



# Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ October 2024

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## Changing seasons

Welcome to our October newsletter. With the clocks going back an hour, it feels that we are now well into Autumn with shorter days and all those usual seasonal changes.

It has been a busy month at school with pupils in year 4 and 6 going on their residential trips (information and pictures can be found on page 2).

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Diwali at the end of this week. We hope they have a fantastic time and enjoy everything that this special festival brings. Year 4 will also be marking this in school next week as part of our new family assemblies. We would also like to thank Amisha for coming in to take our Monday assembly, teaching the children about how her family celebrate this important festival and giving the Diwali story a 'real world' context.

In sporting news we have seen children from year 3, 4 and 5 compete in Oadby and Wigston Schools Cross Country races. These are always well attended, with a total of 53 children taking part across the 3 races, amazing. In other sporting news, a huge well done to our girls football team who were knocked out of the Danone Cup in the semi finals, on penalties. Well done girls.



## Getting active

October is always active travel month at school. We want every child to walk, scoot or ride as often as they can. It is a great form of exercise, fresh air and is also a fun way to travel to school!

It has been great to watch children arriving at school in this way and we hope it will continue for the remainder of term.

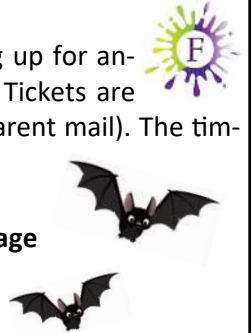
School takes part in this initiative (run by our local school sports partnership) every year. Thank you for supporting school with this and encouraging your children to get active.



## FOWG news

The Friends of Woodland Grange are gearing up for another 'spooky' Hallowe'en disco experience. Tickets are on sale now (through the online link in the parent mail). The timings for each disco are:

- 2.00pm—Preschool and Foundation Stage
- 4.00pm—Year 1-3
- 5.30pm—Year 4-6



FOWG are always looking for parent volunteers at these events. If you can help, get in touch with your FOWG year group WhatsApp rep. Look out for dates of forthcoming events and meetings.

## Parents evening

Thank you for your support with our Autumn parents' evenings, which happened earlier this month. We have had lots of positive feedback from families about the opportunity to discuss settling into a new school year. It is also a chance to find out about how you can support your child at home.

We have also been delighted at the way many of our new starters have settled into school. We have recently had over 20 children join us since the start of term. Every child at WG has made them feel welcome and they have already made new friendships.

A reminder to parents that children should not be wearing 'smart devices' to school. A smart device is deemed to be able to record audio/video or access the internet. We only allow children in Years 5 and 6 to bring a mobile phone into school (in certain circumstances, authorised by parents/carers). It must be handed to the teacher as soon as they enter school and is collected at the end of the day.

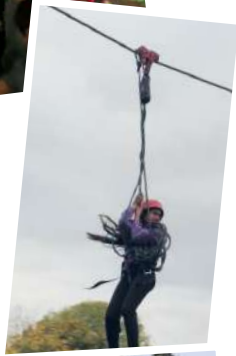
## Parking at Woodland Grange

We will continue to tackle inconsiderate parking at Woodland Grange. Leicestershire County Council have recently launched a campaign on school parking through their social media channels (see left). 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 also remind families that the Grange Farm pub car park can be used for drop offs and pick ups. You can walk through the estate in a matter of minutes and it cuts down on congestion outside of school. It also means you get some fresh air and exercise on your way to school.





Well done to the Year 1 team, who recently put together a family assembly on Rosh Hashanah. Year 4 are up next, with a celebration of Diwali and later in the term Year 3 and 6 will invite families to St Peter's Church in Oadby for our Christmas celebration.

Children have been enjoying using their new 1:1 devices in school. Children in Year 1-6 have a device (as part of our Frontiers project) to support their learning at school. Teachers have been getting to grips with the new technology, setting work through 'Showbie' in lots of different subjects.

**Recycling**



We regret to inform families that we are no longer able to recycle pens and empty correction fluid pots on behalf of COG youth services. We have supported them for a number of years, but unfortunately Terracycle have stopped the contract. This means we are no longer able to collect items in school. We are very keen to restart recycling at school, however. If you know of any schemes linked to local charities or voluntary groups, please let us know. Many thanks to COG Youth Services.

**Oadby Food Bank**

Oadby food bank provide an important service for the local community. Our collection box is located in the main entrance to school. Families can donate dried or tinned items (including bags of rice, pasta, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces). Oadby food bank is open on Fridays between 11.30 and 12.30. The next dates are 1st and 15th November.

**Diary dates**

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

- 8/11:** School photographs
- 15/11:** Flu vaccinations
- 25/11:** Year 6 trip to Warning Zone
- 20/12:** End of term