

GOOD MORNING

This week we will be saying Good Morning in Spanish. We say “Buenos dias.”

BOOK WEEK IS HERE

Our annual Book Week is being held this week. The book fair will be open every afternoon from 3:15 in the Middle School Hall from **Monday 4th to Friday 8th March**. Please try to come along and buy a book to help your child’s reading development.



On **Thursday 7th March**, Woodside will join in with **World Book Day** when the children will take part in range of ‘book inspired’ activities and will be invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. In addition to this we will be holding a special **World Book Day Reading Breakfast** on Thursday 7th March. Parents are invited to come into school at 2:45 to read with their children in class. We hope you can come along to support these events.

LOUD AND PROUD COMPETITION

On Friday, two of our Year 6 girls took part in a public speaking competition held at the town hall in Croydon. The competition was organised by the Croydon Soroptimists to celebrate the art of public speaking and to encourage girls to play a more prominent role in public life.



The girls (Lily Mae and Sylvie) performed their speeches in front of a panel of judges, members of the Soroptimist Society and children from the other Croydon schools, plus their teachers and guests. Sarah Jones (our local MP) arrived to hand out prizes to the winners, which had to be awarded outside in Queens Gardens due to a fire alarm! Both girls were a credit to themselves and this school and we are incredibly proud that Woodside was awarded first and third place. Lily Mae’s speech was judged to be the best on the day and Sylvie was awarded third place. Lily Mae’s name is being added to a shield that will then be presented to her in assembly and Woodside will be allowed to keep it until the competition next year.

Well done girls. Hopefully you will inspire others to take part in the competition next year.

SPECIAL BOOK WEEK LUNCH ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

‘Famous Five’ Lunch Menu- Roast turkey with Yorkshire Pudding and gravy, or Fisherman’s Pie or Cheddar and spring onion quiche. Served with herby roast potatoes, braised Savoy cabbage with salad selection. Dessert is Bakewell tart with custard or seasonal fruit.

Please note that due to the special lunch on Thursday, Wednesdays lunch will now be Beef Curry and Rice NOT Turkey.

The ‘Famous Five novels were some of the most famous books by Enid Blyton who was born 11th August 1897 in East Dulwich, London. She wrote over 800 children’s books over 40 years and her books are still popular today with more than 600 million copies sold.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Congratulations – we raised a fantastic £355.11 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day.

WOODSIDE CHILDREN UP IN ARMS

Numerous children are telling us of their concerns about inappropriate items popping up on Youtube KIDS. Some children are taking an assembly to telling children what to do and another group are organising a petition to send to Youtube. We teach Woodside pupils about Esafety regularly. Do you know what your child is accessing at home? Do you know who they are talking to?



UNCRC NEW ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Our new article of the month for March is **Article 13: You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others unless it harms or offends other people.**

We will be referencing this article during our assemblies and teaching and would be grateful if you could talk to your children about this right at home as well.

PARENTMAIL

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We are moving with the times and will be introducing a new and exciting way of communicating with our parents. In order for us to be able to do this we are asking that all parents download the ParentMail App. Initially we will be using this app for text messages, emails and parents' evening bookings, however in the near future this will expand to other services such as making payments for trips and lunch and reporting absences. We are unable to expand the services until we have a higher uptake of App usage. Using this system will save the school money which can be used for children's resources.

RED NOSE DAY

Red noses are on sale now ready for the 15th March. Buy your red nose early to avoid disappointment, £1.25 from the school office.

TATE YEAR 3 PROJECT

You may have seen it on the news, well Woodside are taking part in a project across London schools. The Tate Year 3 Project with Turner Prize and Oscar-winning artist, Steve McQueen, is a major new artwork, which will culminate in one of the most ambitious schools' projects that London has ever seen. Our Year 3 pupils, alongside every Year 3 class across London will take part in the largest group portrait ever made. Then the photographs will be centre stage for six months next year in the prestigious Duveen Galleries at Tate Britain. For more information go to- <https://www.tateyear3project.org.uk/>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are still places in some of the after school clubs, please let the office know if your child wishes to join a club. "Our new club- called Comic Club has spaces, please come and join if you can. It is on a Wednesday and is for Years 2,3 and 4." Do you have any old comics you could contribute for the club? If so, please drop any off at either office for Ms Byrne.

RECEPTION PARENTS – MORNING DROP OFF

As the children are growing up, some are now ready to be dropped off at the Reception Zone entry door in the morning, and then to change their book and self-register independently. Please feel free to see your child safely into the Reception Zone and leave them there. However, you are welcome to continue to come in and help your child in the morning if you or the staff feel that this is more suitable for your child.

PAWS NEWS

Sat 6th July – SUPER SUMMER FAYRE -a very popular local event. Please make a note in your diary.

HOME SCHOOL READING

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out what's printed on the page. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work too. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

As children start to learn to read at school, parents and carers can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.

By encouraging your child to bring their reading record into school every day, you will help them to see how important you think reading is.

Go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/#> for lots of advice, tips and demo games and videos for supporting your child with their reading.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – 25 th February – 1 st March 2019					
Class	Attendance	Minutes Late	Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Apple	95.5	24	4 Chestnut	99.1	43
Cherry	98.4	94	4 Ash	98.2	6
Pear	95.8	152	4 Oak	93.5	44
1 Ash	93	22	4 Willow	97.4	7
1 Oak	97.9	188	5 Oak	93	0
1 Willow	94.6	33	5 Ash	94.5	37
2 Ash	94.3	140	5 Chestnut	95	0
2 Chestnut	95	15	5 Willow	98.2	112
2 Oak	100	3	6 Ash	98.3	2
2 Willow	93.3	13	6 Willow	99.2	18
3 Oak	96.6	2	6 Chestnut	100	0
3 Ash	98.6	2	6 Oak	97.4	0
3 Willow	97.6	14			
Totals				96.7	971

Well done to those classes who achieved 100% attendance and those who had zero minutes late!

CURRICULUM NEWS

NURSERY

We will be playing number games outside using our skittles and cones. We will also be making flower collages for art, which will also help us to develop our fine motor skills. In Literacy we will be reading rhyming stories to help us with our understanding of rhyming sounds.

Our number for this week is 9.

We be holding our parent meetings this week, so please ensure that you have booked a time to meet with your child's key worker. We look forward to meeting with you all!

RECEPTION

English

We will be learning about Shrove Tuesday. We will also be writing a list of ingredients for pancakes.

Mathematics

In maths we will be adding two single digit numbers, counting on to find the answer.

YEAR 1

English

We will be writing a letter to the Giant, from Jack and the Beanstalk. We will then plant some beans, which we will observe and measure over the coming weeks.

Mathematics

We will be measuring using cubes. The children will start to think about why we measure things. We will slowly work toward using rulers to begin to understand centimetres.

Our question this week is: What do plants need to grow?

YEAR 2

Mathematics

We will continue our learning about fractions. We will be finding fractions of numbers and will start to investigate equivalence (e.g. $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$). We will be using 'sharing' to help us find fractions of number, linking this to division. In addition to this we will continue to develop our mathematical reasoning skills.

English

We will continue using the story '*Traction Man Is Here*' by Mini Grey as the inspiration for our writing. We will be looking at a range of comics and graphic novels, exploring the features and the representation of heroes within them. We will also be creating our own Traction Man graphic pages about one of his exciting missions, focusing on using interesting language and sentence starters.

Our question this week is: How are book characters shown to be heroes?

YEAR 3

Mathematics

The children will be recognising comparing different lengths using millimetres, centimetres and metres.

English

The children will be comparing Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer. We will continue with the book the 'Quest of the gods' and the children will be writing character descriptions. We will also be enjoying activities related to Book Week.

Our question this week is: How would you compare Sumer and Egypt?

YEAR 4

Mathematics

The children will build on their knowledge of decimals, learning to round them to the nearest whole number. As usual, once the children have grasped the idea, they will use their knowledge to solve reasoning and embedding challenges.

English

Continuing with our wordless book, the children will discuss what is happening in the next section and tell the story. Using prepositions and expanded noun phrases, they will complete two pieces of writing describing what the girl sees on the first part of her journey.

Our question this week is: How can we read a book without words?

YEAR 5

Mathematics

Children will be applying their understanding of fractions and division to work out fractions of amounts. Children will also be completing a range of maths investigations themed around World Book Day, which will allow them to revisit skills learnt earlier in the year, as well as using their fraction knowledge.

English

Children will be imagining they are a cyclist competing in the Tour De France. They will watch a range of video clips to understand the setting and atmosphere, and will then plan and write a narrative in role. Children will also be visiting the velodrome this week, to get some first- hand experience of competitive cycling.

Question of the week: Is cycling safe?

YEAR 6

Mathematics

We will continue working on our algebra learning, using simple formula and solving problems, and then moving on to revision of previous topics, so working on our reasoning skills.

English

We will be linking our English with our science learning this term. We are going to use our notes made on the circulatory system to start writing a recount. We shall imagine we are a blood cell travelling through the body.

Question of the week: What makes a healthy lifestyle?