



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ October 2023

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Autumn is here!

There are many signs at this time of year that we are moving from Summer to Autumn, with Winter just around the corner. Another important moment at this time of year is the big Diwali light switch on in Leicester. This year it is the 40th anniversary of this important moment and we hope that all our families enjoy celebrating the festival of lights.



It is, of course, a busy time at school as well. With initial parents' evening appointments out of the way, you will have a good understanding of how your child has settled into their new year group and also any support that can be offered at home. When school and home work together, it is proven that outcomes for children improve in every way. Teachers are looking forward to supporting your child as they make their way through the remainder of this term, and beyond.

FOWG update



We know that everyone is looking forward to the spooky Hallowe'en discos happening very soon!

Tickets are selling fast, so don't delay! There are 2 discos both happening on **Friday 3rd November**. Year 1, 2 and 3 will be start at 4pm and finish at 5pm. Year 4, 5 and 6 will start at 5.30pm and finish at 6.30pm. We know the children will have a *ghoulish* time!

There will be more events happening soon including a festive themed end of term.

This year FOWG's main fundraising project is the new school library, which will be taking starting to take shape very soon. The money raised by the Friends also goes to support numerous other smaller projects during the year. Every penny they raise will go to benefit every child at school and they are always looking for new ideas for events. Contact your year group WhatsApp rep. if you would like to get involved with FOWG.



Parents, have you noticed the new wooden equipment in the preschool playground?

We would like to say a HUGE Thank you to the folks at Stoughton Farm Park for the generous donation. They have provided physical equipment which the children have been putting to good use.

We are hoping they will return to help us with other areas around school and will keep you posted on any further projects.

In each newsletter, we remind families about parking with care and courtesy. We occasionally get feedback from local residents about cars that are blocking drive-ways and access to houses. Please remember to park with care at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure you switch off your engine when you are waiting to collect children.

We have also had messages about litter being dropped in front gardens along Wright Lane. Please make sure you pick up any litter.

Finally, the local bus service has been stuck on a few occasions already this year because of cars parked on the junction of Beaufort Way and Hunters Way. Please make sure there is enough room for traffic to pass. An emergency vehicle could also get stuck, and that would have devastating consequences.



We would like to thank the **Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha** (Leicester City Football Club) **Foundation** and **Leicester Hospitals Charity** for supplying school with injector pens and inhalers.

The charities combined to kindly donate these items free of charge, to be used in the event of a child having a serious allergic reaction at school. We will continue to expect families to provide medicine in school in the usual way, but in the event of an emergency, these items will be incredibly important.



Congratulations to everyone that represented Woodland Grange at the recent cross country races. There were races for children across Key Stage 2 held on two separate occasions. A total of 52 children ran including an amazing 26 Year 3 children, more than any other Oadby or Wigston school. There were some great results with some children finishing in the top 10. More importantly everyone that came along had a great time with many children competing for the first time. We hope to see them continue with the Tuesday lunchtime sessions and compete in any future races. A final thank you (from Mr Parker) for the positive support shown by parents and carers at each race.

Fun at Manor Adventure

Year 6 had a brilliant time on their recent residential trip. They spent a week in Norfolk at the Manor Adventure site. There were a wide range of activities including giant stand up paddleboarding, kayaking, archery and survival skills. Every child challenged themselves during the week. Whether it was trying an activity for the first time, being away from home pushing themselves physically or mentally to complete a challenge, they were all superstars!

Residential trips are a very important part of school life. They teach the children lots of lifelong skills and allow them to be independent (in a safe, controlled way). We would also like to say well done to the children that remained at school. They were also tasked with more independence during the week (a mirror to the residential) supporting other year groups as well as working on their own projects at school.

We know that families will join us in saying a massive 'Thank You' to all the staff that went on the trip. Quite simply, without their care and dedication, these trips would not be possible.



Staffing changes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some members of our staff team:

Mrs Shah has worked in most year groups at WGPS. She has been a kind and thoughtful member of the staff team and will be missed. Although **Miss Sumner** has been with us for a shorter time, she has also established herself as an important member of the Year 4 team. Finally **Mrs Bhika** will also be moving onto a new position at a local school. We will miss her care and support in the classroom.

We are welcoming new members to our staff team:

Hello to **Mrs Burton**, **Mrs Muffalal** and **Mrs Simms** who will be supporting teaching and learning in the classroom. We look forward to getting to know them over the coming months.

A new arrival

Everyone at school would like to wish **Mrs Santy** good luck as she begins her maternity leave.



Well done to our girls football team.

They recently took part in the Danone Cup, winning 2 of their 4 matches. Overall we finished second in our group, narrowly losing 1-0 in the runners up final against Parklands.

They represented the school brilliantly, with some girls playing competitively for the first time.

Please make sure your child has a pair of plimsolls to wear when they are inside classrooms. Wet conditions outside mean that carpets and floors become very dirty. A pair of plimsolls is relatively inexpensive and will mean the school can stay clean and tidy. Thank you.



A plea from Mr Evans...

Please check at home for any Woodland Grange football kit or running vests. We are running very low of sports kit for teams to wear at competitions. Recently, we had a football match with children having to wear 4 different kits (we did not have enough of one type for the whole team). We know items will be at home somewhere. Please return to school as soon as possible.

School has been contacted by Oadby and Wigston Borough Council to promote their Cost of Living webpage. The page can be accessed [here](#) and has been designed to help families in many different ways. From food banks and community fridges to tax exemptions and housing support.

Oadby Food Bank

We will be continuing to collect items on behalf of the food bank in Oadby. Last year we were inundated with offers of help from generous families. The food bank is busier than ever, and they need our help more than ever. Please bring any donations (tinned/dried goods, **not fresh**) to the collection box near the office. The food bank will accept meat, fish or vegetable items, dried pasta or rice.



Recycling

We want to make WGPS a truly green school! You can drop off and recycle the following items:

- ◇ Pens, highlighters and empty correction fluid containers
- ◇ Inkjet (not laser) cartridges

We are collecting on behalf of **COG Youth Services**, based in Leicester. There are collection boxes in the school reception area.

Diary dates:

Remember: Key dates can be found on the school website calendar (search under 'News & Events')

Nov. 16th: Children in Need
Nov. 17th: Teacher day
(School & preschool closed)
Dec. 1st: Decorations day