

Woodland Grange Primary

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Autumn days...

It is certainly starting to feel a bit like autumn in the last week at school. The leaves are beginning to change, there is a drop in the temperature and the days are beginning to feel shorter as we move in October.

The children have now settled back into the school routines. There is always a period of adjustment as they move into a new year group, but for most this has now passed and we can look forward to all the fantastic things they will do and achieve this term.

Thank you to everyone that attended our recent Curriculum evenings. They are a great place to start if you have any questions or queries about your child's new class. Don't forget that **Class Dojo** is the place to go for any updates for your child's class and the school website is also packed with information about every aspect of school.

Woody Selfies

Thank you to everyone that visited Woody, our own Loros elephant during the summer break. He loved getting some visitors whilst he was hanging out at Highcross, and can't wait to return to school very soon.

















The Friends of Woodland Grange

Thank you to everyone that came along to the FOWG AGM in September. It was lovely to see some new faces, review all the fundraising from last year and look ahead

to the planned events for 25/26. These include:

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

On Friday 3rd October the children can pay to break any of the following rules:

- Only wear school unform
- No crazy hair
- No squash in water bottles
- No nail varnish
- No unhealthy snacks

The children will need to pay 50p per rule broken on the day. Slips have already gone home, so bring in your money on Friday 3rd October and let's break some rules!

Une belle journée

On Thursday 25th September, we celebrated European day of languages.



It was amazing to see the children coming to school in their traditional clothes and sharing their 6 words in a new language.

In the classroom the children did all sorts of amazing things with a French theme. Thank you to Madame Bryan (our school MFL and EAL lead) who coordinated the activities across the school and supported staff with their activities. There was everything from gargoyles and Eiffel towers to learning the days of the week in French and studying the art of Henri Matisse. Les enfants ont passé un moment formidable!

(The children had a brilliant time!)



Eco council

Our amazing Eco Council have just been appointed in school and are already up and running with a competition that everyone can take part in!

We want the children to create a parking themed design for the cones that are put outside of school each day. Any parking reminders are welcome.

Parents evening

We look forward to welcoming families in for our first set of parents' evening appointments. It will be a chance to find out how your children have settled in to their new year groups and ask any questions that you may have about any school related matters.

We value working together with our families and know how important good support at home can be.

Appointments can be made through Arbor, the dates and times are as follows:

- 2nd October—extra date for Y6 and 4FS/RB
- 6th October—3.30-5.30pm
- 8th October—4-6pm
- 13th October—3.30-5.30pm (NOT Y6 or 4FS/RB)

Dojo a-go-go!

Thank you for the positive comments that we have received on Class Dojo. Families are getting used to viewing the rewards their child has received in school and also a way to keep up to date with information and messages. Staff can send reminders if you still haven't joined your child's class, let us know and we will help in any way we can.

Parking

We will continue to send out regular reminders about **parking at Woodland Grange**. We know how busy it can get outside of school, but there is no excuse for parking without care or consideration. Please remember the following:

- Do not stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school
- Do not park over or block residents driveways
- Do not park on the pavement. It blocks access for pedestrians, pushchairs or mobility scooters

You can still use the Grange Farm pub car park to 'park and stride' to school. It only takes 3 minutes to walk to school, doesn't affect local residents and means you get fresh air and exercise on your way to school.

Please remember to send in healthy snacks for your child at breaktime. Fresh fruit or vegetables are ideal, or a small tub with cheese or crackers is also acceptable. No sweets, chocolate or crisps at breaktime please. Staff who are on duty will be watching and may ask a child to put their snack back in the classroom if it is not appropriate.

Please also send the snack in a tub or pot that can be washed up and reused.

Parking too close to a junction means other cars are obstructed. It is also dangerous for pedestrians.



Food bank

Please help us to support Oadby food bank. Our collection box is located near the main entrance and donations of dried/tinned goods, rice/pasta, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces will all be gratefully received. No fresh food please. The 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 10th and 24th of October.

Key Dates

6/10 Parents evening 8/10: Parents evening 13/10: Parents evening 20/10: Half term 27/10: Inset day (school

closed to pupils)