



Woodland Grange Primary

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Winter cheer

Welcome to our November newsletter. It has been another busy month at Woodland Grange, with the two biggest news stories being our visit to Number 10 and the creation of our new school library (see below for more details). However, there have also been lots of other things happening during November. We have had lots of sporting competitions happening during this month including an opportunity for some pupils to try wheelchair basketball, amazing. Our Eco Council have also been busy setting up projects across school. Year groups are also starting to prepare for their Festive performances. It has been lovely to hear some lovely singing coming out of classrooms. We know families will be looking forward to their children's performances (dates can be found on the school website). Finally, have you noticed our new school logo? We are starting to use it on the website, letters and now the school newsletter. It still features our owl, just an updated version. We think it looks very smart and hope you do too.



FOWG News

Thank you to everyone that volunteers as part of our Parents' association. It has been another busy term with lots of events raising lots of money for school. The Hallowe'en discos were well attended and ran very smoothly, thanks to the volunteers that helped on the night. There is a bake sale planned for the 11th December (3.15pm in the hall) with lots of tasty treats for you to buy! The next FOWG meeting is planned for 24th January, 7pm in the staffroom. Come along if you would like to find out more.



Everyone at WG would like to send their congratulations to Miss Rose and Mrs Santy on the births of their little bundles of joy! Miss Rose has had a little boy and Mrs Santy has had a little girl. All are doing well and we can't wait for a visit and a cuddle!

We also wish Mrs Bowe well as she starts her maternity leave.



AN AMAZING DAY

There are some special days at school that provide lasting memories. Truly, once in a lifetime opportunities that children are lucky enough to be a part of and that was exactly what happened to a group of our pupils on Friday 3rd November. Woodland Grange was invited by Mrs Akshata Murty (wife of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak) to visit 10 Downing Street and spend the day behind the world famous, shiny black door.

Children and staff had a memorable day with a tour of Number 10, workshops and talks and even interviews for BBC Newsround, incredible!

Speaking to the children after the event, it was clear that lasting memories had been made. They described the huge interior of Number 10, and gained an insight into what it is like to govern the country. The workshops covered sustainable travel and were run by the Young V&A.



Thank you for the music

Congratulations to Mrs Bowe (our music lead) on attaining the Silver Award for music (from the Leicestershire Music Hub). Music is an important part of our school, not just in the classroom but in terms of wider opportunities for children to learn instruments as they travel through primary school.



Parking at WGPS

Please remember the following when parking outside of school:

Keep road junctions, residents driveways or bus stops clear.

Do not stop on the yellow zig zag lines outside of school.

Leave enough room on pavements for any pedestrians, pushchairs, prams or scooters to pass.

Switch off your engine whilst you are waiting to collect your children.

SHOW YOU CARE
DON'T PARK ON THE ZIG ZAGS

Books, Books, Books

During November, staff (and parent volunteers—thank you) have been working hard clearing, sorting and painting a room, ready for our new school library. We are delighted to say that all the fitting has now been done and we are now in the process of organising the shelves and bookcases ready for the classes to start to using it.

The new school library has only been made possible by the funds raised by FOWG. Through their hard work (and your support) we have been able to fund this project.

There will be a grand opening ceremony soon and we will keep you updated on everything library related, in future newsletters.



Everyone is welcome to walk through the door.
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor.
There are books in boxes and books on the shelves.
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourselves...
Yes, come to the library! Browse and borrow,
And help make sure it'll still be here tomorrow.

Julia Donaldson



Some before and after pictures of our new school library. We think you'll agree, it looks amazing! The children cannot wait to use it.

Thank you to everyone that travelled actively during October. We would like to encourage our pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school as often as they can. It's great exercise, means you get some fresh air on the way to school and also helps to improve the traffic outside of school. **Brilliant!**

Birthday books

If your child has a birthday coming up, why not buy a book for the class to enjoy? Speak to your child's teacher to find out more.

My School Fund: You can still sign up for 'My School Fund' scheme. Click [here](#) to register. Set up your free account (school ref no. 46173) and start collecting points. You can earn personal rewards and school benefits from any purchases you make. We currently have over £400 to spend on new resources next year.



Diary dates:

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

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| 1/12 | Decorations day |
| 14/12 | Christmas dinner |
| 22/12 | End of term |
| 8/1 | Start of term |
| 24/1 | FOWG meeting |

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.