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WOODSTONE NEWS

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WOODY'S - PLEASE HELP US OUT

I'm sure parents and carers will join me in saying how important, useful and necessary our Woody's before and after school service has become.

However, we have a problem...we now have many parents who are not booking in beforehand (i.e. their children just turn up). Quite often 50% of the children who attend are not booked in. This makes staffing and catering arrangements almost impossible so could I PLEASE ask that if you want your child to have a place then you officially book them a place. It's really easy to do! Book online at SchoolMoney, or by ringing Woody's directly 07928 629250, by email – woodys@woodstone.leics.sch.uk or as a last resort ringing the school office.

We would hate to get to a situation where we have to turn children away because they are not booked in and we have reached the ratio for the number of staff we have.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – NO PROBLEM!

Most children (and adults) don't particularly like talking in public but on Wednesday night we were all very proud of four of our Year 6 children who took part in the Junior Speak event organised by Ashby Rotary. The range of topics were very diverse and thought provoking.

Ellie spoke about homelessness and poverty

James spoke about his passion for football

Sienna told everyone about her love for photography whilst Dylan explained his love for the Skulduggery Pleasant series of books. All four children had done a considerable amount of research and then spoke clearly in front of the audience. It was lovely to see their confidence grow and I think they actually ended up enjoying the experience! Unfortunately Amos, who was going to speak about the positive benefits of reading on mental health was poorly and unable to attend the event.



PTA CHOCOLATE BINGO

FRIDAY 29th MARCH at 6pm. PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT HAS NOW **SOLD OUT**

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GOLDEN BOOK ASSEMBLY

Please remember you are invited to your class's Golden Book assembly on the following dates. They all start as close to 9 o'clock as possible!

29th March - Year 1

5th April - Year 2



SEN DROP-IN

Wednesday May 8th - 8:30 – 10:30am

Please pop in or phone the school office to arrange an appointment if you would like to see our Special Needs Coordinator, Mrs. Karen Featherstone

CROSS COUNTRY DATE

We now just have one event left this season

Saturday 18th May - Griffydam (first race - 10:30am)

COFFEE MORNING

We would like to invite you to our Fair Trade Coffee Morning next Thursday (28th March) where we will be highlighting a few fair trade products as well as raising money for Age Concern. There will also be the usual array of entertainment.

The coffee morning will start at 9am and last for approximately an hour.

If you would like to donate any cakes please bring them into school on Wednesday evening (27th).

These are always lovely relaxed occasions and a great chance to catch up with friends.



JOLLY HOCKEY STICKS



It's not just football, tag rugby, netball and cross country that Woodstone children excel in ... you can now add quick sticks hockey to the list! Our three Year 4 teams played superbly at yesterday's tournament, with all three winning their groups to progress to the quarter-finals. Whilst our 'Cool C' team valiantly bowed out at this stage, our 'Brilliant B' team made it through to the final and then we all watched anxiously to see if our 'Awesome A' team could win their semi-final as it went to the dreaded penalties. Sadly, it wasn't to be the all Woodstone final we'd hoped for but boy did they try hard to get there. It was a great afternoon and everyone played brilliantly to make their mums, dads, grandmas, grandads and teachers VERY proud! WELL DONE!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE THE PARENTLITE APP – it is crucial you keep this up to date particularly if we need to contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

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CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Congratulations to Edward and Liam who recently picked up their cross country awards from the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership.

Edward received a bronze medal whilst Liam ran his way to gold. Well done boys.

We were also pleased to hear that Chris Hill, Scarlett Else, Dan Carr and Holly Patrick have qualified for the North West Leicestershire team which will run in the County and national Championships on Saturday 23rd March.

We will let you know in a future edition of Woodstone News how they got on.



WATCH OUT MANCHESTER UNITED!

February and March has been an extremely successful month for our football teams here at Woodstone. Our Year 4 and 5 footballers play in the Rose Bowl tournament, whilst our Year 5's and 6's play in the Kirby Shield. Read the match reports below:



'Our Rose Bowl team have made a brilliant start to this year's competition, winning all three of their games in style. With 4-0 and 9-0 successes already secured over Whitwick St John and Woodcote, the team enjoyed a well-deserved 3-2 win over Ellistown this Wednesday. A combination of brilliant goals, great saves and super defending have made the games very exciting to watch and with a squad of such talented players, the future's looking as bright as ever! Well done to Harry, Zac, Leyton, Rocco, Ashton, Dan, Johnnie, Jenson, Callum R, Henley, Roman and Freddie'.

'Our Kirby Shield football team have made history by securing the School's first appearance in the final of the competition since we won it in 2010! The team enjoyed a great campaign, winning all of their games in the initial group-stage tournament before a stylish 3-0 semi-final win against Whitwick St John. Goals from Leyton, Zac and Reif sealed the win but crucial saves from Rocco when the team was under pressure, proved just as decisive. Amos, Mitchell, Harry, Chris and Ashton more than played their parts too and now Ibstock await us in the final. WELL DONE BOYS!'

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SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE...

It's always nice to celebrate the many things children do outside of school as well as when they are under our watchful eye!

In this photo Erinn is showing her athletics trophy, Fenella her bronze dance medal and Almirah her cup and medals for judo.

What a talented bunch of children we have here at Woodstone.

A WOODSTONE FIRST

Woodstone has now been open for over 13 years and in that time we have never had a 'proper' girl's football team. However, this changed a few months ago when a group of Year 6 girls set up their own team. They train tirelessly every Monday whatever the weather and this Thursday they played their first ever match. The team travelled over to Griffydham to play a girls team who have been playing together for over a year.

The training really paid off as the girls won 2-0, with goals from Sienna Brownson in the first half and Isla Pickering in the second. The team were put under the cosh for many parts of the game but a man of the match performance from Hannah Marshall in goal ensured Woodstone held onto the lead.

They also went on to win a 'friendly' penalty shoot-out between the two teams – well done girls!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Once again World Book Day was a great success here at Woodstone.

Not only did the children (and staff) dress up in a huge range of costumes, but

the children also swapped books and listened to adults reading different favourite stories.

Many classes also let the children write their own 'novel' during the week.

Thank you to all the parents for your support with this annual event.

