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Newsletter

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House Photograph Competition



This term, we are running a house photography competition with the theme of 'Wonderful

World'. House points will be awarded to all entries with additional points given to the winners. The winning photographers will also have the opportunity to have their photograph entered into the Gloucestershire Young Photographer competition later in the year.

Each child can enter 1 photograph by emailing it to gpearman@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 14th February.

Please ensure that your email contains the name, class and house of the photographer. We can't wait to see your wonderful photos!

Black History Month Craft Competition

Congratulations to those children who entered and came first. Thank you to all those others who spent so much time and effort creating amazing pieces of artwork. Mr de Mel judged them recently and we are delighted to announce the following winners.

Each has received an amazing £20 Gift Voucher to be spent on art materials, generously donated by de Mel Property Experts.

<https://www.demelproperty.com/>

Reception	No entries
Year 1	Sophia R
Year 2	Ellis P
Year 3	Max R
Year 4	Zoe P and Fin A
Year 5	Bella A
Year 6	Seren B

The overall winner was Molly Hartgroves who was awarded £50 in vouchers.

Change of Date-Residential Meetings for Parents

The last newsletter had a mistake in terms of the Residential Talks for parents. The new date is shown below.

Thursday 3 rd Feb	Residential Trips Information Evening 6.30pm-Years 4 and 5 7.30pm Year 6
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Winter Reading Competition

At Woodmancote School, we are always looking for new and exciting ways to celebrate the excellent reading our children do, both inside and outside of school.

This year, we would like the children to produce a piece of writing based on one of their favourite books. Your child's writing can be in any form they wish but should show their understanding of and enthusiasm for the book. There will be a winner selected from Reception/KS1, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 who will each win a £20 National Book Token gift card kindly donated by the PTA.

More details can be found on the whole school dojo page. Please give your named entries to your class teacher by: Friday 18th February 2022

Good luck and happy reading!

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Book Day, we would like to invite children to create a costume reflecting a book character **OR** come to school wearing non-uniform.

We would also love it if children bring in one of their favourite books as we'll be basing a lot of the day's activities around these.

This year, we are also on the lookout for "mystery readers" to visit school and read aloud to groups of children. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on the day, please email Mr Ridal (Iridal@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk) or Mrs Baxter (kbaxter@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

Dates for the diary:

- 18th February - Closing date for Winter Reading Competition.
- Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day
- 7th - 14th April - Books for bugs virtual book fair

Science Partnership with Cleeve

Children in Rowan had an amazing day this week, working with Mr Ward from Cleeve School. They made amazing elastic band powered vehicles and certainly enjoyed testing them all out.



KS2 Panathlon - 12/1/22

This week, nine KS2 children were chosen to represent Woodmancote School against seven other Cheltenham schools in a Panathlon event.

From the moment they boarded the bus, all the way through the eight activities, to the minute they stepped back into school, our team of Logan, Amelia-Rose, Rylee, Maxwell, Macy, Mikey, Matthew, Harry and Archie, beamed with pride and excitement. They were simply a credit to our school and gave their absolute best. Well done children.

The event, organised via our MoveMore membership, is run by the The Panathlon Challenge. This is a national charity which provides sporting opportunities to promote inclusivity in sport and gives children a chance to represent our school in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

The team left with medals, t-shirts, certificates and great memories. Well done children, you were absolutely amazing!

SLTEA (Campfire)

For those children showing exemplary attitude to school and their own learning, we celebrate by having an event each term. Sometimes children who are consistently well behaved, working hard and making all the right choices, can be overshadowed by those who are not!

SLTea is an opportunity for these children to spend some time with members of SLT (Senior Leadership Team) so that they get the recognition they deserve.

Congratulations to all those children who achieved amazing totals of DOJO points last term. They have been invited to use the new firebowl with Mrs Badham next week and share some wonderful treats in the form of S'mores!

Congratulations to the following



Oak	Ethan B	Amelia L
Ash	Miali	Eoin
Beech	Elodie P	Eloisa B
Maple	Freya Fi	Isabel M
Cedar	Emmy W	Nancy C
Willow	Charlie B	Sienna H
Pine	Izzy P	Jiya J
Fir	Jack O	Maly P
Holly	Remi-Lea B	Josh C
Lime	Zoe P	Charlie B
Hazel	Casey R	Aarav V
Yew	Leo C	Isabella R
Sycamore	Zephie T	Lotty G
Rowan	Mason J	Seren C
Elder	Bea B	Sam B

Woodmancote News

Children in Year 6 are invited to submit a piece of writing for the Woodmancote News. They need to send it to Mr Tucker by Friday 28th January and it should be no longer than 500 words.

Possible themes could be

- The academic Year 2021-22 so far and what they are looking forward
- Thoughts about the last two years from their standpoint
- Challenges that they feel the world faces at the moment

PTA Newsletter - 21.01.2022

BAG 2 SCHOOL - Tuesday 25th January

A clothes donation has been arranged via BAG 2 SCHOOL (see attached poster for details) which is a fantastic way to raise some funds for our school. Simply coordinate an early spring clean in your wardrobes at home, tell you friends and family too! Bag up your donations and then drop them off at

the central donation point on Britannia Way on Tuesday 25th by 9am.

PLEASE NOTE

X NO donations before this date

X NO donations to go into the school office or classrooms

X NO boxes, bags only (bin liners are fine as they will be recycled)

X NO uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets, or pieces of fabric

What else on the agenda?

We are currently looking into the following events, easy online fundraising, Easter Raffle, Spring Disco, PreLoved School Uniform sale. More details will be issued in due course on these events.

What else? If you have any ideas, thoughts, offerings of sponsorship or donations and of course any feedback, please just email us (thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk) or message on the facebook page - Woodmancote School PTA.

COVID updates

Apologies if I was rather optimistic in the last newsletter. Since then, we have seen cases jump in certain Year Groups! I obviously spoke too soon!

We currently have Hazel class working remotely, although we are looking forward to seeing children return in the coming week. Once we get to a certain tipping point, we will once again resume face to face teaching, with those then isolating, being supported with work from both Oak Academy and the class teacher.



Thank you to all those parents of children in Year 5 who have been so patient and supportive over the last week.

Going forward, as the government continues to make almost daily changes to their guidance for schools, I hope that parents can appreciate that we sometimes find it hard to keep up! If you contact us and ask for advice, we may not have an answer for you straightaway, but will endeavour to support you within a short a time as possible.

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Dates for the Diary.

Tuesday 25 th January	BAG 2 SCHOOL
Wed 26 th January	Year 1 trip to the SS Great Britain, Bristol https://www.ssgreatbritain.org/
Fri 28 th January	Small group of Reception children to the Library in Bishops Cleeve
Friday 28 th	Closing Date for Woodmancote News piece
Wed 2 nd February	Year 3 trip to The Corinium Museum, Cirencester

	https://coriniummuseum.org/
Thursday 3 rd	Residential Trips Information Evening 6.30pm-Years 4 and 5 7.30pm Year 6
Fri 18 th February	Last day of Term 3
18 th Feb	Closing date for Winter Reading Competition.
Mon 28 th February	INSET No school for children
Tues 1 st March	First day of Term 4
Thurs 3 rd March	World Book Day Details to follow
Tues 8 th March	Parent Consultations
Thurs 10 th March	Parent Consultations
Tues 1 st -10 th March	Bikeability for Year 6 Details to follow
w/b 14 th March	STEM Week
Fri 18 th March	Year 4 trip to Gloucester https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/ https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/gloucester-docks
Mon 21 st -Wedn 23 rd March	Year 4 and 5 Residential https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/pioneer-centre/
Mon 28 th March-8 th April	On-site Swimming Pool for Years 2 and 3
7 th - 14 th April	Books for bugs virtual book fair
Tues 5 th April	M and M production of The Railway Children for Years 4-6
Fri 8 th April	Last day of Term 4
Mon 25 th April	First day of Term 5
w/b 9 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Mon 16 th	Year 6 Residential



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to Fri 20 th May	https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/whitemoor-lakes/
Fri 27 th May	Last day of Term 5
Fri 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebration Details to follow
Mon 6 th June	First day of Term 6
Fri 17 th June	Prince of Wales Athletics Competition for KS2 children
Thurs 21 st July 2022	Last day of term.



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