



Woodland Grange Primary

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Woodland Grange Primary School is a happy and harmonious place. The diversity of the school's context is celebrated and everyone is made to feel welcome.

OFSTED, Feb25

Welcome to our March newsletter, a chance to look back on another busy month at Woodland Grange. Firstly, we would like to thank families on their messages of congratulations from our recent OFSTED visit. On top of the wonderful things that the visiting team said, your kind words have meant a lot to everyone connected with Woodland Grange. The report can be found on the school website, click [here](#) to view the report.

We have also had day trips for some of our year groups during March. Foundation Stage visited Twycross zoo and Year 6 had a day in London (see below). Year 3 will be going to visit Bethel Church (part of our calendar of RE visits) very soon with more trips planned for the summer term.

The school has also taken part in Comic Relief, linked with Red Card to Racism and even had a visit from the Wombles! Details can be found in this newsletter.

Finally we have to mention the chicks in Preschool. Everyone has been queuing up to get a look at the newly hatched visitors. They are very cute (see the pics on our 'X'feed). Staff and children are making them feel very welcome at Woodland Grange and they are settling in nicely.



Future Leaders

Year 6 had an amazing day when they visited the Houses of Parliament, recently. They got to see behind the scenes of this historic building and learnt about the important jobs that happen, shaping the future of our country.

There was a lot of travelling but hearing about the day from the children, it was clear they had a great day.

There were workshops and talks from the guides and the children even had a go at debating key issues, just as the Government do every day! Thanks to all the adults in Year 6 for making this day so enjoyable. We are sure everyone will have fantastic memories of this special opportunity.



**SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD**

We have been talking to the children about racism in sport recently. The children designed t-shirts as part of a National Competition (organised

by Show racism the red card). It was a tough job choosing a winner from across the school.

The children had the chance to create their designs on a t-shirt and wear them in our Comic Relief assembly too.

The children's creativity was brilliant and everyone should feel proud of the results. By working together we can stop prejudice in every sport.

FOWG News

We hope that everyone had a great time raising money for the £20.25 sponsored challenge. There were lots of imaginative ideas and the children had fun raising their contribution. Well done to everyone that completed the challenge, fantastic.

We also hope that everyone enjoyed the magic show. This was very well supported with lots of lovely messages from the children and parents who came to the show.

Look out for more fundraisers happening very soon. Don't forget that FOWG would love to hear from you. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th April, 2pm in the staffroom.



Reading for pleasure

Thank you everyone that came in to school to support World Book day this year. It was wonderful to see so many grown ups enjoying a book with their children. We even had parents in Year 6, which reminded us of the importance of reading for pleasure. There is nothing better than finding a good book to enjoy. It is certainly the most important way to support your child at home too.

The classroom doors were decorated beautifully as giant book covers and the children brought in their own mini versions to decorate the classrooms.

Miss Smith also timetabled staff to share a story with a group of children. Every space around school was used (inside and out) to spend time with a book.

COMIC RELIEF

Go Big! Give Big! Feel Good!

Thank you to everyone that made a donation to this year's Comic Relief appeal. The school council organised a joke competition and the children go to wear their Red Card to Racism t-shirts. Owl's Hoot organised a bake sale too. Our current total on Arbor is £208, but it's not too late to add your contribution. You can donate through Arbor in the usual way, head onto the app.



Getting Active!

At Woodland Grange, we want every Woodland Grange child to be physically strong and confident (it's one of our aspirations). We are proud of the number of sporting competitions that we can offer the children. This, combined with break and lunchtime activities, clubs and our fantastic PE curriculum means there are so many opportunities for every child to be physically fit, healthy and active.

Well done to every child (and school adult) that took part in Move it March again this year. The aim of the month is simple: Track every 15 minutes of exercise that you do (in school or at home). Colour in your tracker and share your total in school with your teacher. This initiative is organised by our local school sports partnership. If you managed to get all the way to 'Platinum' you completed over 16 hours of physical activity, and became an Oadby and Wigston Wolves champion! We will let families know how we did as a school across our local area.

Another great way to get some physical exercise is to walk to school. A 'Park & Stride' is a much better way of travelling to school than being driven to the school gates.

Children busy creating their Red Card to Racism t-shirts, ready for our Comic Relief assembly.



Well done to all the pupils who took part in the quicksticks, tag rugby and dodgeball festivals this month.

We have also entered a team in the area swimming gala too (more details in the next newsletter).

Well done to our football teams.

This month, the boys played 2 great matches against Houghton and Brockhill. Unfortunately results did not go our way, narrowly losing 4-3 and 1-0. The girls team played Langmoor and won 2-0. Well done to everyone that took part in both matches. There are more planned over the coming months and we will keep you up to date with all the results.



Wombling free...

We were lucky enough to be visited by the Wombles in Litter Education in an assembly recently.

They talked to the children about the important job they do out and about in Leicestershire. They also spoke to them about the importance of clearing up rubbish and also recycling.

Our school Eco Council (led by Mrs Matthews and Miss Holland) will continue to spread their important message.



Parking

It has been lovely seeing all the children walking, cycling and scooting into school during **MOVE IT MARCH**.

We want every child to travel to school in an active way as often as they can. Not only does this mean some physical exercise for everyone on the school run, but also helps to cut down on the congestion outside school.

We are still seeing families blocking junctions and driveways to local residents properties. Please remember to park with care and courtesy. Better still, park at the Grange Farm pub car park and walk to school. It's only a 3 minute walk.

My School Fund

Everyone can support 'My School Fund'. It is a great way to help raise funds for our school, whilst getting a reward for you too! Simply visit: www.myschoolfund.org and quote our school ref. number **46173**. 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, our current focus is new books for the library.

Thank you for your support.

Oadby Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support for Oadby food bank. Our collection box is located near the main entrance and 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. It is located at Oadby Trinity Methodist Church. The next collection dates will be 11th and 25th April.

Diary dates

11th April: End of term

28th April: Start of Summer term

