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Newsletter

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Friday 14th June 2024

Afternoon Performance

What an amazing turnout we had Wednesday afternoon! We were delighted to see so many adults come along to support the children. We hope you enjoyed the journey back to 1974!



A huge thank you to all the staff who made it such a memorable occasion, but especially Mrs Jordon, Mrs Holding and Mrs Searle who pulled it all together.

50th Birthday House Cake Competition



Our 50th Birthday celebration cake competition was a huge success. Thanks go to the judges Anne Nixson and Gillian Bull from Woodmancote WI. They took great care inspecting the cakes to find our winners. All entries

were awarded points for the houses with Leckhampton receiving the most points. Anne and Gillian commended the lovely entries and found judging them very difficult! They pass on their congratulations for all the hard work planning, baking and decorating such beautiful cakes.

They couldn't resist tasting them too and were amazed by the range of flavours. Well done to all the entries.



Winners are as follows:

Little Chestnuts - Joah Middleton

Leckhampton - 17 entries

KS1 - 1st Olivia Pearce, 2nd Hugo King

KS2 - 1st Rani Parker, 2nd Ella Keighley and Zoe Perkin

Highly Commended - Megan Morley and Alice Kirchner for lovely designs and Amelia-Rose Walton for the flavour of the brownies

Malvern - 10 entries

KS1 - 1st Wilma Willis, 2nd Rory Baxter

KS2 - 1st George Baxter, 2nd Jasmine Prideaux

Highly commended - Arthur Dauncey for lovely decoration

Cleeve - 12 entries

KS2 - 1st Matilda Joy, 2nd Megan and Joshua Hall

Highly commended - Charlie Sargent and Evie Kirchner for their lovely design

Nottingham - 12 entries

KS1 - 1st Lily and Georgia Thompson, 2nd Charlie Turfrey

KS2 - 1st Abi and Ava Gordon, 2nd Dhanvi Cantilal

Highly commended - Benjamin Cole for a lovely design.

Arts Week

Our Arts week was a great success and the children had an amazing time exploring artists and techniques from across the years. Many of you were able to see their work either on the afternoon of the 12th or in the evening. Mrs Holding did an amazing job of drawing the week together.

Weather permitting, the Woodmancote Wings will be on the playground on Friday afternoon and Monday morning for parents to take photos of their children. If you are intrigued by that, great, just remember to bring your phone!

50 Years of Woodmancote Badges



Here are the Baxter boys modelling what I mean!

Every child will come home with a Woodmancote 50th anniversary badge today. If you would like to sew it on to their sweatshirts, please feel free to. Can we just ask that it goes on the left arm (i.e. the arm nearest the

Term Dates

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

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

No Child Left Behind

Party in the Park flyer attached to this newsletter - 2nd August 2024.

Lions at Large



In the Summer of 2025, Lions at Large - The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail will be 'roaring' onto the streets of Cheltenham and Gloucester!

Over 30 large Lion sculptures will be designed and painted by local artists; celebrating Gloucestershire's rich history, culture and diversity. They will be joined by our Cub Club - a pride of little Lions lovingly created by local schools and community groups.

This is a fun, free and family-friendly Wild in Art event. Streets, parks and open spaces will dazzle with their vibrant colours and surprising designs. Helping to bring together our community to explore and feel pride in their local area.

Once the trail is over, the pride will reunite for a fantastic farewell weekend. The little Lions will return to their forever homes at the local school and community groups who created them.

The large Lions will then be auctioned to raise funds for proposed new cancer care facilities in Cheltenham with digital consulting rooms, space for state-of-the-art research, as well as a therapeutic outside space.

<https://lionsatlarge.co.uk/>

We will be having our own Woodmancote Lion cub as part of this trail and supporting the work that is being undertaken by Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals.



As we mark 50 years of Woodmancote School we recognise that illness has taken its toll on both parents and children within our school community and we want to bear witness to their place in our school story. They are certainly not forgotten.

Many were treated at our local hospitals, so if you would like to make a donation, no matter what the amount, we would very much welcome it. Our lion cub will come to symbolise all that we value here at Woodmancote School.

Lions represent the courage of all those who face cancer, not only as a patient but also as a loved one.

Lions work as a pride (family) to survive. They tenderly care for each other's young, the elders work together to find food.

The Lions in Cheltenham and Gloucester will be 'The Pride of Gloucestershire', as will the new cancer facilities funded by The Big Space Cancer Appeal.

We are aiming to raise at least £750, enabling us to decorate one of the lion cubs and be involved in the trail and learning programme.

If you feel that you could make a donation to this appeal, no matter how small, please log in to your parent pay account where you will find further details.

PTA Woodmanstock

We are very happy to announce Woodmanstock will be on Friday 21st June, 6-9pm. We have fantastic performances, lots of different games, food, a bar and the very exciting soak your teacher! Tickets are a suggested donation of £5 per family and these will be on sale after half term. We are super excited and hope to see you all there.

We will have the infamous Hoopla stall! Please can we ask for donations of cans/tins and bottles to be brought to school next week.

Tickets will be on sale again next week and these allow a quick entrance and to avoid the queues. Don't worry if you don't manage to get one, you can still pay on the gate! We hope to see you there!

Communicating through DOJO

Can I please ask parents not to use DOJO to message staff, other than their child's class teacher. We do not routinely check messages from other classes. It is always better to email or phone the office.

This is especially true if parents have a Safeguarding concern. This should come straight to me at head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you

Whole School Photo

As the photographer postponed the last photo because of predicted poor weather, we have a new date of Monday 17th June at 9am in the morning. On this day, all children will need to come to school in school uniform regardless of whether they have PE or Outdoor Learning on that day.

Sports Day-10th July

This will be on Wednesday 10th July, with KS2 in the morning and KS1 and Reception in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class allocation

Staff are currently working with Mrs McNamee, the Pastoral Lead, to ensure transition for those children who find change difficult are well supported in the coming months.

	TEACHERS	23-24
Reception Oak	Miss Niblett	
Reception Ash	Mrs Dodwell Mrs Howard	
Year 1 Beech	Mrs Baxter	Oak
Year 1 Maple	Mrs Badham Mrs Jordan	Ash
Year 2 Cedar	Mrs Workman	Beech
Year 2 Willow	Miss Cowan	Maple
Year 3 Fir	Mrs Holding	Willow
Year 3 Pine	Mr Wood	Cedar
Year 4 Lime	Mrs McCormack Mrs White	Pine
Years 4 Holly	Mr Guest	Fir
Years 5 Hazel	Mr Ridal	Lime
Years 5 Yew	Mrs Grosvenor	Holly
Year 6 Rowan	Mr Adkin	Yew
Years 6 Sycamore	Mr Evans	Hazel

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17 th June	Whole School Photo
Friday 21 st June	PTA Woodmanstock 6-9pm
Tuesday 25 th June	Reception trip on Steam Railway
Thursday 27 th June	Year 5 to Cleeve for the day
1 st and 2 nd July	Year 6 Transition Days- Cleeve
Friday 5 th July	Bags 2 School collection
w/b 8 th July	Reports will be sent out throughout the week
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day KS2 from approximately 9am and KS1 and Reception from approximately 1.45pm
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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