

WOODLAND NEWS - February

Dear families and friends,

I can hardly believe the first half term of 2024 has passed so quickly and the half term holiday is almost upon us! The children are working hard in their classes and are making us proud with how well they are achieving..

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to all the children who received a certificate last week for being in class on time everyday during our Early Bird Challenge. A winner was drawn from each class and the children were very pleased to receive their prizes Congratulations Fox, Leah, Jagoda, Philip, Poppy, Adon and Alan! Being on time every day is really important as children have 'morning work' to complete in their classes from 8.45am each day. This helps them with learning things like spellings, number facts and extra time to practise their reading.



School Uniform Reminders

All children are expected to wear school uniform everyday, except on those special occasions we let you know about. As a reminder, this is a white polo shirt, navy sweatshirt and black or grey trousers/skirt or pinafore. Jewellery should not be worn for school, except small stud earrings and a watch if able to tell the time.

Please make sure your child has a pair of trainers or sandshoes to change into on PE days. These can be kept in school in your child's PE bag along with their PE kit provided by the school.

Valentine Discos

After listening to the views of parents, we are trialling a change to school discos, beginning with the Valentine discos next week. To save parents having to rush to bring children back to school, children will get changed at the end of the school day and the discos will start straight away, finishing at 4.30pm, to be back home for tea time. Due to the earlier finish time, we will not be serving hot dogs, but crisps and a drink will be included in the ticket price. We hope to have lots of fun!



Facebook

Each class regularly posts pictures and news about what they have been up to on our school Facebook page. We also post lots of whole school information there too. Please take a look and give us a like at 'Woodland Primary School'.

Mrs Dodson (Head teacher)

Term dates for this school year and the next school year can also be found on the school website:

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

2.45 Thursday 1st February	Y4 parents meeting for information on the Times Tables Check
9.00 Friday 2nd February	Parenting pop in coffee morning
2.45 Tuesday 6th February	Y1 parents meeting about the Phonics Tet
Wednesday 7th to Thursday 8th February	Y5 overnight trip to Edinburgh
Wednesday 7th February	FS2, Y1 and 2 disco
Thursday 8th February	Y3, Y4 and Y6 disco
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19th February	School reopens
19th-21st February	Parents' Evenings

Attendance Celebrations!

Target 96%	Attendance in January	Attendance since September
FS2	93%	94%
Year 1	95%	92%
Year 2	96%	96%
Year 3	89%	93%
Year 4	96%	96%
Year 5	96%	94%
Year 6	94%	95%
Whole school	94%	94%
Well done Years 2 and 4!		

FS1/FS2 - Mrs Lazenby and Mrs Godwin

We have been exploring the diggers and how different parts move. Freezing the penguins from the ice and noting how the colour changes, "white and clear" as it melted in our fingers. Using our imaginations and playing with our friends.



Year 1 - Miss Hanson

Year 1 have been working so hard already in Spring term. We have been learning about numbers to 20 in maths, and in science we have been learning all about animals including humans. We have also been doing some amazing dancing in our Flex Dance lessons, learning to move to different counts and in time with the best!



Year 2 - Mrs Trevor and Miss Wilkinson

Year 2 have been working hard in geography. They can locate the five oceans of the world and know a range of interesting facts!



Year 3 - Miss Olsson

In our PE lessons with Tiger's Trust we are developing the skills we need to play Netball. This week we have focused on defending. We practiced strategies to help us stop opponents scoring, delaying opponents and for achieving possession. We applied our new skills in mini games at the end of each lesson.



Year 4 - Miss Iveson



Year 4 have worked really hard since we came back to school. They have loved their recent art project so far, Miss Iveson and Mrs Jefferies cannot wait to see their final products!

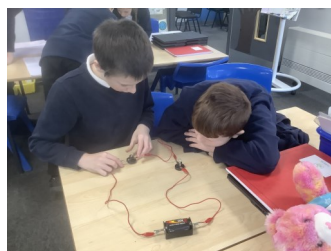
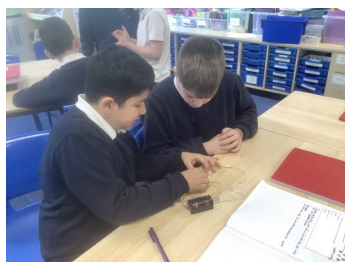
Year 5 - Miss Moore



Year 5 built dens to replicate the challenges faced by the children in our class text, The Explorer. We also debated whether or not the children should go in to the den and participated in a conscience alley before writing our balanced argument.

Year 6 - Miss Sumpton

Year 6 have shown great understanding in our science lessons. We have worked in teams to create circuits testing a range of questions.



The Hub

The children in the Hub have had a 'cracking' start to the new year reading about Rosie the hens walk! They have worked well in partners to research recipes that contain eggs including scotch eggs, scrambled eggs and eggs in a basket. They are looking forward to creating one of them to try!

