

# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## CORONATION DAY AT WOODSTONE

We are planning a 'right royal' day here at Woodstone on **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY**.

We have booked some entertainment in the morning for the children and we are having a delicious tea party (street party – weather dependent) in the afternoon.

We are encouraging the children to dress up in red, white and blue (or any combination of those three colours). They can come with red hair, white hair, blue hair or all three if they wish. They can come with their face painted – it's really up to you how extravagant you want to be!



Enjoy your long weekend if you are lucky enough to have the bank holidays off work...

Monday May 1st (May Day)

Monday May 8th (for King Charles' coronation)



## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Following on from the email last week please remember our Reception Class, Year 2 Class and Year 3 Class will be closed on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, unless there is a change of approach by the Government over the weekend!

## RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for your kind donations for Red Nose Day. We raised just over £250 in total. This money has gone to help some excellent causes.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Summer Fair (after school)

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE – we have had to move our Sports Day from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July to **TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY** because our Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

# WOODY'S

A gentle (and hopefully useful) reminder for parents/carers booking Woody's. If for any reason you no longer need your Woody's booking (i.e. someone can collect your child at the normal end of school time) can we please ask you to remember to cancel their place. This not only frees up a place for another child but it also means you won't be charged! Thank you.

Woody's are loving their new home up in the Cabin. Over the next week or so you will notice a new path being built from the Cabin to the 'Cage' (the children's name for the ballcourt!) and a table tennis area for the children to use at lunchtime and for Woody's to use after school.

We would like to thank Darren and Harriet Pearshouse who very kindly paid for and installed our new Woody's security system i.e. the buzzers, the locks on the gate, the intercom system. This was a massive saving for the school budget so we are all really grateful. THANK YOU.

## CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Last Saturday saw us compete in the last Unity Learning Partnership cross country meeting of the year at Griffydam School.

Once again, we had a very strong team taking part – from Reception – Benedict, Victoria, Violet Rose and Emmie. From Year 1 – Harry, Leo, George Thompson, Evan, Joseph Walton, Lottie, Kim, Penny, Willow. From Year 2 – Thomas. From Year 3 – Oliver, Beatrix. From Year 4 – Edward, Thabani, Leo, Faith, April, Rose. From Year 5 – Isaac, Luke, Bella and Jessica. From Year 6 – Summer.

Our top ten finishers were:

Reception race - Victoria (1<sup>st</sup>), Emmie (4<sup>th</sup>), Benedict (5<sup>th</sup>), Violet-Rose (6<sup>th</sup>)

Year 1/2 boys race – Thomas Franklin (1<sup>st</sup>), Joseph Walton (6<sup>th</sup>), Harry Mills (9<sup>th</sup>)

Year 1/2 girls race – Kim Lacey (5<sup>th</sup>), Penny Barnett (8<sup>th</sup>)

Year 3/4 boys race – Edward Woodings (4<sup>th</sup>), Oliver Mills (5<sup>th</sup>), Leo Symons (6<sup>th</sup>), Thabani Chikoore (8<sup>th</sup>)

Year 5/6 boys race – Isaac Sellers (2<sup>nd</sup>), Luke Moran (4<sup>th</sup>)

Year 5/6 girls race – Bella Oakden (1<sup>st</sup>), Jessica Moran (8<sup>th</sup>)

A very special mention to Victoria, Thomas and Bella for WINNING their respective races.

## WOODSTONE'S VERY OWN LIONESSES!

It's been fantastic to watch the rise of the women's game in English football. It has certainly inspired a whole new generation of girls to take up the sport. Here at Woodstone we have never seen so many girls wanting to play. Over the last week we have fielded two girls teams in a new tournament aimed at schools in our area.



Faith from Year 4 also played but is not on the picture



## BLAST OFF....

We were all really excited last week when we had two visitors from the National Space Centre. They led an assembly for our Year 2, 3, 4 5 and 6 classes.

The children learned lots of new facts and certainly left the assembly enthused about working in the Space industry.

The talk included science demonstrations such as the whoosh bottle, fizzy flyer and horizontal rocket, two of which used a small amount of ethanol to provide a fast burn, light and whistle type noise! All very exciting!

## FROM RAGS 2 RICHES



You will see from the big banner on the school fence that we are taking part in a clothes recycling scheme called Rags 2 Riches. The School will receive money in exchange for collecting reusable donated items of clothing. The children will be bringing home a bag and a leaflet today and any money raised will be used for one of Mrs. Edwards school eco projects.

There are a few stipulations as to what we are allowed and what we are not allowed to put in the bags. We are asked NOT to put old school uniform, dirty, wet, ripped, dirty clothing or pillows, duvets, curtains, books or CDs.

We CAN put in good quality, dry reusable clothing - (adults, children & babies), paired shoes and footwear, jewellery and accessories, belts and handbags. You can find a full list of reusable items on their website

[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)



## Helping you talk to your children about money

### What happens at this event?

One of our parents works for **Lloyds Bank** and she has made us aware of the following online webinars where her colleagues in family finance will give you all the hints and tips you need to have meaningful and engaging conversations with your children around finances. They'll cover everything you need to support you and your children when it comes to developing healthy money habits from an early age.

### What will be covered in the session?

Here's a snapshot of what the team will run through:

- How your children can manage their money - Giving them financial responsibility through pocket money and setting the right example
- Mobile phone responsibility
- Budgeting vs borrowing
- A Q&A session - Get all your burning questions answered.

### Who can attend the session?

Anyone is welcome to attend, whether you're a customer with Lloyds or not.

### Is this session free?

It's completely free. You just need to register to get your ticket as spaces are limited.

Please register at this address: <https://branches.lloydsbank.com/events/by-your-side-helping-you-talk-to-your-children-about-money>

This will take you to a link where you have a choice of dates

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – 4pm – 4:45pm**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> – 3:30pm – 4:15pm**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – 1pm – 1:45pm**