



Woodland Grange Primary

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Blue skies all the way...

Welcome to our May newsletter, we hope that you have been enjoying the sunny weather and spending plenty of time outside. We are hoping that the rain holds off for our upcoming Sports Days (dates can be found to the right) fingers crossed.

It seems a good time to look back on another busy month at Woodland Grange. May heralds the start of exam season. We wish Good Luck to all out past pupils completing GCSEs, A-Levels and all other qualifications. Preparation is done, it's time to shine!

We have also been proud of our Year 6 pupils, who have just completed their KS2 SATS. It is a tiring week for the children. There is last minute prep before each assessment, the anticipation of what questions might come up and the post-test conversations. We would also like to thank families for supporting their children with SATS prep at home. Making sure that they feel confident, practise on things that they might find tricky and working with teachers to ensure they do the best they can, is all a tricky balancing act. It will be the turn of Year 4 and Year 1 pupils next as they complete times table and phonics checks in June.

Sports day dates

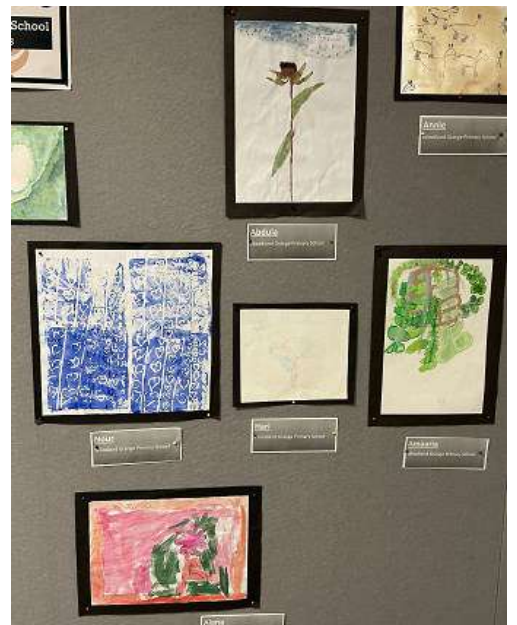
- 10th June: Preschool
- 18th June: Year 1 and 2
- 19th June: Year 3,4,5 and 6 (morning)
- 19th June: EYFS (afternoon)



Art Attack!

Well done to everyone that took part in the recent art exhibition. The event was organised across every OAK school, with representatives from each of the primary schools. Work was collected and sent to Manor High School to be shown alongside GCSE work in Art, DT and Food Tech. The lucky children and their families were invited along to the event to see their work on display and also be inspired by the work of the older pupils.

The standard was very high and every child should feel proud that their work was chosen to be shown. It was a brilliant event and something that we will repeat in the future.



Sparkling creativity

Every year, at Woodland Grange, we welcome in events from the Spark Arts Festival. This year the children have experienced 2 shows: 'Make some noise' with Dommy B and 'Lestah: To the front'. The shows combine poetry, music and theatre, creating an exciting and imaginative experience for the children to enjoy. Further info can be found online with events that you can access outside of school. We are committed to celebrating the arts in all it's forms at school. Many thanks to Mrs Chadwick for coordinating these events in school. They offer something different for the children to inspire and enjoy.





National Thank a Teacher Day is an annual celebration of teachers and support staff across early years settings, schools and colleges. This year it will take place on Wednesday 18th June. Last year over 82,000 'Thank a Teacher Day' personalised e-cards were sent across the UK, rewarding all the unsung heroes working in our educational settings.

If you would like to sign up to take part, click [here](http://thankateacher.co.uk) to access the website (or visit thankateacher.co.uk). Simply follow the steps and send your message. It is very simple and will mean a lot to the recipient.

Let's celebrate the amazing job that teachers and support staff do and make someone smile.



We are always keen to mention any WG children that have excelled in any area of extra curricular activity. This could be a sporting or academic competition, an arts or crafts event or science/technology contest. Email in details and a photo and we will do our best to feature them in future newsletters.



Mr Evans (with a fan) after his match at Twickenham.



Sporting headlines

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 swim team who competed in an area gala at Leicester Grammar School recently. They all swam well and have progressed through to the County finals.

The school was also represented by a team in the tennis competition. They did incredibly well and will also be competing in the area final. Many thanks to all the adults that made these opportunities possible, especially Mrs Deepa who supported at the tennis competition.

An amazing day at Twickers

We could not let our May newsletter go out without mentioning a memorable day for Mr Evans.

Some of you will know that Mr Evans plays for Lutterworth Rugby Club. This season they have been unbeaten in league and cup matches. On Saturday 17th May, they got the chance to play in the Community Rugby Finals at Twickenham, the home of rugby!

Although Lutterworth finished runners up to Topsham, Mr Evans said it was an amazing day. The chance to play at such an iconic ground was incredible.



Speak out, Stay safe

We have partnered with the NSPCC to deliver speak out stay safe assemblies in school. Children are taught to recognise when they have worries and to speak out to a safe adult (at home or school) or call Childline on 0800 1111. We also welcomed volunteers into school to deliver workshops with our Year 2 pupils. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot 'Buddy'.



FOWG

You can keep up to date with all things FOWG by contacting your year group rep, through WhatsApp. The Friends of Woodland Grange would love to welcome you to their next meeting on **Thursday 5th June at 2pm**. If you have any fantastic fundraising ideas or you can spare some time and energy to help out, they want to hear from you!

Parking at Woodland Grange

A reminder to all families to park with care and consideration on the roads around school. We know many of you do this every day and we thank you for always remembering the following points:

- **Do not park on the yellow zig zags outside of school**
- **Do not block residents driveways**
- **Do not park on the pavement. It blocks access for pedestrians, pushchairs or mobility scooters**
- **Switch off your engine when waiting to collect your children**

A further reminder that you can use the **Grange Farm pub car park** as a park and stride destination. It is only a 3 minute walk through the estate to school and means everyone can get some exercise on the way to/from school.



Healthy minds & bodies

Please remember to send in a healthy snack for your child at breaktime. Fresh fruit/veg or cheese and crackers is a perfect choice. All staff will ask children to put any unhealthy snacks back in bookbags until the end of the day. This also applies to children bringing in packed lunch.

Oadby Food Bank

Our collection box for Oadby food bank is located near the main entrance. Families can bring in donations of dried or tinned goods, bags of rice, pasta, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces at any time. The food bank are busier than ever. They do an important job in the local community and school will continue to help them.

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 6th and 20th June.

Diary dates

2/6: Year 4 multiplication tables check begins

9/6: Year 1 phonics screening check this week

26/6: Music showcase