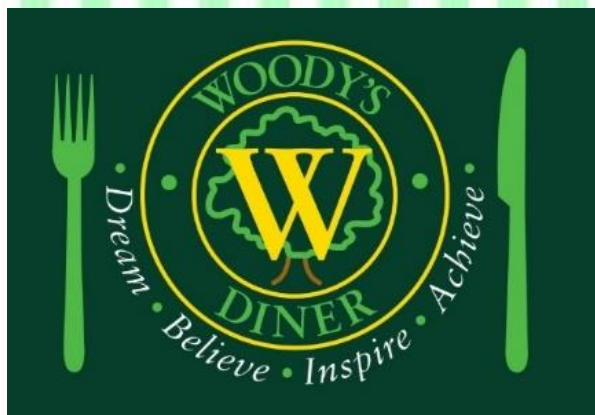
The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed. If you have anything you would like to discuss with a member of the team regarding your child or children's learning, behaviour, well-being or health then please come along to one of our upcoming surgery sessions, contact us on the email address above or book A phone or Zoom appointment through the main office. The most appropriate member of the team, depending on your query, will get in touch with you to discuss next steps.

We would like to remind families that if times are difficult or you are going through a tough time, you need only ask and we will do all we can. Of course, we are always here for your children, and we will do anything which we can do to help them to learn, succeed and become fine citizens. We are also there for our families and the wider school community. If we can help in any way: with food bank support, support with uniforms and clothing or with any other aspect of life, then please get in touch. If we cannot help directly, we can often sign post to the support needed and help you to access assistance. Please don't suffer in silence.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Inclusion Team you can call or text us on 07950368561 or email us at families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

If you'd like to get in touch with us regarding Special Educational Needs, you can do this by emailing us at sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

The Inclusion Team will also be on the front and rear gates at the start and end of the day and will be more than happy to talk.



School Dinner Menu

3rd – 6th November

NB: We are currently running a limited menu to meet the restrictions necessary to combat coronavirus.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Closed for Staff Training Day	Beef Burger in a Bun	Pork Sausages	Fish Stars	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
	Vegetable Burger in a Bun	Vegetable Sausage Roll	Vegetable Fingers	
	Curly Fries	Herby Diced Potatoes	Mini Waffles	Chips
	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad
	Fruit	Raisins	Chocolate Cake	Fruit

Food Allergies

We have been updating our records in school and ensuring our dietary and allergy information is up to date.

Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies or specific dietary requirements. In most cases this will confirm what information we hold already.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please let the class teacher know. In some cases we only have them recorded as vegetarian.

Please either contact the class teacher via Dojo or email the Inclusion Team on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Book some time to Read



It is important to find some time during the day to sit and read. Reading is good for your physical and mental health. It can reduce levels of stress and anxiety, improve brain connectivity, improve vocabulary and comprehension and is also just good fun.

The total word count on Accelerated Reader for school currently stands at 9,844,507 with A total of 1041 quizzes been passed.

Navnika, 6W has reached her 750,000 words milestone and Gurraj, 5H has become our first word millionaire.

84 brag tags have been awarded so far and 4 100% ribbons. A brag tag is awarded when a child passes 5 quizzes within their reading level and a 100% ribbon is awarded once they pass 10 quizzes at 100% within their reading level.

We're now doing a reading prize draw at the end of every half term. When the children pass a quiz at 100% they have their name written on a ticket which is then put into a box and drawn at the end of half term with 3 lucky winners winning a reading trophy. This will be displayed in class for now.

If you haven't already, pick up a book or logon to Myon and enjoy reading!



The three winners this half term are
(from left to right)
Ayham, 5WS, Elnathan, 6W & Taran, 5H

Congratulations boys. Keep reading!





There is a new messaging app that is becoming popular with children called Tellonym. It is a messaging network that allows children to send messages to each other anonymously. Users are encouraged to send their Tellonym link with others via other social media platforms and wait for friends to reply to questions anonymously. The app has been around since 2018 but has only recently become popular and is very similar to other apps that have been removed due to incidents of online bullying.

There is a full guide to Tellonym from National Online Safety on our website. <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/what-parents-need-to-know-about-tellonym>

Half Term Bikeability Sessions

Monday 26th- Friday 30th October 2020

FREE

If you've been inspired to try cycling during lockdown, why not sign up to our free, fun and safe Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability sessions for adults and children?

(In accordance with local and national government restrictions.)

Location

Welsh House Farm MUGA

Selcroft Avenue, (behind surgery), B32 2DA

Time

Mon-Fri 10-12pm or 12.30-2.30pm

To book your place call 0121 728 7030 or email bikeability@theaws.org

There is no minimum age for level 1 and learn to ride. For level 2 courses your child must be able to ride a bike minimum age 8. Level 2 Courses are held over 2 days (you must attend both sessions). Bikes can be borrowed on the day but please do bring a helmet if you own one. If you have received a white wellbeing card please bring this to every session.

Lunchtime Supervisor Job Vacancy

Applications via WM jobs

Closing date Friday 30th October

Interviews week beginning Monday 2nd November – online process

POST: Lunchtime Supervisor
GRADE: Scale 2 – point 3 – 8
HOURS PER WEEK: 10 – Monday to Friday
RESPONSIBLE TO: Learning Mentor

At Woodhouse Primary Academy we strive to develop each individual child. We work together and challenge all of our children to achieve and reach their individual potential. This is what I do to develop our children and help them learn:

- Support and foster a positive environment centred around the children.
- Escorting the children to and from the classrooms or to the playgrounds.
- Washing hands before and after their meal.
- Toileting children.
- Encouraging good manners and eating habits.
- Assist with good table manners, use of cutlery, serving and cutting of food etc.
- Supervise the return of table equipment.
- Treat all children equally and build positive relationships with them.
- Clean up any spillages in the dining hall.
- Supervise safe play in the playground before and after the meal.
- Organise games and activities.
- Follow established procedures as outlined in the policy and schools code of conduct.
- Manage wet dinnertime procedures.
- Work as part of a team in order to best meet the needs of the children.
- Follow school policies.
- Any other responsibilities assigned by the Line Manager.
- Model good behaviour and social skills.
- Attend arranged training.
- Understand that at our school every learner counts.
- Adhere to the values of our school at all times.
- Support the individual needs of a pupil when requested.

Clerical Assistant Job Vacancy

Closing date Friday 30th October

Interviews week beginning Monday 2nd November – online process

POST: Clerical Assistant

GRADE: Grade 2: Point 3 – 8

HOURS PER WEEK: 32.5 term time only

8.30am to 3.30pm

(half an hour lunch break)

At Woodhouse Primary Academy we strive to develop each individual child. We work together and challenge all of our children to achieve and reach their individual potential. In conjunction with the Head Teacher, this is what I do to develop our children and to ensure the effective running of this school:

- Under direction, produce typed documents and administering general clerical duties, routine correspondence and filing, telephone, reception and post duties.
- Greeting visitors to the academy, signing in and out, issuing security passes.
- Attend any relevant CPD.
- Word process academy documentation as appropriate.
- Use and development of ICT as required.
- Under direction carrying out first day calling and informing mentor as directed.
- CPD support.
- Under direction, maintain and input details on the electronic school diary.
- Dealing with emergencies that are reported to reception, i.e. contacting parents when a child is sick/injured.
- Inputting new children onto BROMCOM.
- Help maintain accurate pupil records on BROMCOM, producing reports where required.
- Inputting absent/late marks onto BROMCOM and checking dinner registers – liaising with kitchen staff.
- Clerical assistance for SLT.
- Correspondence with internal and external bodies using the email system.
- Under direction distribute the weekly newsletter.
- Facilitate systems of resources to staff.
- Clerical support for fundraising applications.
- Providing hospitality for visitors to the school.
- Such duties as may be appropriate to achieve the objectives of the post to assist the Academy in the fulfilment of its objectives commensurate with the post holder's grade, abilities and aptitudes.

Today, Mrs Harries is retiring to spend more time with her family. She has been an invaluable member of the Woodhouse team and will be missed by all. She has been presented with some lovely flowers and a card made by the children in assembly this morning.

We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.



Important notice for parents of current Y6 and Nursery children regarding school applications

Year 6:

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Sec%20Letter%20to%20Bham%20parents%202021.pdf>

Nursery:

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-letters>

Please read these carefully and seek assistance from the main office or Inclusion Team should you need it.