

WOODSTONE NEWS

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THE CABIN

We are very pleased to say that our new log cabin is (finally) almost finished! It has taken us some time to complete the project but we are so pleased with the finished result. Take a look at the pictures to see how good it looks! It has been a real team effort and we would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who has helped us along the way.

We plan to use the cabin for Woody's before and after school club, as well as an additional learning space and to host school events. We pride ourselves on having some of the best facilities in Leicestershire and we hope you agree that the cabin is a fantastic addition to our school.

We are keen to ensure that the cabin benefits the wider school community as well as our children and are hiring it out for meetings, conferences, community groups—we even have a pregnancy yoga class already using the space.

Prices are very competitive—please contact the school office for more details.

WEBSITE NEWS

We now have a new website app making it much easier to browse our website on your phone.

Search for eSchools Lite in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) or scan the QR Code and download for free. (See the poster on the back page of the newsletter for the QR Code.)

FIT AS FIDDLES!

We have had some real successes at recent cross country events. At the event held here at Woodstone a couple of weeks ago we had an amazing 50 runners representing the School. That's almost a quarter of the school population!

To make it even better we had 27 runners finish in the top 10! (Positions below in brackets)

Victoria Finch (1), Boudica Bunting (2) Delilah Bunting (3)

Thomas Franklin (2), Joseph Walton (4), Gabriel Hodasevics (5), Harry Mills (10),

Kim Lacey (2), Tegan Redgate (6), Beatrice Rogers (7), Elfie Richmond (10),

Edward Woodings (1), Leo Symons (2), Charlie Martin (6), Oliver Mills (4), Toby Straw (9), Monty Oakden (10),

Harriet Cordon (7), Katie Patrick (8), Beatrix Sellers (10)

Riley Swift (1), Isaac Sellers (3), Flynn Richmond (7), Luke Moran (9)

Alice Cordon (1), Bella Oakden (2), Jessica Moran (3)

What an outstanding set of results! Well done to everyone who took part and well done to our top 10 finishers!

The last two cross country events for this year are:

Snarestone - Saturday 18th March (10:30 start)

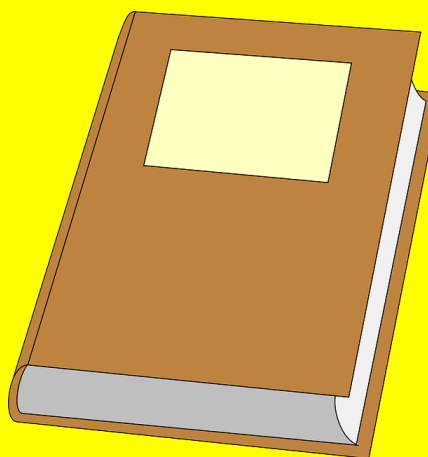
Griffydam - Saturday 22nd April (10:30 start)



Golden Book Assembly Schedule

Friday 3rd March	Year 5 parents
Friday 10th March	Year 3 parents
Friday 17th March	Year 4 parents
Friday 24th March	Year 2 parents
Friday 31st March	Year 1 parents
Friday 28th April	Reception parents

All assemblies start at 9:05am



YEAR 2 SATs MEETING

Wednesday 22nd March - 5:00pm

An information meeting for our Year 2 parents.

YEAR 6 SATs MEETING

Monday 13th March - 5:00pm

An information meeting for our Year 6 parents.



Online Gaming

Last week was Internet Safety Day and I thought I would share with you four things you can consider to help you decide if a game is appropriate for your child:

Check the content of the game and any chat function: Content within games is regulated and rated into age groups based on elements within the game. There are lots of different age ratings around the world, such as PEGI used in the UK. Always check the age rating to help you decide to allow your child to download or play a game.

Consider who your child could have contact with whilst using the game: Consider any communication channels and if there are settings to turn off or limit chat functions. There can be different types of communications, e.g. group chat or private chat. Communication in a game can increase the risk of bullying (sometimes referred to as being 'griefed' within gaming), being contacted by people they don't know and potentially groomed or exploited. Many games have a means of communication which includes private messaging and private chat. Look out for: words like 'whisper' or 'private' next to messages if your child is playing in multiplayer games (especially if they are playing with people they don't know offline).

Does the game affect your child's behaviour? The behaviour of your child could be affected by some games, it can include bullying or 'griefing' others, trolling or other inappropriate behaviour. Very intensive games can result in short-term bad behaviour such as poor temper or 'ragequitting', which is getting so upset they stop playing immediately. Ensuring a game's suitability can help, as can limiting playing time.

Does the game have in-app purchasing? In-app purchases normally enhance the game or gameplay, for example skins (design of the character or weapon) or loot boxes (treasure chests, but you don't always know what is in them). There can often be considerable pressure on children to be unique within their games (new skins) or to be better than others (purchasing power-ups). You should consider settings to turn off purchases, or set a spending limit on the device or app. Children need to be aware of scams involving free ingame currency (e.g. V-Bucks in Fortnite, or Robux in Roblox). Scam text messages, forum posts and videos may have content advertising free ingame currency. But they're often scams, designed to coax the player into revealing their gamer tag (username) and password in return for currency. This is known as a 'phishing' scam.



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