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Newsletter

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Friday 5th May 2023

Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year presentation

Congratulations again to our four pupils that were awarded a certificate. This year, the organisers of the competition have put together a short presentation of all of the photographs selected for display. The presentation can be viewed by following this link [2023 GYP Primary Show \(vimeo.com\)](https://vimeo.com/2023GYPPrimaryShow)

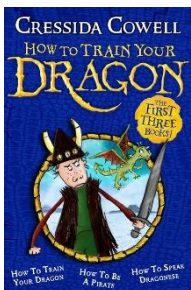
Playground Equipment

Can I respectfully ask that parents avoid allowing their children to play with equipment before school? This includes going on the climbing frame. Thank you.

Playground Development

We are very pleased that our programme of playground development will continue after half term. From 5th June an area of the playground will therefore be cordoned off, so if you are accessing the school through the Britannia Way gate please follow the path down through the quiet area in order to join the playground. Thank you

Author Visits



Thanks to our on-going connection with Waterstones, we were fortunate enough to receive a visit from the world famous author Cressida Cowell. The children had an amazing experience listening to her experiences as an author and she even signed our Book Wall!

We have now had visits from

Ben Miller, Cressida Cowell, Soman Chainani and AF Steadman

A big thank you to Mrs Baxter, Mr Ridal and Amanda from Waterstones for making these visits possible.

Art Competition

Please see attached flyer

#Let Girls Play

Please see attached flyer

Cleeve Hill Walk

Year 4 and 5 are planning a 'little' walk on Monday 26th June. We are hoping to walk up to Cleeve Hill so that we can take advantage of what is on our doorstep in Woodmancote.

In Year Four, the children have been comparing the UK to Greece. They have been looking at physical geography of these countries and climbing Cleeve Hill seems a great chance to experience Physical Geography. Year Four are also looking at grouping living things like plants and invertebrates that we find in our outdoor learning sessions. In Year Five, the children have been working on their geographical field work skills and want to put these to the test, on the hill. Earlier in the year, Year Five looked at counties that surround Gloucestershire. We hope, if the clouds part, they will be able to see the physical landmarks of surrounding counties.

With all these curriculum links in mind and the fact that we need to be aware of our local environment and how it is changing we thought a walk up to Cleeve Hill was long overdue. We will of course need your help - If there are any adults who are free to walk with us on the 26th June please could you contact your child's teacher. We plan to leave school at around 9am, walk up the hill,

learn about the area, eat our lunch and then walk back.

All children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, a suitable small backpack to carry their lunch in, shoes for walking, outdoor learning gear, sunscreen and a hat. If you would like to order a packed school lunch please could you phone the office before 20th June.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Mr Guest, Mrs McCormack, Mr Ridal, Miss Cowan and Mrs Badham

Year 6 Residential



The Year 6 had an amazing time at Whitemoor Lakes and were exemplary in their behaviour throughout the week. A big thank you to all those staff who accompanied them during the week. The children



experienced a range of activities including abseiling, sailing, canoeing, Paddle Boarding, Raft building, zip wire, climbing and archery! On the Wednesday they walked the short distance to the National Memorial Arboretum and had a few hours wandering amongst the many memorials.

Sudeley Castle

As part of their Sudeley Castle history unit, Year 5 went on a trip to the castle. We had a great time exploring the grounds, sketching the architecture and learning all about the previous residents of the castle. The children were very excited to see the tomb of Katherine Parr and take a walk through the royal gardens in the sunshine.



Curriculum Corner



At Woodmancote we value the importance of PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education). We follow the Jigsaw scheme, which the children and teachers have embraced fully. This is made up of 6 Puzzle



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pieces per year - Being Me In My World, Celebrating Difference, Dreams And Goals, Healthy Me, Relationships, and Changing Me. This covers Relationships Education at Key Stages 1 and 2.

Alongside Jigsaw, we also teach First Aid, peer mediation, and address other issues as they arise, including Children's Mental Health Week, Anti-Bullying week etc.

Exciting news - Coming soon - a Parent/Carer Portal for Jigsaw. More details to follow when we hear more.

Job Vacancies

Our school is looking for enthusiastic and well organised playworkers for our popular Before and After School Club and Midday Supervisors.

You will need to be passionate about providing stimulating, age related play opportunities for our children and be able to work within a team.

The Before and After School club operates between the hours of 8-8.45am and 3-6pm and Midday Supervisor hours are 12.15-1.15pm (11.30-1.30pm for some).

A combination of these roles and hours is negotiable for the right candidate.

More details of the roles and an application form can be found on the school website <https://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/current-vacancies/>

Please apply by completing the standard Gloucestershire County Council application form and return it to Mrs Rosie Williams sbm@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

Woodmancote School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Term 5	
Friday 26 th	Last day of Term 5
Term 6	
Monday 5 th June	Children start Term 6
13 th June	Reception Steam train trip
16 th June	Class Photos
w/b 19 th June	Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering (STEM) Week
26 th June	Cleeve Hill Walk for Years 4 and 5
28 th June	Sports Day Am-Years 3-6 Pm Little Chestnuts, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
29 th June	Year 2 Play 2pm and 6.16pm
30 th June	Reserve Sports Day
30 th June	Prince of Wales Track and Field events-Team to be announced
3 rd and 4 th July	Cleeve Transition Days
w/b 10 th July	Reports sent to parents
14 th July	PTA Woodmancstock
18 th July	Year 6 Play at 7pm CHANGE OF DATE
19 th July	Year 6 Play at 7pm
20 th July	Year 2 trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park
20 th July	Open Evening for parents to visit the school and meet their child's next teacher 3.30-6pm
24 th July	Year 6 Disco TBC
25 th July	Year 6 Service in school at 9am
25 th July	Last day of term Normal finish time at 3.15pm



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