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Newsletter

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Cross Country

In the Autumn and Spring terms, a brave few volunteer children from years 4, 5 and 6 at Woodmancote took part in the annual Cheltenham inter-schools' cross country competition. The children showed their true grit and competitive spirit, turning up in all weathers with smiles on their faces, to compete against the best runners from 24 other local primary schools. Some of the children competed in more of the races than they needed to in order to qualify, just for the love of racing.

All of the children from Woodmancote gave it everything they had when they ran. Overall, in the team rankings, Woodmancote girls came 12th and the boys came 11th in the region. Their combined scores, however, meant that Woodmancote's runners are ranked a commendable tenth in the Cheltenham region. A special thanks must go to the parents, who transported and supported the children, and who stoically braved both the weather and the parking.

Help!

We currently have a treasure trove of photos dating back to 1974 that we would love to scan and save at school. If you have the time and skills to help, we would love to hear from you. We are hoping to have various displays up in classrooms throughout our Open Evening on the 12th June and seeing photos from the 1970s and 1980s would be great!

Please email Mr Tucker if you feel you could help.

head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Mud Kitchen

Thank you to everyone who has contributed a pallet to the school in recent weeks. We are now looking for a group of parents who feel that they could help in building an outdoor Mud Kitchen for the children to play with at lunchtimes.

If you think you could help in some way, please email the office. We can allocate time either during the school day or the evening if this is easier.

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Hedgehog Houses

Our Year One children had fantastic fun learning all about hedgehogs recently. A huge thank you to Woodmancote Parish Council who made a donation to our school to enable



us to participate in the Hedgehog Highway project. We used this to purchase

some hedgehog houses or hibernacula! These will help Woodmancote hedgehogs have a safe place to hide and hibernate over the winter and shelter in the other months.

To begin our research, we watched a video about hedgehogs and where they like to live and discussed where the houses should go.

We then took the houses out, on a very rainy day and found cosy places under the hedges on the field and in forest school. We are going back to fill the houses with hay, leaves and straw to make them cosy.

Back in class we painted our own hedgehogs, made a hedgehog out of handprints and labelled parts of a hedgehog. We even sang

the hedgehog song - Let's roll into a prickly hedgehog ball!

We are now all hedgehog experts. Did you know they have spines made of the same material as human nails? We also found out that each hedgehog has around 7,000 spines!

Once hedgehogs come out of hibernation we plan to put food and plenty of water out for them. We also hope that we may be able to out a wildlife camera so that we can watch the hedgehogs accessing the new houses.

SS Great Britain

On 15th April, Year One had a fantastic trip to the SS Great Britain in Bristol. We enjoyed exploring the ship and seeing how people travelled in the past. The best bit as always was the talking toilet! We came back via the Clifton Suspension Bridge which surprised the children as it is so huge! The only thing that we didn't enjoy, was the 3 hour coach journey and being stuck in traffic for all that time! The children were incredible throughout and even on the coach were so well behaved.



PTA News

We hope all the children had a blast at the Easter disco and we were able to raise an incredible £450.

The PTA will be at the Woodmancote May Day with a fun stall for all. We hope to see you all there for glitter tattoos and fun games. The PTA will be selling May Day Programmes on the school playground next week.

The PTA are working with Uniformly where parents can buy and sell school uniform. It is simple to use and also great way to save money on school uniform! Take a look at what we already have up and please feel free to sign up and add your own listings: <https://uniformerly.co.uk>

Woodmancote School's 50th Anniversary

The school was opened in January 1974 and to mark the date we will be opening our doors to the community on June 12th.

We are asking that on the day of the 12th everyone comes dressed in something that would have been in fashion at some point over the last 50 years. It could be cheesecloth and tank tops of the 70s, sequins or leg warmers of the 80s or even specific outfits worn by certain people-think ABBA, Margaret Thatcher, Queen Elizabeth or the Gallaghers!

In the afternoon parents are invited along to see each class perform something from the last 50 years. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the wealth of artistic talent here at Woodmancote.

The evening (7pm-9pm) will be an opportunity for present and past parents, pupils and staff to visit the school and see how the school has changed in the last 50 years.

There will be a range of photos and artefacts on show and it is hoped that we can all celebrate the life of this great community.

The evening will also showcase some of the work that the children would have been doing during Arts Week, which will be the week before.

Design a Safe Parking poster

Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster. These have now gone off to the Local Police station to be judged. We look forward to announcing the lucky few very soon.

Term Dates

Term dates for next year can be found on the school website.

<https://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

School Uniform

In recent weeks we have seen some of the older children coming in with bracelets and necklaces. Can we please remind all parents that such pieces of jewellery are not permitted in school, unless worn for religious or cultural purposes.

Dates for the Diary

6 th May	May Day-No school
7 th & 9 th May	NHS Vision, Height and Weight, Rec & Year 6
13 th -16 th	Year 6 SATs
17 th May	Whole School Photograph to mark 50 years of Woodmancote School
w/b 20 th May	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
23 rd May	Year 5 trip to Sudeley Castle
24 th May	Last day of term 5
	HALF TERM
3 rd June	Start of Term 6 Start of Arts Week
12 th June	50 years of Woodmancote School-Celebration Day
14 th June	School Photos - Class/Sport/Leavers
25 th June	Reception trip on Steam Railway
27 th June	Year 5 to Cleeve for the day
1 st and 2 nd July	Year 6 Transition Days-Cleeve
w/b 8 th July	Reports will be sent out throughout the week
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Play
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Play
Wednesday 17 th July	Open Evening
Thursday 18 th July	Year 2 trip to Cotswold Park
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Disco-TBC
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Service in School at 9am. All Year 6 parents are invited

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