



# Woodland Grange Primary

## NEWSLETTER ~ April 2022

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### Sunny days ahead

We hope that everyone has had a lovely, restful Easter Break. Even though we have only just returned to school it is already the end of April and time for this month's newsletter. School is gearing up for a busy summer term including residential trips for pupils in Year 3 and 6 to look forward to. We are proud to be able to offer children the chance to spend time away from home and school. Residential trips are a wonderful opportunity to try new things, make new friends and are a great way to build independence. It can be a nervous time for families whilst the children are away but they always come back with wonderful stories and long lasting memories. Staff also work incredibly hard to make these trips a wonderful experience and we are thankful for their commitment.



We are also looking forward to the possibility of a return to sports day later on this term. We haven't been able to organise these during the pandemic and it is a further sign of things returning to normal. We know there will be further trips planned in year groups and exciting things happening in classrooms across the school throughout the term. Finally, we would also like to wish anyone celebrating next week a very Happy Eid. We hope that you have a wonderful time.

### A warm welcome

We would like to welcome **Mrs Parekh** and **Miss Nowobilski** who have recently started working at WGPS supporting pupils in Year 3 and 4. They have both settled in well to life at school supporting the children with their learning in the classroom. We look forward to getting to know them over the coming term.

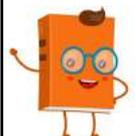
### FOWG NEWS



The next meeting for the Friends of Woodland Grange is on: **Thursday 5th May** via Teams (a link will be emailed out).

FOWG are continuing their fund raising efforts on behalf of school. The school lottery link can be found [here](#).

FOWG are hoping that, with the relaxing of restrictions, they will be able to get back to fundraising in the usual way and hope to organise more in school events soon. FOWG are our voluntary parents association. They work on behalf of all pupils, but need your support! Come along to their next meeting to find out more.



A reminder to all families about **birthday treats**.

Please remember that we are a healthy school and cannot accept sweets or cakes for the class when it is your child's birthday. If you would like to send something in for the class to enjoy please send in a healthy snack.

Families can also donate a 'birthday book' to the class. A book is a wonderful gift, something that can be enjoyed by the whole class and shared for many years to come. If you are stuck for any suitable titles for the class, speak to the class teacher. They would be only too happy to make some suggestions.

### Feeling sporty

April has been a busy month for sport at Woodland Grange. Our football team won their matches against Houghton 4-2 and Brookside 3-2. The team are looking forward to a rearranged match against Launde very soon.

Congratulations to our year 5/6 netball team who won a recent area competition at Manor High School. They will now represent Oadby and Wigston at the school games in May.

Finally we sent a mixed KS2 team to the Paralympic festival that took place at Loughborough University on 26th April. They represented Oadby and Wigston in boccia and curling. Our boccia team came home with bronze medals and the entire team was a credit to our school. Well done to everyone that took part.

Next up is a swimming gala, taking place in early May, we will report on this in the next newsletter. Many thanks to the staff and parents who make participation in these competitions possible.



We were proud of our team at the Paralympic festival. Here they are meeting Nick Cummins, wheelchair rugby Paralympic gold medallist.

### BIG School Clean

Well done to our school eco council who have been helping to keep our school clean and tidy during April. They took part in the Great Big School Clean 2022 (organised by Keep Britain Tidy). The month long event was put together to cut litter, end waste and make our site a better place to work and play.





# The Aspiration Tree

This year we have been featuring one of our Woodland Grange aspirations. There are seven of them and children are awarded a leaf which they can place on the aspiration tree in the hall. So far we have covered being **respectful**, **physically confident**, **creative** and **independent thinkers**. This month's aspiration is:

## We are: Resilient

We want all our children at Woodland Grange to be resilient individuals. It is an incredibly important aspiration to have and can make a massive difference to your child's education. Sooner or later every child will face a challenge at school. Whether it is learning a new times table or using new phonemes in their reading, it is vital that children know how to deal with challenge.

Building resilience is all about having a positive mindset, bouncing back from any setbacks and ultimately gives them the best chance at succeeding.

We provide opportunities for children to build their resilience every day at school. Staff support them by including them in activities, making sure they feel safe and supported, maintaining a positive outlook and rewarding progress as well as success. It is vital that children can see that 'having a go' is just as important as 'getting it right'.

We would like all families to discuss building resilience at home and help our children to become resilient learners.

Congratulations to everyone that took part in our 'park and stride' event. The Grange pub have agreed to be our park and stride venue meaning you can park at the pub and walk the rest of the way to school. This means less congestion outside school and the added bonus of walking to school every day. We would encourage everyone to give it a go! Thank you to Miss Benjamin and the Choose How You Move team at Leicestershire County Council for organising the event.

Local author **Bali Rai** recently visited Year 3. He shared stories of his childhood in Leicester and how reading inspired him to become a writer. He also shared tips on improving the children's writing, amazing!



We are collecting pens, pencils, highlighters and empty correction fluid containers for recycling on behalf of **COG Youth Services**. There is a collection box near the office.

Please sign up to our 'My School Fund' scheme. Click [here](#) to register. Set up your account (ref no. 46173) and start collecting points. You can earn personal rewards and school benefits from any purchases you make.

We can now announce that the school raised **£287.44** for Comic Relief this year. We know many families also gave money to the Disasters Emergency Relief Fund for Ukraine as well. Thank you for your kind donations.



We really enjoyed welcoming the Gartree High School Orchestra into school for a concert on Thursday 30th March. They were awesome and it was lovely to welcome back some past pupils. A special thank you to Mr Carter, head of music at Gartree. Music is important at WGPS and we hope the children were inspired to take up an instrument in the future.

## Parking

We appreciate the majority of our families who park with care and consideration to local residents and would remind all visitors to park in a considerate and polite way. We would encourage families to take a photograph of any bad parking outside school and send it to the office email address.



Please remember the following:

- **Do not use the school entrance to turn around**
- **Do not block road junctions, residents driveways or bus stops**
- **Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of school**
- **Leave enough room for pedestrians to cross or pass**
- **Don't leave your engine running when you are waiting in your car. This will help to reduce emissions**

## Key Dates:

- 2nd May: Bank Holiday**
- 5th May: FOWG meeting**
- 9th May: KS2 SATs week**
- 16th May: Yr 3 residential**
- 27th May: Teacher day (main school is closed, preschool is open)**

Key dates can also now be found on our school website:

[www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk](http://www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk)  
Click on 'news & events' then 'school calendar'.