

WOODSTONE NEWS

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Sad Goodbyes but exciting times ahead

The end of term is always an emotional time as children and staff move on to new adventures.

Mrs. Richards has been associated with Ravenstone and Woodstone for an amazing 35 years! During this time almost all of the children have had the pleasure of having Mrs. Richards as their kind and gentle dinner lady. Barbara is now looking forward to retirement and putting her feet up. We will all miss her greatly. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to her leaving present (a pandora charm with a tree on it so she won't forget us!).

Mrs Louca will also be retiring at the end of this term. She has been with us slightly less time but has worked equally hard to keep the children safe, fed and watered and happy at lunchtimes. You will no doubt still see June as she is looking to buy a house in Ravenstone—she loves it here that much!

Mr Martin has only been with us for a short time, covering Miss Daley's maternity leave but wow what a memory he's leaving us with. He has worked tirelessly for his Year 6 class and been a fabulous colleague and friend. As he goes off to his new class he can rest assured that he will be remembered here for a very long time.

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to our fabulous school and wish everyone well for the future.

(Read Page 2 to find out all about our Year 6 presentation evening)

THANK YOU

We were recently presented with a cheque for £250 by SP Sales and Lettings. This is a local company who contacted us to say that anyone selling a house through their company who is connected to Woodstone in any way would result in them donating money to the school.

One of our families moved house recently and the donation to school was £250. We were really grateful for this donation which is going towards our new log cabin.



If you, or anyone else you know, is thinking of moving house please give SP Sales a call—you never know it may result in another generous donation to the School.

For more details please see Page 7 of this newsletter.

SCHOOL DINNER PRICE INCREASE

Please note that from the beginning of the Autumn term the price of a school meal will increase to £2.35.

APOLOGIES

We have received unprecedented orders for new school uniform so have run out of some items. Please be patient and bear with us. We have put in a new order which will be with us at some point during the first week back after the holiday. Thank you.

WOW WHAT A YEAR!

Mr Mullins was devastated to not only miss the end of year play but also the presentation of the annual Year 6 awards (due to isolation!). However, Miss Clement was more than up to the job and thoroughly enjoyed presenting each child with a beautiful dictionary with a personalised name plate in the front which the children will be able to treasure for a number of years.

In addition to the dictionaries she also presented some special awards. The first was a Special Achievement Award voted for by the children in Year 6. They vote for someone in their class who has been a good friend, been kind, loyal, helpful and is generally popular with their peers. The winner of the girl's shield was **LAYLA MACKENZIE** and the boy was **CALLUM FERGUSON**.

The second set of shields were Citizenship Awards. These are given to a boy and girl in Year 6 who have shown great kindness around school, helped with a variety of jobs in a responsible way (in the old days when they were allowed to do jobs!), supported the younger children, shown good manners and generally set a good example to others - basically a good citizen! The winner of the boy's shield was **FLYNN RATCLIFFE** and the girl's trophy was won by **JESSIE BARNETT**.

The third of the prestigious shields handed out at the evening went to **GRACE BUTLER** and **LIAM CLAMP**. These awards are voted for by all the staff who work in school. The shields are given to children who have consistently worked hard, made good progress, represented the school in a mature and sensible manner, set a good example to others and generally been a top student whatever their ability.

Miss Clement also gave out shields for academic achievement. These are given to the children who have made the most progress, whatever their starting point, during Year 6. The winners were:

Reading — **HARLEY NEWBOLD & DAISY ALTIMAS**

Writing — **LIBBY CARTER**

Mathematics — **SHAUN MARSHALL**

Science — **JOHNNIE BARNETT**

A relatively new shield (kindly donated by Mrs. O'Neill's - Year 1 Teaching Assistant - mother in law) is an award for an element or elements of the creative arts. We pride ourselves on the Art, Music, Drama opportunities we offer the children here at Woodstone. The winner of this prestigious trophy this year is **TORI CECIL** who is well known throughout school for not only her artistic skills but also her singing and acting ability.

Finally, we also have two Sporting Achievement shields. The boy's trophy was won by **DANIEL CARR** and the girl's by **LOUISA WOODINGS**. Both children have taken part in so many sports events during their seven years at Woodstone, but their determination, their success and their ability to turn up week in week out for practices, help and encourage younger children and give up their own time at weekends made these two stand out.

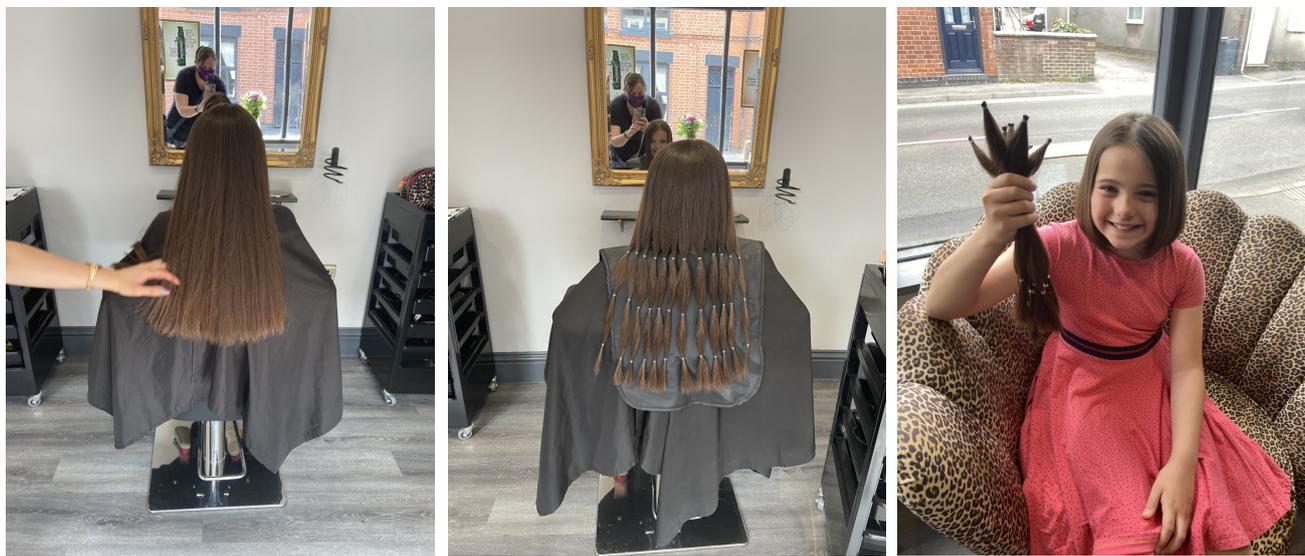
WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

A number of families are also leaving us after many years of having children at Woodstone. We would like to say a sad and a fond farewell to the families of the following children:

Jessie & Johnnie Barnett, Hannah Brooks, Daniel Carr, Libby Carter, Liam Clamp, Daisy Develing, Callum Ferguson, Isabella Hennessy, Henley Lawrence, Shaun Marshall, Jenson Petty, Fenella Wright

Thank you for your fantastic support over the time your children were at Woodstone.

Going, going, gone...A big well done to Rosie Newbold in our Year 5 class who did something amazing recently. She had her lovely long hair cut off and donated it to The Little Princess Trust, who make real hair wigs for children with cancer. Her parents are very proud of her and so are we. A very brave and thoughtful thing to do :-) (SEE PAGE 6 FOR ANOTHER CASE OF CHARITY FROM ANOTHER COUPLE OF WOODSTONE PUPILS)



Laura Wydell, who works each week in our Year 2 class has started this club for anyone who loves to sing and perform :

LW Singing Stars PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

Sing *Act*

FRIDAYS, 5.45PM-6.45PM AGES 4-10
7PM-8PM AGES 10 & ABOVE
 BAGWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE
 £6 PER WEEK OR PAY MONTHLY AND GET THE SESSIONS FOR £5

Do you love singing? Join the Performance Academy to create fantastic show pieces and have fun learning vocal techniques and harmonies! Develop your confidence and be part of something AMAZING!

LIMITED SPACES, ENROL NOW!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Chat Health Text Service: 07520 615382

Chat Health is a confidential text messaging service that enables parents of children aged 0-19 to contact their local public health nursing (health visiting/school nursing) team.

The service operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, excluding bank holidays.

All texts will be responded to by a public health nurse (school nurse) within 24 hours. Outside of the service working hours, you'll receive a message back to inform you that your text will be responded to once the line re-opens.



SCHOOL UNIFORM APPEAL

In the run up to the autumn 2021 school term, The Marlene Reid Centre in Coalville are collecting any second hand school uniform still in good condition to support our community projects and enable local parents the opportunity to purchase items by donation and reduce their 'back to school' bills. Did you know out of the 3.1kg of textile waste each British person produces every year, only 0.3kg are recycled and 0.4 kg are reused.

Through our appeal, parents can donate any outgrown or unused items of uniform to get ready for a new school year. Bags, pencil cases, lunch boxes and other items still in excellent condition are also welcome too!



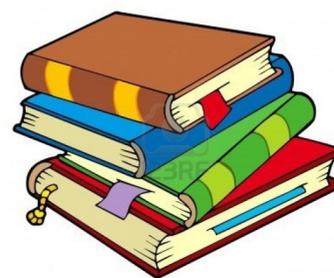
WE NEED YOUR HELP:

- ✓ Donate your items of school uniform (logo items for local schools only) which still has life left to benefit another child.
- ✓ All items must be in a good, clean condition.
- ✓ Contactless donations can be made to our drop off point at our centre in Coalville

**CALL 01530 510 515 TO BOOK
YOUR DONATION DROP OFF SLOT**

01530 510 515 - 85 Belvoir Road, Coalville, Leics, LE67 3PH

 MRC Community Action, Coalville Charity No: 1058583



Don't forget the
"Summer Reading
Challenge" for 2021
sent through from
LCC....

"Wild World Heroes"

Details were emailed to
parents, 24.06.2021
and the challenge starts
on 3rd July 2021 and
runs right through the
summer.



Premier League Wellbeing Stars:

We would like to thank all those families who participated in the wellbeing challenge last term. We had lots of positive feedback from our local community. We are pleased to report that we have won a "Premier League Primary Stars" book box, full of books by famous names like Cressida Cowell, James Patterson and Frank Lampard, along with a Nike football! In addition to this, the team has selected a handful of schools to feature in the Premier League Wellbeing Stars calendar. This will be distributed to every school that took part in the challenge, together with some other exciting goodies. They particularly enjoyed one of the kind acts that our pupils included in their Wellbeing Weeks and therefore our school has been chosen to feature in this calendar.

Well done to Imogen in Year 5 who said *"I have been being more independent by not always relying on my parents to do everything for me, giving them more time to work and relax"*. Well done Imogen and all the children who took part in the challenge.

WOODSTONE YEAR 6 COMPETE IN EXCITING SUPER 6 SERIES COMPETITION

Team Martin were the victors in the **Super 6 Super Series**. It was a close call but with their invented chants and superb teamwork in every sport Team Martin won the rounders match to win the whole tournament. There was even a medal ceremony and trophy lift!



Mr Martin would like to congratulate all his class for taking part, and an even bigger thank you all staff who got involved to make it such a memorable occasion for the class in challenging times. Despite the challenges Covid has thrown as school sport, we hope all Year 6s - Team Martin and Team Hooton, had a fantastic time pulling on the famous blue and yellow one last time!



CONGRATULATIONS

A couple of months ago children from the East Midlands were invited to enter a letter writing competition by Raring2go (a Burton and Ashby based magazine and website). Some of our Year 2 and 6 children entered—writing a letter to a local care home to talk about the impact of the recent lockdowns.

We were delighted to hear that Lucas in Year 2 won a runners' up prize in this letter-writing competition. His name is in the latest copy of the magazine!

Lucas' letter is one of 100 that will be displayed in a special exhibition entitled 'Dear Resident... Childhood Letters from Lockdown'. Some more information about the exhibition can be found here: <https://raring2go.co.uk/burton-and-ashby/whats-on/letters-from-lockdown-exhibition> as well as in the magazine.

Another 35 pupils from Year 2 and 6 also entered the competition and although they didn't win a prize, their letters will also be on display at the exhibition.

Later in the year, all 100 letters will be published in a book, on sale to raise funds for the National Memorial Arboretum (more information about the book can be found here: <https://raring2go.co.uk/burton-and-ashby/articles/local-news/letters-from-lockdown-book-helped-by-crowdfunding->) which recently announced the creation of a COVID memorial woodland.



HAIR ONE MINUTE—GONE THE NEXT

Fleur loses her golden locks (but it's all in a good cause!). As well as Rosie donating her hair to charity Fleur also wanted to support The Little Princess Trust. She donated her hair for wigs but also raised £1360.

Fabulous Fleur!

Jeevan in Year 4 also donated his hair to the same charity but he was a little shy about having his picture taken!

Mental Health Award for Woodstone

Carnegie School of Education recently awarded Woodstone with a Gold Standard School Mental Health Award which reflects the work with do in school to promote the wellbeing of our children and staff.



You will now see this new logo on the footer of our letters

CROSS COUNTRY LEGENDS



Life might not have been normal for a while now but with these three children I'm remembering back to school life BC (Before Covid).

I thought they deserved a special mention as Dan, Libby and Louisa attended every cross country event on a Saturday morning from Reception right up to Year 5! Come rain or shine they were there to represent Woodstone. Dan also ran in County and National races also on a Saturday. Well done to all 3 of you & thank you for being such great ambassadors.

In the words of a famous song... Keep on running!





Customer Focused, Community Driven

As a local family business, SP Sales & Lettings feel that giving back to the community is crucial to enable growth and progression in the local area. They feel it is essential to stick together as a community, that's why throughout the whole of 2021 across all of their branches, they will be donating 10% of your selling fee to a local school of your choice.

If you are thinking about moving house anytime this year or in the near future, please contact SP Sales & Lettings for a free valuation. The more people that sell through SP Sales & Lettings, the more help & support we will receive financially!

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