



# Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ November 2024

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## Thinking of others...

November is a month of reflection. With Remembrance day, we think about those who have given their lives to protect and keep everyone safe. Children in Need is a moment to reflect on our own lives and think about children and families that need support. Every Friday, we hand out Headteachers or Aspirations certificates and, in many cases, these are linked to friends and classmates. Helping someone with a tricky maths problem, inspiring others with a great performance in PE or looking after someone that is new to our school. These always give us a feeling of pride, which we know is echoed at home.

It is very important for our children to think about how they can help and support others. It has always been a feature of Woodland Grange and we are incredibly proud of every child that demonstrates this quality during their time with us.



## Gladiators, READY!

We had a very special visitor in school earlier in the month. Zack George AKA Steel from BBC's Gladiators, came to talk to the children about a range of topics, including the power of positive thought, the importance of an active lifestyle and a balanced diet. Woodland Grange got 'Zacktiv' during a special assembly, followed by classroom visits, time for questions and photographs. Pupils in Year 3 spent longer with Zack and got to talk about some of the things that he had mentioned in the hall. It was an amazing experience, the children (and staff) loved having him visit. Thank you Zack!



'Smiling is good. Don't be grumpy like Viper'.

'Having a balanced diet is really important. It also needs to be healthy'.

'I felt inspired. I want to be a gladiator when I grow up'.

'Drink plenty of water. Stay hydrated'.



The children had a great time listening to Zack. They felt inspired by his story and the positive changes he has made in his life. A great role model.



## FOWG news

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that volunteered to help out at the Friends of Woodland Grange

Woodland Grange Hallowe'en discos. It was great to see so many parents give up their time to support this event. It helped them run smoothly and made sure everyone had a great time.

The next event being run is the Santa Grotto, which is happening on Monday 9th December in Owl's Hoot. Tickets are available now. For more information or to book a place for your child, see your FOWG WhatsApp rep.



## Staffing changes

We know families will join us in wishing Mrs Sabir good luck as she starts her maternity leave from school. Thank you to Mr Parker who has been working alongside Mrs Chadwick in Year 2 for the last 2 weeks. We will be welcoming back Mrs Matthews who will return from her maternity leave w.b. 2/12. She will return to Year 2 (where she originally worked) as job share with Mrs Chadwick.

We are also saying 'Hello' to a new member of the staff team. Mrs Patel will be supporting children in Foundation Stage. We look forward to getting to know her over the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the family members that came in to help at decorations day this year.

It was wonderful seeing the children supported in their festive art and craft activities. It was especially wonderful to see adults supporting other children in the class. No-one was left out. The results look amazing and the school is literally glowing with the glittery results!

Thank you, also, for everyone that made a donation to the Owl's Hoot bake sale. They will total up the money made on the day and use it to buy and update toys, games and equipment in pre and aftercare. This will benefit lots of children across our school.



We get lots of photographs sent into school from parents and local residents about poor parking at school. Please continue to send these in for us to include in our newsletters.

### School improvements

Families may have noticed that work has begun on improvements to our preschool playground. We are developing the existing space, adding in new equipment including a race track, raised beds and a mud kitchen.

Work should be completed before the Christmas break and we will feature a finished picture in the December newsletter.



**My School Fund** is another great way to help raise funds for our school, whilst getting rewarded yourself. To log on, go to: [www.myschoolfund.org](http://www.myschoolfund.org) (Quote our unique ref. number **46173**.) Once you have set up your account, link it to Woodland Grange Primary School and start earning rewards. We will use every penny to benefit every child at our school.

**Beavers & Cubs:** A reminder that Beavers and Cubs meet on Thursdays in the school hall. Come along to and join in the fun. If your child is interested in joining Beavers or Cubs, contact: [alison.hurst@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alison.hurst@yahoo.co.uk).

### Parking at Woodland Grange

Thank you to everyone that continues to send in photographs of poor parking at our school. We will continue to include these in our newsletters as a way to remind everyone of what we expect when families are parking outside of school. We appreciate everyone that does 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.**

### **Children in Need 2024**

Thank you to everyone that supported Children in Need 2024 at school. We took the overall theme 'Making children's lives lighter' with children coming to school in outfits linked to light. Everyone looked fantastic and raised a lot for this worthwhile cause.

Also, well done to everyone at Owl's Hoot, who organised a bake sale. They raised an incredible £250 an astonishing amount of money. Our overall total (including the bake sale) is currently **£605**. **There is still time to make a donation. Log onto Arbor and head to the online shop to make your payment.**



With the weather getting colder, please make sure your child has their correct P.E. kit in school during the week.

- **Outdoor kit** is a sweatshirt (house colours), joggers and trainers.
- **Indoor kit** is PE t-shirt (house colours) and shorts.

### Sporting headlines

It has been another great month for sport at Woodland Grange. Children were invited to a Paralympic festival where they tried out wheelchair basketball. Our girl's football team played a match against Launde. Despite losing 2-0 they played a great match and showed a wonderful team spirit. Finally, we were victorious in an indoor athletics competition. Our team also came away with the spirit of the games certificate, an award for teamwork, resilience and good sportsmanship. Well done to everyone that took part in these events and a special thank you to school staff and the members of our school sports partnership for organising them.

### Oadby Food Bank

We will continue to support Oadby food bank at school. The collection box is located near the main entrance. Families can bring in dried or tinned goods, 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 13th and 20th December.**

### Diary dates

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

**9/12:** FOWG Santa Grotto  
**9/12:** Preschool Christmas sing along  
**10&11/12:** EYFS Nativity  
**17/12:** Year 3 and 6 Christmas production  
**20/12:** End of term