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# **WOODSTONE NEWS**

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### **INSET DAY**

Remember we have an Inset
Day on **Friday 28th May** so
children will not be in school.
This means school closes for
the mid-term break at 3:15pm
on Thursday 27th May and we
return to school at 8:45am on
Monday 7th June
2021

## **Whole School Wellbeing Challenge**

We would like to thank parents for your cooperation and positive feedback. We had an impressive number of children complete the challenge - over 80%. We will hear by the end of May if we won anything. The children are crossing their fingers and toes that we are one of the 3 schools chosen to receive an exclusive visit from the Premier League Trophy.

Have a nice break.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I'd like to thanks all parents, carers and grandparents for their continued support with the systems we have in place here at school. We know the one way system, the staggered times and the wearing of face coverings is wearing a bit thin but we ask you to stick with it until we have further instruction from the Government. At the moment there is a roadmap for the rest of society to help it back to some sort of 'normality' but at the time of writing there is nothing for schools. I will keep you informed.

We are trying really hard to make our <u>website</u> a useful source of information and a place you can go to to be able to find out everything that's happening (or going to happen) in the school. Please make sure you take a look regularly.

Polite Request: For everyone's safety, could we please ask that we all use the pedestrian gates and one-way system when arriving/leaving school. We notice the main vehicle entrance is being used occasionally by people on foot, which is clearly a danger for pedestrians but also car drivers.



# WOODY'S FILM NIGHTS VIEWING LIST—MAY

- TUES 4TH MAY—BIG HERO 6
- \* MON 10TH MAY—HOP
- \* WED 19TH MAY—PADDINGTON
- \* TUES 25TH MAY—HOME



Congratulations to Maisie in Year 3 who took part in the Nationwide 'Waste Week' Campaign highlighting food waste.

The competition invited students to get creative with their culinary skills to help produce the 'Great BustaBake Cookbook'.

### Entries were judged on:

- Edibility whether others would want to bake and eat it too;
- Eco –Impact the greatest potential for saving the most food (food that it often wasted);
- Practicality a recipe that would be easy to recreate;
- Presentation the dish should look well prepared and well cooked.

Maisie submitted her recipe using unwanted food items and was judged to have met all the requested criteria and has won a place for her recipe in the 'Great Busta Bake Cookbook'.





We continue to collect and recycle batteries with the 'Big Battery Hunt'.

Our league table for classes looks like this.

Reception : 602

Yr5:524

• Yr3: 293

Yr1:276

Yr4: 225

• Yr6: 37

Yr2: 31

Please contact the office if you would like another collecting box.



Well done to Grace Butler in our Year 6 Class whose question about Evolution made it onto the "Curious Kids" show on BBC Radio Leicester at the weekend. The school got a mention too—great work Grace. You can listen to Grace's question and the experts answers by clicking on the following link and forwarding to approximately 3h 30 mins

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09dlknm

We have been informed there are more Year 6 questions to come so listen to BBC Radio Leicester this Sunday at around 9:30am to see if you can catch them.



### **MAKING PAYMENTS**

To make things easier for us each week, could we please ask for prompt payment of dinner money and any Woody's sessions booked.

The money for school dinners is transferred to the Local Authority each week and having to chase payment delays this process.

Additionally, an email went out this week explaining how to reserve your child's Woody's place using the App as some of you have experienced problems with this.

### ATTENDANCE (w/b 23/4/21)

Well done to all classes for their fantastic attendance but a MASSIVE well done to Year 1

Reception - 98.1%

Year 1 - 100%

Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 97.7%

Year 4 - 98.7%

Year 5 - 93.5%

Year 6 - 97.6%

We have been supplied with some hand sanitiser gel (one for each child) and we will be sending this home with children at the end of school today. Please ensure proper adult supervision whilst using this product. Thank you.

#### **NURSERY NEWS**

Many of you will have seen in recent weeks adverts for a <u>bilingual day nursery</u> here at Woodstone. This is an exciting new development for the area as it will offer a new dimension on childcare and education for the under 5s in the area. The company running the Nursery are completely independent of Woodstone and are leasing the land from the Local Authority. We will, however, be working closely with their staff.

Some of you may be worried about more congestion in the carpark but parents of Nursery children will avoid our peak times i.e. 8:35 - 9:05 and 2:45 until 3:20. They are also building some additional car park spaces for their staff. The Nursery is open from 7am until 6pm so generally their parents are dropping off and picking up at very different times to our drop off/pick up times.

As part of this development we will also be constructing our own log cabin which will be multi-functional. Look out in future newsletters for all the benefits this extra space will give the children here at Woodstone. In the meantime we continue to fundraise to help us raise the much needed funds to support this project. Thank you to everyone who has made donations OR supported our school lottery. We are really grateful for your support.