

# NEWSLETTER



**6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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



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<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 the safe return to school after our half term break. I hope you and your families were able to spend some quality time together and the children were able to rest. You will be aware that as of yesterday, the country entered a new phase of restrictions, which will last until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. You can read these here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

You will be aware of the additional safety measures we have put in to school, which will be unchanged. Your children should continue to attend school during this period and we will do everything we can to keep them as safe as possible.

Please take the time to review what the new restrictions mean for you and your family, especially in relation to your children. A reminder that children should not be mixing with other households outside of school and I would ask for your support in ensuring our class bubbles remain intact. If you need to, please look at our website again: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening> to remind yourself of how school is operating and how you can help keep our whole school community safe. Please do your part and follow the guidance closely, if you do not – you could put others at risk. It is a difficult time currently and I am working very hard to ensure that our school continues to be the place it is. We have had a number of staff challenges due to self-isolation rules, and I would ask for your patience as we do our best to ensure that the running of our school is not negatively affected. We are doing everything we can and I am grateful for your patience and continued support.

I hope that you can stay safe during this difficult time. I would like to remind you that your school is here for you if you need us. If you have **any** concerns or worries, then please speak to us – we will do everything we can to help you. We can offer support with food, uniforms, home learning and direct you to additional support as necessary. You just need to let us know and we will do what we can. Please do not be too embarrassed to ask for help, we are here for you.

You will hopefully have setup your “My Child At School” app from our management information system: Bromcom by now. If for any reason you are unable to, or you need any assistance, you just need to let us know and we will help you. 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 should have already 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.

At the end of the month, we will be arranging phone calls to carry out our usual parents’ evening conversations with each of you. More information will be shared very soon – 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 as we enter the new national restrictions.

Yours sincerely  
Oliver Wilson  
Head Teacher



# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Nursery

Musa  
Ryan

## Reception

Brodie  
Faith  
Alfie  
Porscha

## Year One

Jakub  
Isabelle  
Lucas S  
Shona

## Year Two

Nafees  
Mohamed  
Samuel  
Rayhanah

## Year Three

Abdulbaqi  
Lexi  
Leo  
Nabiha

## Year Four

Art  
Yuvraj  
Cade  
Tahlia

## Year Five

Marcia  
Gurraj  
Rashi  
Areeb

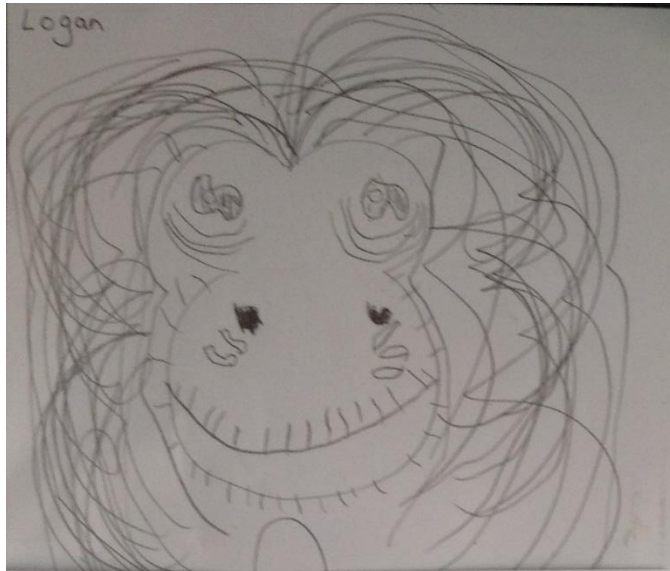
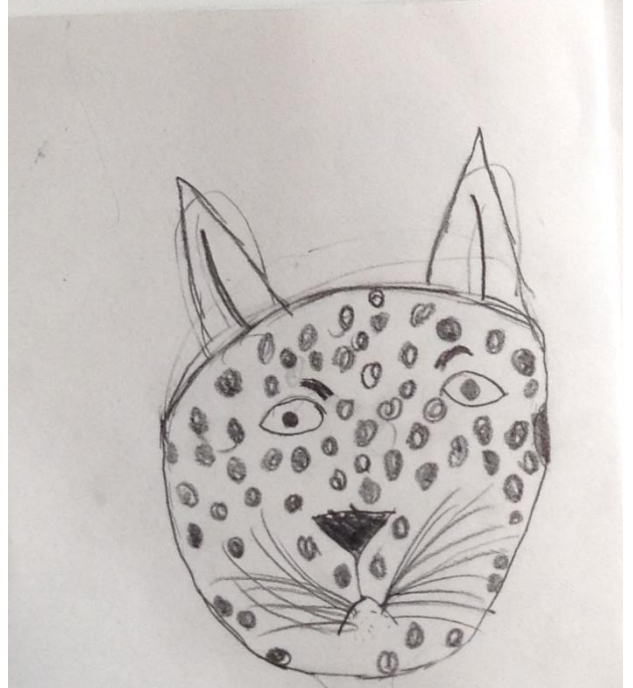
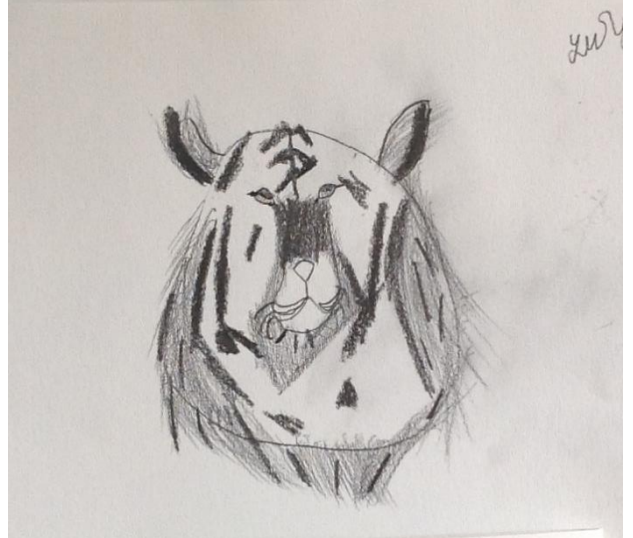
## Year Six

Anzoer  
Amie C  
Elnathan  
Avneet  
Bahir  
Mariam

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



In their Art lessons as part of their 'Go Wild' theme, Year 3 have been sketching wild animals and have produced these amazing pieces.

Left from top to bottom: Logan, Jonathan & Joseph

Right from top to bottom: Maya, Yusuf & Carelia

## Autumn Term 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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## Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – First day school open for children.

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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## Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

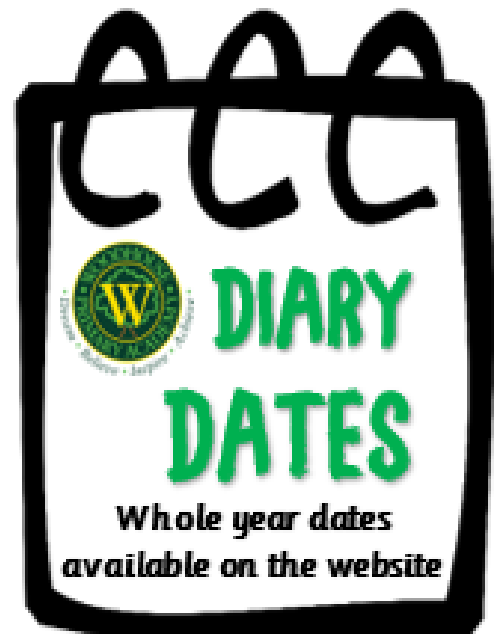
Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 & 6 Bushcraft Residential

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school year for children

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset day, school closed to children

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### Art

**The children have been looking at art from Claude Monet and his waterlilies. They have also looked at David Hockney with his water swirls. The children have produced some beautiful art work which is displayed in the corridors. Here is 4SO'd Monet work and 4W's David Hockney work**

# Year 4



### Theme

**This term the children have been relishing every opportunity to find out about the Vikings. They have research all the events chronologically as well as the key figures such as Cnut and Sweyn in regards to key battles and invasions on Lindisfarne and the attacks on the Anglo-Saxons creating Danelaw within Great Britain. The children have also looked at the writings of the Vikings and here is the display of the children's names in Viking Runes.**

# 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 contact us on the email address below 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.

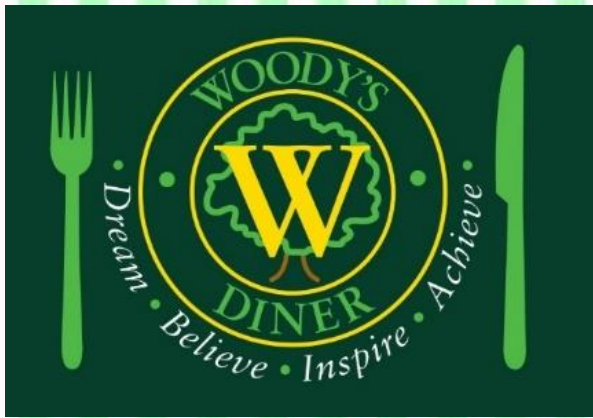
We would like to remind families that if times are difficult or you are going through a tough time, you need only ask and we will do all we can. Of course, we are always here for your children, and we will do anything which we can do to help them to learn, succeed and become fine citizens. We are also 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Zoom or Phone appointments can be made at any point during the school week.



# School Dinner

## Menu

### 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

## November

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Beef Burger in a Bun	Pork Hot Dog in a Roll	Fish Fingers	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Vegetable Nuggets	Vegetable Burger in a Bun	Cheese and Onion Roll	Vegetable Sticks	
Hash Browns	Curly Fries	Herby Diced Potatoes	Mini Waffles	Chips
Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad
Iced Fruit Shortbread	Fruit	Raisins	Coconut Iced Sponge	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](mailto: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 1,300,897 this half term already and 11,145,404 overall with a total of 1146 quizzes been passed.

Ella 4W, Aimee 6D, Christian 6W, Lilly 6D and Elnathan 6W have all reached their 250,000-word milestone.

95 brag tags have been awarded so far and 6 100% 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! There are now over 5000 books on Myon ready to start reading.

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

As part of our online Autumn season, the Arena Theatre are proud to present Taking Flight's First Three Drops – an interactive and accessible Zoom theatre performance for all of the family!

Join us on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December: we have two performances at 11am and 2pm, and tickets are **pay what you can**: meaning you can pay anything from £0 upwards!

Book your tickets here:

<https://wlv.ticketsolve.com/shows/873622280>



A single ticket gives access to a single screen/device in a household, and each ticket qualifies for a Children's University stamp in the passport of children participating in that programme.

Ceridwen the witch has a problem. Whilst her daughter is beautiful and bright, her son Morfran is something of a lost cause. There is only one thing for it: powerful magic is needed. When Ceridwen leaves Gwion, Morfran's best friend, in charge of stirring her VIP (very important potion) for a year and a day, she can never imagine the mayhem that will ensue.

With shape-shifting, sorcery and silliness galore, First Three Drops is a funny and magical story of adventure, in English, British Sign Language and Sign Supported English. The show will also feature live captions and integrated audio description. Based on the legend of Taliesin by Elis Gruffydd.

Our actors will be bringing the show to life directly from their homes to yours. First Three Drops has a real party atmosphere and you can be part of the action throughout, by dressing up, making your best sound effects and generally joining in with all the fun.

**First Three Drops is recommended for little ones aged 2 – 9 and their grown-ups.** Directed and written especially for Zoom by Elise Davison.