



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ November 2021

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Kind words & kind deeds

November is always a busy month at school. There are lots of events happening throughout the month from Diwali and bonfire night to Remembrance day and Children in Need. It is definitely a time for reflection on what we have achieved this term and also a time to look ahead to the end of this term and what lies ahead. The clocks have changed and the evenings are getting darker, Winter is just around the corner!



As you will see the running 'theme' to this newsletter is summed up in the title above. We have once again supported the annual Anti-Bullying week (which included 'Odd Socks' day and Children in Need). This has allowed us the time and focus to reflect on the impact that our words and actions can have on those around us.

We are always immensely proud of your children at times like these. The caring and thoughtful attitude that they demonstrate is something to be celebrated and we are immensely grateful for the support of our families.

At the time of this newsletter going out we are, of course, mindful of the most recent variant of the COVID pandemic. It is a sobering reminder (once again) that we must continue to do everything to keep our families safe.



FOWG NEWS

Thank you, once again for the efforts of our parents association, The Friends of Woodland Grange. Although they are still meeting virtually and are not able to organise the usual run of events, they are still working hard for the benefit of all children at WGPS.

The pop up samosa stall has been in full swing with 2 samosa Fridays already in the bag (hopefully there will be some more in the future.) They are always a great success with staff and parents alike!

Don't forget to keep supporting the Schools Lottery. Click [here](#) to join the scheme. The more tickets sold the greater the benefit to the school.

Hopefully, in the near future FoWG will once again be able to organise more events in school.

Please come along to the next meeting if you are interested in volunteering on behalf of our school. The next meeting is: **Thursday 9th December at 7pm.**

Sport update

Well done to our girls football team. They made it all the way to the county finals. Unfortunately they couldn't find the winning goal to make it all the way through the competition but it was still an amazing achievement and we are very proud of the team.



We also had a brilliant run in the schools table tennis. Our girls team were amongst the top 8 teams in Leicestershire. Again they were not able to make it through to the next stage of the competition but still played amazingly well.

The final cross country race took place at Manor on the 28th October. We had a great turn out from Year 3 and 4 with some top ten finishers. Well done to everyone.

We're hoping to support the Trussell Trust Santa Dash again this year. This Fantastic charity is working to stop UK hunger and poverty and any money that we can raise will go to help many disadvantaged families across the country. We will send details home separately.

Eco Warriors

A big thank you to Miss Hageman and Miss Scott, who have set up an Eco council with representatives from across the school. Their job will be to promote sustainability across the school and ensure that Woodland Grange is as eco friendly as possible. They have already made a start, promoting 'Switch Off fortnight' across the school. The idea is simple: switching off lights and interactive whiteboards across the school (when they're not in use) can save money and also the planet. We look forward to their next initiatives in school and know that everyone will support them in any way they can.



Anti Bullying Week: 2021

Whilst standards of behaviour are very high at Woodland Grange, bullying is always tackled as a serious issue. This year we have supported Anti Bullying Week (organised by the Anti Bullying Alliance). The children learnt about different forms of bullying and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. This isolation of recent times has meant that acts of consideration are more important than ever.

Thank you to all the children who wore their 'Odd Socks' to school on Monday 14th November. **Everyone is unique and should be treated equally.** By wearing our odd socks we made sure everyone understood this important message.

Children in Need

We would like to say thank you to everyone that supported CIN 2021. We were overwhelmed by the generous donations (large and small). All together we managed to raise a brilliant **£453.26**. The children looked fantastic in their spoty clothes and brought in their 'kind words' to round off Anti Bullying Week. We will display as many as we can on our kind word wall in the hall. Every penny that we raise will go to support projects across the UK helping millions of children. **AMAZING!**



Staying in the know...

Have you spotted that our school website has changed? Parents and carers who have visited the site recently will have noticed that the appearance has changed as we have moved over to a new company for hosting and support. The address is still the same:

www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk or click [here](#).

It is one of the easiest ways to find out about our school and contains all the information you could need including medical and holiday request forms. Information about clubs and pre/after care as well as details about the Friends of Woodland Grange, our school governing body and Oak Trust.

One key page to visit is our Curriculum page. On this page you will find key information about the structure and shape of our curriculum from foundation stage up to year 6. There is also information about specific subjects including maths and PSHE. We hope it is a useful tool that families can use to find out more about what we do, and why we do it. To visit the Curriculum page, click [here](#).

We are constantly updating our site, so it is worth visiting regularly to keep up to date.



The Aspiration Tree

Each month in our newsletters we will feature one of our seven aspirations for our children at Woodland Grange. This month:

We are: Respectful and Empathetic

At Woodland Grange we are proud of the mix of backgrounds from which our children come. Whether it is cultural or Religious differences, we want every child at our school to be respectful and understanding of each other. Recently, this has been evident in our work for Anti-Bullying Week. The children had to consider what they can do to make the World a kinder, fairer and more respectful place. One kind word can go a long way.

In our R.E. lessons we learn about many different faiths and across the school we reflect the cultural diversity of our school.

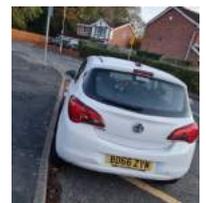


Year 2 pupils learning about Islam as part of their RE curriculum.

Parking at school

We would like to thank all our families for parking sensibly and considering local residents at key times of the day. We would also remind everyone of the following:

- Please do not block road junctions, residents driveways or bus stops.
- Please do not turn in the school entrance.
- Parking on the zig zag lines outside school is also prohibited.
- Ensure you leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to pass, especially with prams and pushchairs.



Recycling

A reminder that we are collecting old pens, pencils, highlighters and correction fluid containers to be recycled on behalf of **COG Youth Services (a Leicester based volunteer run social enterprise)**. There is a collection box near the main entrance.

Oadby Food Bank

The Food Bank is open to receive donations every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm at Trinity Methodist Church in Oadby. If you want to make a donation (packet or tinned food, not fresh fruit, veg or meat) our collection box is inside the main door near the office. For further information, please call: 07723 121794

My school fund

Parents and carers may remember that we sent out information about our 'My School Fund' scheme a little while ago. The idea is that by registering for the scheme and shopping at certain places, you can earn rewards for yourself and also for your school. To register, click [here](#) and set up your account. Simply link the account to the school (our unique ref. number is 46173) and then start earning those rewards—everyone wins!

Diary dates:

- 9/12/21: FOWG meeting
- 10/12/21: Save the Children Christmas jumper day
- 10/12/21: Santa Dash
- 16/12/21: End of term (Thursday evening)

Please note school finishes on Thursday not Friday to allow for the day in lieu for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Preschool will reopen on Monday 20/12 to Thursday 23/12 for pre-booked places only.

