



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ May 2022

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Welcome to our May newsletter. This is always a busy time in the school year with lots of things to tick off before the summer break. Year 3 pupils had a brilliant time on their residential trip to Beaumanor Hall (see p.2) and different year groups have been organising day trips as well. Year 2 will be visiting Warwick Castle and Year 1 recently went to West Lodge farm. It was wonderful to see smiling, excited faces heading off for a day away from school. Teachers recognise the importance of these trips and it is fantastic that we can organise them once again.

There are also many other things to squeeze into the final weeks of the school year. Sports days will be happening again (we haven't been able to organise them for a little while). Children will also have the chance to meet their new teachers and classrooms at the end of term with our Year 6 pupils heading off to their new schools.

Finally we would like to add a welcome note to all the children that will be joining us in August. There were lots of excited faces at the induction meeting on Wednesday 25th May and we are looking forward to welcoming you to WGPS.

We would like to say a **HUGE** well done to all our pupils in year 2 and 6 who have completed their end of key stage assessments during May. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are proud of the attitude they have shown towards these tests. We recognise the hard work that your children have put in to ensure they do the best they can. We also want to thank staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing the children.

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**

Well done to our Year 6 girls football team who have had an amazing season. They have remained unbeaten in their matches and will play Glen Hills in a final match to see who will become league champions. We are especially proud of this super squad who are an inspiration to girls lower down the school to get involved in sport.



FOWG

The Friends of Woodland Grange is our voluntary parents association. They work to raise money that will benefit all pupils at our school. A reminder that you can sign up for the School Lottery by clicking [here](#). There are monthly draws and the more families that sign up to play, the more money we raise.

FOWG also recently held a donut sale for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Unsurprisingly the sale was a great success and sold out in record time! Thank you to everyone that helped on the day.

Don't forget that FOWG need your help! Come along to their next meeting to find out how you can get involved.



We have recently had success on the tennis court. A mixed team of 4 pupils played matches against other, local schools. They won all their matches and will progress through to the next stage.

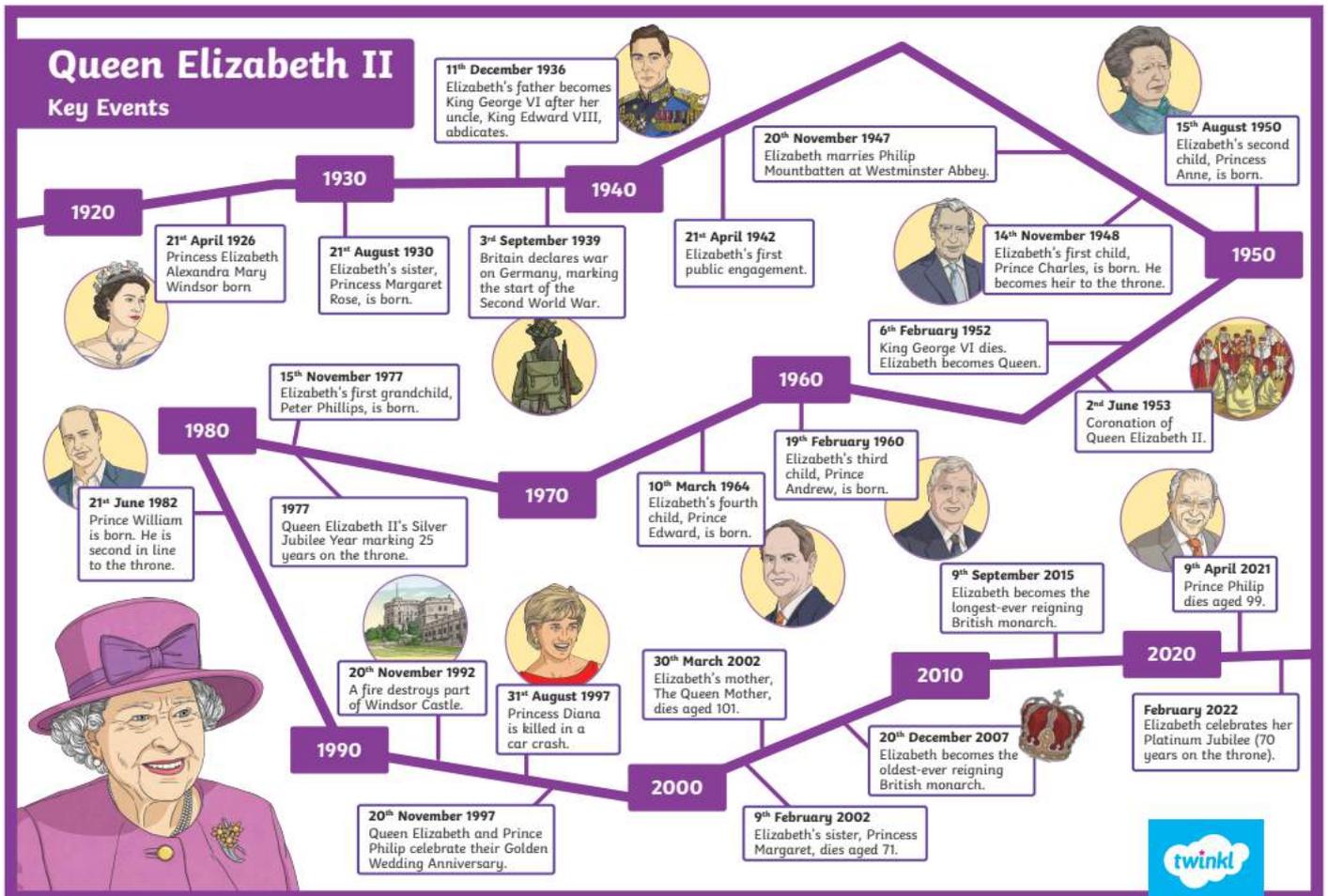


CHAMPIONS!

Well done to our Year 6 boys football team who have become league champions. They have remained unbeaten (and conceded only 4 goals) during the season with a recent 1-0 win at home to Launde.



We could not send out our May newsletter without mentioning the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Mrs Turner and Mrs Santy organised a design a crown competition. We have added some pictures below of the winners. There is also a timeline of the Queen's amazing life below. There will be activities planned in classrooms after the half term break and a special Jubilee lunch for children (who have a hot dinner) on Thursday 9th June. She will become the first monarch to reign for 70 years with four days of celebrations planned during half term with parties, events and activities across the UK and Commonwealth.



Some of our fantastic entrants to the design a crown for the Queen competition.





The Aspiration Tree

We have been featuring one of our Woodland Grange aspirations in each of our newsletters. There are seven aspirations in total and, so far we have covered six of them. We have been respectful, physically confident, creative, independent thinking, resilient, risk takers. Our final aspiration is:

We are: **Self motivated, engaged and active**

To enable a child to be a self motivated and engaged learner takes time, patience and skill. To support them to become self motivated and engaged means creating a safe and positive environment to enable them to learn. This has been evident recently in the way our year 2 and 6 pupils have worked through their end of key stage assessments. The positive attitude, and wonderful effort (even in the tricky bits) shown by all the children perfectly demonstrates why this is one of the important aspirations we have at Woodland Grange. The desire to do the best they can really sets them apart and we should all feel very proud.

However it is important to say that this aspiration is evident every day at school. We make the learning challenging, fun and enjoyable at school. This means your children are more likely to be engaged, want to do well and take an active role in what they do.

Support at home is also a key aspect of this aspiration. The right kind of help is crucial in building on what we are trying to achieve in the classroom. Learning with them rather than asking them to complete tasks is one way. Asking your child to be the teacher and show you what they have done at school is another. Exploring new things, working with them and rewarding their progress as well as an end results will have a massive impact on your child's education.

We hope you have enjoyed learning about our aspirations. There will be a reminder of all our aspirations in our next newsletter. How many can you remember?



We would like to thank all the staff who accompanied year 3 and 6 pupils on their residential trips. Helping out on a trip of this kind is a 24 hour a day commitment to keeping your children safe and ensuring they have the best time away from home. Our staff are amazing and it is another example of how we provide the very best for everyone.

Year 3 went to Beaumanor Hall for a 3 day trip learning about life in Iron Age Britain and working on key survival skills. The children had an amazing time and their behaviour was excellent. They were a credit to our school.

Year 6 will be travelling to Condover Hall (Shropshire) immediately after half term where they will take part in a wide range of outdoor activities.

Get Knitting

We are delighted to announce that our school is being represented in knitted form at the upcoming **Oadby Yarn Bomb!** Mrs Hunter (who runs our excellent craft club at school) has set up a lunchtime knit and natter group. It is open to any pupils from KS2. The children can come along and learn to knit whilst catching up with friends and having a chat. Knitting is a wonderful way to look after your mental health. It can help with anxiety, provides social interaction and the children learn a new lifelong skill.

They have made teddy bears and cushions as part of the club but they wanted to create something special and unique for the Yarn Bomb.



It has been organised by Oadby Baptist Knitting Group and will run until August. The children's work will be on display in the small garden area opposite St Peter's Church.

Why not pop down during half term?



A reminder to all families about packed lunches. We know that lunchtime can be challenging for some children. Please ensure that their packed lunch contains healthy options, no sweets and definitely no nut based products.



Pupils creating our work for the Oadby Yarn Bomb.

Key Dates:

- 6th June: Yr 6 residential**
- 22nd June: Preschool/FS2 Sports day**
- 22nd June: KS2 Sports day**
- 24th June: KS1 Sports day**
- 4/5th July: Transition days for Yr 6**
- 5th July: Class swaps**

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

www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk
Click on 'news & events' then 'school calendar'.