



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ February 2025

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Everyone loves to know they are doing a good job. The validation that you are 'on the right track' or 'making a difference' means the world to anyone. This month we have seen not one but two visiting teams of adults to our school. These teams have visited the school, spoken to families and staff and gained an insight into life at Woodland Grange. We are still waiting for our report from OFSTED.



The second team were from Challenge Partners, who had many wonderful things to say. Challenge Partners provide many services to schools including a detailed review of the provision, leadership and how we support disadvantaged pupils. They said many wonderful things about your children and the staff team. We have now added feedback from our recent Challenge Partners visit to the school website. Click [here](#) to read their report (it can also be found on our website, search under 'Information for Ofsted').

Sport—Sport—Sport

It has been a very busy month for sport at Woodland Grange. We wanted to keep you updated on all the competitions and opportunities for children to represent our school.

In **basketball** we entered 2 KS2 teams, both of whom did incredibly well. They both made it to the semi-finals, one team went a step further and won the overall competition! They progressed to the area finals (competing against teams from across the County) and did our school proud.

We entered teams in a **kurling** competition at Robert Smyth Academy in early February. They had a great time and won the Spirit of the Games award.

In **dodgeball** we finished second in the group stage. Well done to everyone that took part in the competition that was hosted by Wigston Academy.

We had a fantastic turn out for the Oadby and Wigston **cross country** selection race. 18 children from Years 3,4 and 5 were invited with 8 children making it into the combined team for County finals at Mallory Park. It was a muddy and hilly course but everyone that took part did a brilliant job!

We sent a team of children to take part in an **sportshall athletics** competition. They had the chance to try different running, jumping and throwing activities.

In football many of the planned matches have had to be rearranged due to the weather. The girls team had a fantastic match against Brookside, winning 7-0. More matches will be organised very soon.

Finally, rounding out the month was a **gymnastics** competition at Aylestone leisure centre. We entered 4 teams, one in each level of the competition. The teams did incredibly well, finishing with 3 silver and 1 bronze. We also won the spirit of the games award.

A HUGE thank you to everyone (home and school) that supported the children and also LSLSSP for organising them. Well done everyone!



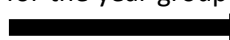
Well done to our Wellbeing Ambassadors who organised events during Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was 'Know yourself, Grow yourself'. A chance for children to be self-aware, to grow and develop resilience when things get tough.

Our amazing Sports Ambassadors also finished their training during February. They have already been organising activities at lunchtimes and will be taking control of 'Move it March'. A month long event to encourage physical activity. This can include active travel to and from school.



FOWG News

The Friends of Woodland Grange have just launched a new fundraiser for 2025. They want every child to raise £20.25 in any way they like!

Each year group will try to raise more money than the others, with a special prize for the year group that raises the most money. 

Sponsorship forms will be sent out shortly, so get thinking about what you can do to raise your £20.25 for 2025!

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved, FOWG want to hear from you! Get in touch with your year group FOWG rep.





The appliance of science

We cannot wait to see the children's ideas for our upcoming science fair. You will have received a letter with all the details of how you can enter, along with ideas for your experiments. Mr Healey also launched it in assembly with the children. You have until March 13th to work on your ideas, bring them into school ready to share with the world.

It is always a sad time, having to say good bye to a member of staff. Miss Porritt has been with us since the start of the academic year and will be leaving us at the end of February. She has built many positive relationships with her Year 2 class and has quickly become a key member of the staff team. We wish her all the best as she starts a new position at Tythorn.

We are also welcoming back Mrs Pearce from maternity leave. She will be taking over in Year 2, Monday to Thursday with Mr Parker teaching on a Friday.

We asked our children how they felt about Woodland Grange, in our 2025 pupil survey. These were some of their results:

I enjoy school:
All of the time: 25%
Most of the time: 45%
Some of the time: 24%

I enjoy learning at this school:
All of the time: 36%
Most of the time: 39%
Some of the time: 18%

Teachers help me to do my best:
77% of pupils said in most/every lesson.

Teachers listen to what I have to say:
81% of pupils strongly agree/agree

My teacher gives me work that challenges me:
15% in every lesson
32% in most lessons
36% in some lessons

I feel safe when I am at school:
77% of pupils said all/most of the time

Woodland Grange encourages me to look after my mental health:
41% strongly agree
41% agree

Woodland Grange encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally:
87% of pupils strongly agree/agree

I take part in school activities outside of the classroom (e.g. clubs, sport, music):
23% very frequently
23% frequently
31% sometimes

Parking at Woodland Grange

With Move it March just around the corner, we would like to remind all families that you can park at the Grange Farm pub car park and walk through to school. It is only a 3 minute walk and will help to ease congestion on the roads around school. Every month we receive emails from concerned residents who are unable to leave their houses and access driveways because parents have blocked them. The bus has also been prevented from travelling along Beaufort Way during drop off and pick up times. Please also remember not to park on the yellow zig zags outside of school.

LOROS

Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Thank you on behalf of Loros for our recent 'Wear Purple' fundraiser day. Everyone looked fantastic and together we raised an amazing £200 for Loros and a further £300 towards the bench in memory of the wonderful Mrs Hunter.

School will continue to raise money for this important charity in the second part of the year.



We recently welcomed back The Dogs Trust into our school. Sarah came in for 2 days to take an assembly and provide workshops for every KS2 class. The children learnt how to approach a dog, how to behave around dogs as well as an understanding of what the charity does. Everyone at school learnt a lot.

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YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE



She is the Champion!

We couldn't let this newsletter go out without some hot-off-the-press news.

A huge well done to Dilasa who has just become the British Wrestling English Junior Championship in the U9 category. Despite being the lightest in her division and also only in her first year of entry, she won both her matches 10-0. A truly amazing result considering she was wrestling against children that were a year older (and more experienced) than her. What next for our wrestling champion? Who knows, but we will certainly keep everyone up to date on her progress. We also know none of this would be possible without hard work, practice and dedication.



Recycling at WG

Recently, we have had to end some of our recycling at school, due to National schemes closing.

If you know of any local schemes that are running, please get in touch, we are very keen to get involved.

We are delighted to be able to share with families some fantastic news and recognition for our school. We have been awarded the Outstanding award by the Primary Languages Network for our brilliant work developing an amazing MFL offer to pupils at Woodland Grange. This is due to the fantastic work by our MFL lead Madame Bryan. What a brilliant achievement.



Primary Languages Development Award



Birthday books



Don't forget that if your child is having a birthday during the remainder of the school year, you can donate a book to the class. We will add a label to the book and it will stay in the classroom for subsequent cohorts to enjoy.

Diary dates

- 3rd March:** Whole Class photos
- 6th March:** World Book Day
- 13th March:** Science Fair
- 21st March:** Comic Relief
- 11th April:** End of term

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Join us at our OPEN DAY!
Sat 29th March
9:45am - 2:30pm
www.bit.ly/LM-Open25
Beauchamp City 6th Form
Leicester LE1 6JL





