



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ September 2024

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Off and running...

Welcome to our September newsletter, our first full month of the new academic year. As we move into a new month, it is clear that school is as busy as ever. There has been so much going on! Year 4 had a great day out, learning about life in the Roman army at Lunt Fort. We have welcomed families in for our curriculum evenings. Thank you to all those that attended, we hope you found it useful and answered any questions that you may have had.



We have taken part in National Fitness Day on September 18th. Every child in school ran laps around the field, tackling obstacles that Mr Evans and Mr Berridge had set up.

The school also took part in European Languages Day. Madame Bryan assisted in French themed activities for every year group in school. There were some amazing things created on the day including newspaper Eiffel towers and clay gargoyles for Notre Dame Cathedral. It was also lovely seeing the children dressed in either the colours of the tricolour or their traditional, cultural dress.

We are looking forward to a busy October as we look ahead to the rest of the term...

We would like to say a HUGE thank you and goodbye to Mrs Bagh who has moved on from school to start a new job in the City authority. She has been an amazing member of our staff team in FS2 since 2018, supporting children throughout the school day, running clubs and helping out in every area of the school.

Thank you Mrs Bagh, everyone at WG will miss you, good luck for your new adventure.



Parking issues

We have recently received a number of emails from residents of Cooper Gardens. They have not been able to access their properties because driveways have been blocked by parked cars. Please remember the following:

- Never park on the yellow zig zags outside of school.
- Never park over or block residents driveways.
- Never park on the pavement. It blocks access for pedestrians, pushchairs or mobility scooters.
- Switch off your engine when waiting to collect your children

We would urge all families to use the Grange Farm pub car park as a park and stride venue. It is only a 3 minute walk from school, doesn't affect any residents and means you get some fresh air and exercise on your way to school.



FOWG Roundup

Thank you to everyone that attended the recent Friends of Woodland Grange AGM at school. We are looking forward to the events planned for this term, including our Hallowe'en discos. Check with your year group rep. for more information. A reminder that **every** penny that FOWG raises, goes to benefit **every** child in school.

A reminder that if you have any questions or want to share a worry about your child, the class teacher should always be the first point of contact. They know the children best and will offer support with your issue.



Help to keep the school tidy

Please keep your child's lunchbox free of plastic packaging as we have seen an increase in the number of pre-packaged snacks at school. Whether at break or lunchtime, this has led to an increase in litter and can make our school untidy.

All about Arbor

You will have noticed that school has started using Arbor, a new management information system (MIS) that will allow the schools in OAK Trust manage every aspect of school life in one solution. There will be changes to how we have previously organised things at school, including attendance and clubs.

One change that we will be making is in regard to parents' evening. Families can now log onto Arbor and choose a slot for parents' evening that works for them, without having to fill in a letter and wait for a reply slip to come home. We hope that you found this helpful and straightforward to use.



We would like to wish Mrs Simmonds a happy retirement from WG. She has been part of the staff team at lunchtimes and has helped to clean our school since 2021. Everyone at Woodland Grange wishes you well for the future.



Games, set and match

We are always keen to celebrate the achievements of our pupils. We know that they take part in a variety of activities outside of school and are always keen to celebrate their hard work.

Airah has been playing tennis since the age of 5. She currently spends between 5 and 6 hours practising each week and has represented Leicestershire on a number of occasions. She was a key member of the team that won the County cup, beating teams from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Airah won 7 out of her 9 matches, amazing.

Recently, she played in the Leicestershire junior county championships. Airah won all 5 of her matches and was crowned Leicestershire's 8 & under Junior County Champion. It was a very close final and Airah fought for every point. What a brilliant achievement.

Airah's dream is to one day be a grand slam winner and everyone at school thinks she will do it, well done Airah!

Our Aspirations tree

We have now given out our first Aspirations certificates (and leaves) for the new school year. A reminder to families that these are our most important qualities at Woodland Grange. We want every child to work towards them in everything they do at school.

Self motivated,
engaged & active

Respectful &
Empathetic

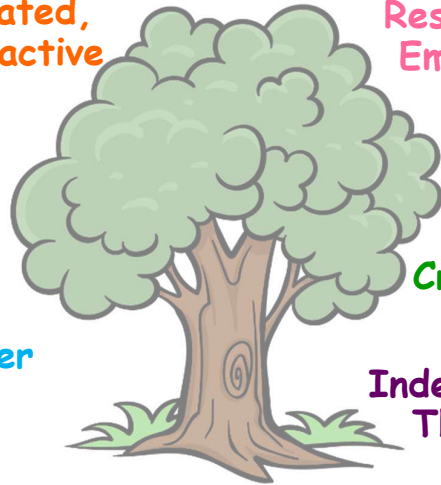
Physically
Strong &
Confident

Resilient

Creative

Risk Taker

Independent
Thinker



This year we will be raising money for **Loros** (Leicestershire's Hospice) in memory of our own, much missed Mrs Hunter. The work that Loros do is beyond measure. They support families in the most difficult of circumstances. As a local charity

we want to help them in any way we can.

During September we had our red and yellow non-uniform day, thank you to everyone that made a donation on the day. In the staffroom, Miss Bellamy organised a plant sale and our school council are keen to organise a bake sale for pupils. Look out for details, coming soon.

Digital Leaders



FRONTIERS
The Future of Learning

An update on our Frontiers project. We can now report that the 1:1 pupil devices have been assigned to pupils in school. Staff are looking forward to starting to use them in lessons very soon and we hope your children will be coming home telling you all the exciting things that they have been able to do.

We will be talking to the children about using their devices responsibly. There will be expectations set by class teachers and we want to make sure they are used in the right way.

Mrs Brennan will be organising a staff bake sale in aid of Mac-Millan.

We will report on this and share the total raised in the October newsletter.



Oadby Food Bank

We will continue to support Oadby food bank with our collection box near the office. Please include items such as bags of pasta or rice, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces.

The food bank is open on Fridays between 11.30 and 12.30. **Collection dates can be found on the food bank website,**



FOWG are selling pre-loved uniform.

Purchasing options and donating items can be arranged throughout the year, by contacting us on fowg.uniformerly@gmail.com or contacting your [WhatsApp rep.](#)

Donations to the school reception or to pre-school will not be accepted.

WANTED...

Items with the school logo:

- ✓ School cardigans/ jumpers
- ✓ PE t-shirts
- ✓ PE jumpers
- ✓ Book bags

Other items:

- ✓ Wellies
- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ School boots & shoes

Items need to be
~ clean
~ in good condition
~ size label attached
~ no name labels

reduce, reuse, donate



Diary dates

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

2/10: Parents' Evening 1
3/10: Parents' Evening 2
7/10: Parents' Evening 3

14/10: Y6 Residential
18/10: Half term
28/10: Y4 Residential