

NEWSLETTER



24th September 2021

How to get in touch



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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

- Use this for any support with home learning or using Google Classroom.



Newsletter@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this to send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.

Useful links

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

Additional learning resources and activities.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/parental-assistance>

Our parental assistance page with plenty of avenues of support.

Up to date school news.

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

Access our latest risk assessment, detailing our safety measures.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening>

The Food Pantry – Quinton

<https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up>

Support with housing

<https://www.theprojectbirmingham.org/housing-advice/>



The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 24th September.

Nursery

Rosa
Talia

Reception

Kareem
Clara
Scarlett
Annabella

Year One

Lorenzo
Che
Ramneek
Roman-Lee

Year Two

Allyson
Kirstyn
Kyen
Aisosa

Year Three

Hosea
Nafees
Noor
Khaled

Year Four

Jessica
Aston
Leo
Yuvraj
Sonny
Klejdjon
Eva

Year Five

Isabella
Toby
Jennifer
Art

Year Six

Kenith
Naira
Ayham
James
Taran
Amaari
Jack

Rainbow Room

Grace

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?



School Dinner

Menu

27th September – 1st October

NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.

Menus may change at short notice due to on going supplier issues.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burger in a Bun	Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan Bread	Honey Roasted Gammon	Jacket Day	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza with Chips
Vegetable Burger in a Bun		Roasted Quorn	Jacket Potato	
With Herby Diced Potatoes and Mixed Salad	Quorn Curry with Rice and Naan Bread	With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	With Butter, Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo, Coleslaw or BBQ Beef	Fresh Salad or Vegetables
Strawberry Mousse			Sultana Sponge and Custard	
	Apple Crumble and Custard	Fruit Jelly		Selection of Fruit Desserts

Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email the Inclusion Team on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.



13th – 17th September 2021

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **95.94%**

Last Week's attendance was: **94.59%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	94.61%		3A	96.43%
RS	97.99%		3N	96.38%
RW	95.10%		4H	95.48%
1L	95.80%		4SO	98.62%
1O	95.67%		5H	94.19%
2C	94.48%		5W	98.71%
2G	90.67%		6D	86.50%
RR	83.08%		6W	99.47%
			6WL	97.88%



Congratulations to **6W** who had the best class attendance for last week.

Can your class have the best attendance this week?

Secondary School Applications – Year 6

We are running two workshops in the coming weeks to support parents in completing the application for a place at secondary school.

If you would like support with this or have any questions, please come along.

Monday 27th September and Monday 4th October – 3:20 – 4pm

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place

Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October – Half Term

Monday 27th September and Monday 4th October – Year 6

Secondary School Application workshops – 3:20 – 4:00pm

Tuesday 12th October – Parents Evening in School – 3:45 – 6:00pm
(Details to follow)

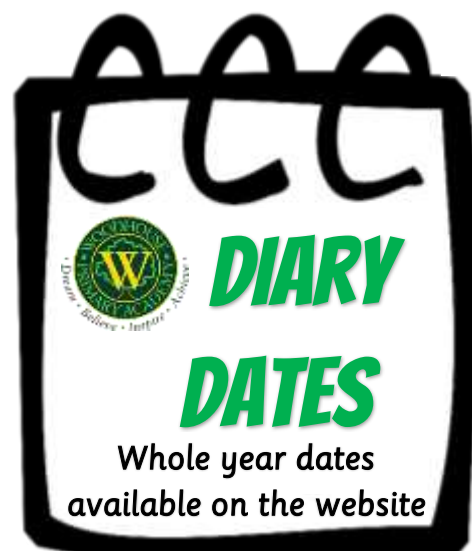
Thursday 21st October – Parents Evening Telephone Appointments
– 3:45 – 6:00pm (Details to follow)

Monday 1st November – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 2nd November – School open for children

Friday 17th December – Last day of term for all children

Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January – Christmas Break



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Inset day, school closed to children

Wednesday 5th January – First day school open for children

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February – Half Term

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – Dress up day

Friday 8th April – Last day of term for all children

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – First day school opens for children

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

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

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

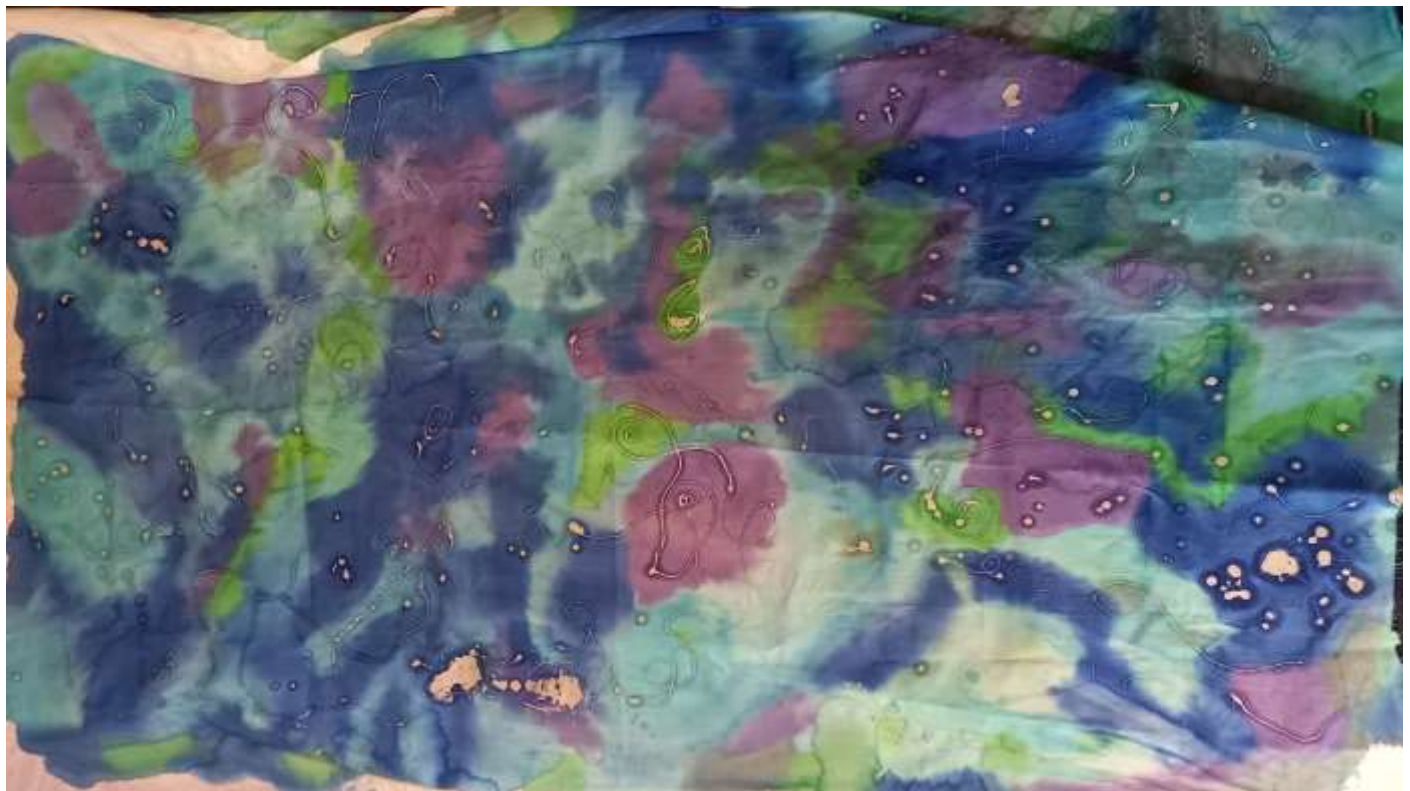


Here is some of the wonderful artwork that our children who are new to English have been doing with Ms Lewis.

They work in small groups to support their language development and use Art as a way of improving their skills.

The

ART
Corner





Harvest Festival



Our Harvest celebrations this year will be virtual due to the larger numbers of parents who usually attend these assemblies. This is to minimise unnecessary contact in school.

Each class will film their harvest performance and these will be posted onto their Google Classrooms on Monday October 4th.

We are able to collect donations for the Quinton and Oldbury Foodbank, if you are able to do so you can make donations from Monday 27th September.

At present the Foodbank are particularly short of the following items:

Jam, Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Long life sponge puddings, Instant mash, Tinned meat including chicken, Long life fruit juice, Fruit squash, Long life milk, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Sweet and savoury treats, Toiletries of all types: shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste

Items always useful are:

Tea, Coffee, Toilet rolls

They do not need any pasta, baked beans or soup

ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE DATED WELL WITHIN THEIR USE BY DATE OR BEST BEFORE DATE, PLEASE.



Children's University has now resumed at Woodhouse and children can now begin to collect points once again. All children from years three up who are new to the scheme have been given a passport for learning. Those who already hold a passport can continue to collect points. Lost or completed passports can be replaced for £6.

What is Children's University?

Children's University is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. We do this by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school.

How do children collect points?

Children can collect points by completing each hour of extra-curricular activities. All points must be from a validated learning destination such as school or an outside agency that has agreed to take part in the scheme. All learning destinations can be found online and there are plenty to choose from in the West Midlands. Children can collect points by visiting museums or the library or by taking part in dance, sport, music or acting clubs. They can also gain points from Brownies or Scouts if they are completing badges. Each outside club must be agreed by Mrs Ali who can validate outside agencies. Children are encouraged to take part in lots of activities rather than just one. It is now recommended that one activity makes up no more than 30 hours per year.

Passports

Each week children will be asked to provide evidence in their passports about clubs they have attended. Children will need to show a Children's University stamp or signature as evidence. It is also possible to record a set of weeks that can be submitted before for the half term deadlines. E.g. Art club 6 weeks.

Graduations

At the end of each year, a Children's University graduation will take place to celebrate the children's achievements. Children who gain 30 hours or more will qualify for a bronze certificate. Children who have taken part previously will continue to a higher level.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



This morning we had our first coffee morning of the year in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

We have raised £120 so far! Thank you for your support.

If you were unable to attend and wish to make a donation. There is a collection box in the main office or you could scan the QR code below



Healthy Start Scheme

Healthy Start <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> aims to reduce child poverty and health inequalities by providing free vitamins, nutritional advice and weekly vouchers to buy food or formula milk to low income families with pregnant women and children up to the age of 4.

April 2021 the value of vouchers increased from £3.10 a week to £4.25 (£8.50 for a child under one year)

February 2021 data shows there was 61% uptake of HS Vouchers in Birmingham

Approx. 7,631 eligible families are missing out on £64k of free food.

- Healthy Start Website - [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)
- Healthy Start telephone number – 0345 607 6823 (applications can be made via phone – interpreter available if required)
- Healthy Start application form - [ES1042332 CCS155 CCS1120511728-001 HS01A Application Form Booklet.pdf \(healthystart.nhs.uk\)](#)
- HS retailers - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Healthy-Start-retailers.xlsx> (put first 3 digits of post code into find & select)

If you are eligible for support from the Healthy Start Scheme and aren't already receiving vouchers, take a look at the website for further information or speak to a member of the Inclusion Team.

14th July 2021



The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse from September



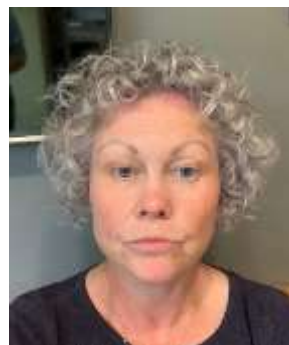
Miss T Mason
SENDCo
Assistant Head



Mr R Kennedy
Learning Mentor
DSL



Mr C Oakley
Assistant Head
Key Stage 1



Miss C Lavelle
Assistant Head
Key Stage 2



Mrs H Sumner
Year 2 TA
Pastoral Support

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, health or anything else then please get in touch. 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.

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.

Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling to cope?



Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families

Text AFC to 85258

Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteers,
with support from experienced clinical specialists

shout
85258
here for you 24/7



We've all been through a tough time recently.

The following organisations have partnered to provide services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

Birmingham Children's Partnership includes: Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands Police and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council.

There is support available for domestic abuse, parenting courses, mental health support, financial help, alcohol and drug problems, bereavement support and more.

Follow these links to find out more:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/love>

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham-children-s-partnership/2156/birmingham-children-s-partnership-resources>

Alternatively, speak to a member of the Inclusion Team for more advice / support.

In most cases, you can self-refer for support.

One example of support they can offer is with emergency food and supplies grants of up to £100.

Bike to School Week

27 September to 1 October 2021



[Bike to School Week](#) is a week-long event designed to showcase the benefits of cycling and scooting to school across the UK.

Bike to School Week is a great opportunity to promote the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on pupils' wellbeing and health.

At Woodhouse we have a fantastic bike shed where children can securely park their bikes and scooters.



The fun starts here



Rainbows learn by doing - they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.

For girls aged 5 to 7
(4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)

Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

For girls aged 7 to 10.

Brownies



'I got to do activities and things I wouldn't normally do and meet new people.'

Laura, Guide



Guides

At Guides you can explore new places, get involved in leadership opportunities and learn a huge range of new skills.

For girls aged 10 to 14

In Rangers you'll have exciting opportunities to travel the world, get your voice heard, support your community, and build skills for the future.

For young women aged 14 to 18



Rainbows - 5 to 7 years old

Brownies - 7 to 10 years old

Guides - 10 to 14 years old

Various venues in Quinton

edgbastundivision@gmail.com



Join us today

girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or call **0800 169 5901**

Registered charity number 10401



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding



PITTS WOOD OPEN DAY

**Saturday 25th
September
10 – 4 p.m.**

Overdale Road
Quinton B32 2QP

Come along and join us for ‘The Great Big Green Week’, an event celebrating how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces, and to encourage others to become involved.

Learn about the ‘Friends of Pitts Wood’ group, and see the progress we have been making to restore this ancient woodland.

All welcome! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sorry – no dogs allowed.

All enquiries to Clare Sandercock on 0121 429 8221 or 07811502970

cmsandercock@uwclub.net

Friends of Pitts Wood Management Group



SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

October 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Occupational Therapy

Sensory Tots - Making Your Home Sensory Friendly

Speakers

Ellie Steer & Sarah Gallagher
(SEND Occupational Therapists)

This Family Webinar will explore the impact the environment has on your child's ability to process sensory information. You will learn how to adapt your home to make it Sensory Friendly.

Tuesday 5th October 2021 - 10.00am – 11.00am

Sensory Tots - Making Your Home Sensory Friendly

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/ot-sensory-tots-making-your-home-sensory-friendly-5th-october-10am/>

Wednesday 6th October 2021 - 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sensory Tots - Making Your Home Sensory Friendly

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/ot-sensory-tots-making-your-home-sensory-friendly-6th-october-630pm/>

The presentation and recording will be sent within 24 hours after the webinar when you book a ticket.

