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# Newsletter

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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



**What:** We are pleased to announce that we have the opportunity of working together on the artwork/design of a Lion Cub that will be part of Lions at Large

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

We want your child to be involved in the design of the artwork that will decorate our cub and represents our sense of belonging in the community.

Lions live in groups called prides; they are successful through 'belonging' to that pride and all having a role to play in their community.

**Where:** We want your child to think about 'belonging' and where they live, the physical and emotional space, and we would like you to help them to do so; it would be great if you could go for a local walk and really look at your surroundings.

**Themes that your child could explore in their art work:**

- Trees associated with each class. Leaves, fruit, seeds
- School Houses and birds or features associated with them

Cleeve-Skylarks/Pylons/ Lone trees/sheep dip/quarrying/Trig point

Leckhampton-Swift/rock formations/quarrying

Malvern-Kite/Natural spring water/Malvern Chase (Royal Forest)/Bronze Age

Nottingham-Meadow Pipit/Iron age settlement/Hillfort

- Maps and features of the local environment (OS symbols, contour lines)
- Historical features from Tewkesbury and Cheltenham

**Medium:** Children could paint or draw anything related to the themes. We are not necessarily looking for a complete design for a lion cub, but images and pictures that could be included in an overall design, that will be brought together by our amazing Amanda Steer, a talented artist in her own right and a Teaching Assistant at the school.

Paper is available from school. Please contact Mrs Holding if your child needs anything [lholding@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lholding@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

**TIP:** try drawing what you see, not what you think you can see, look for shapes in what you are drawing, and don't be too precious about it, look at the object more than the paper, trust the process and most of all enjoy it.

Your child may choose to draw people, animals, natural or man-made objects, whatever catches their eye on their journey, who/what else belongs to their community?

**When:** Final pieces need to be returned back to school by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. This will then give us an opportunity to look through and choose which aspects to include in the overall design. Some children will be asked to actually paint their designs on our lion cub.

## Lost Property

We have four Lost property Bins around the school that contain an array of various items. If your child has lost something, please ask to look in these bins. They are sited in the following locations in the school building

Outside Maple Class (Year 1)  
 Outside Yew (Year 5)  
 Next to the Hygiene suite near Cedar class  
 Outside Pine Class (Year 3)

At regular points we will put these bins outside for parents, but we cannot continue to store vast quantities of lost property, so we forward unclaimed items each term to local charity shops.

### CHELTENHAM & COUNTY CYCLING CLUB AND Year 6 Bikeability



We would like to offer Year 6 children who are undertaking Bikeability, a free bike safety check which is funded by Cheltenham & County Cycle

Club. It is a unique offer, and completely free of charge and is only available at certain Cheltenham schools.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, GC cycles will visit Woodmancote School and look over all children's bikes who are taking part in Bikeability. Gareth and his team of volunteers will check all bikes, looking for problems which include:

- Brakes not working correctly
- Flat or soft tyres
- Rusty Chains
- Gears not working properly
- Loose handlebars
- Loose wheels
- Saddle and handlebars within safe limits (Saddle and handlebar height may need to be adjusted downwards)
- And many other possible issues.

Repairs will be carried out free of charge, kindly paid for by Cheltenham & County CC. Of course, not all repairs are possible, perished tyres as an example, but where

something major is spotted, it will be relayed back to you.

Please also note that even brand new bikes can and often do have faults like loose handlebars and gears that don't work correctly, so it's also worth getting them checked.

All you need to do is bring your Year 6 child's bike into school on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Loose Parts for playtimes

We are once again looking to top up our loose parts and are asking for the following from parents/carers. If you have any of these or related items, please bring them in asap. Class teachers will be happy to accept donations

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/castors
- delivery crates
- Road signs and cones
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/webcams/cameras that are no longer working
- old shower curtains!
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)



## PTA News

### **The annual Pancake Flip is back!**

On February 25th, all children will participate in the annual pancake flip to see how many pancakes they can flip.

Sponsorship forms will be going home over the next week, if you would like to sponsor your child. Please can we ask that any sponsorship money is returned to school by Friday 28th February.

We can't wait to see how many pancakes the children can flip!

### **MAY DAY programme Cover Competition**

The Woodmancote May Day Committee is thrilled to announce this year's Programme Cover Competition, and we need your creative talent!

This year's theme is "The Wild West", so grab your pencils, paints, and markers, and let your imagination run wilder than a galloping stallion!

*How to Enter:* Design a brightly coloured picture inspired by the Wild West. Think cowboys, cowgirls, saloons, cacti, sunsets, wagons - anything that screams yee-haw! Your design must be A4 size and in portrait orientation (tall, not wide).

Make sure to write your name and class clearly on the back of your artwork (not the front).

*Deadline:* Hand your masterpiece in to the school office by Friday 14th February.

*The Prize:* The winner will not only get a special prize but will also have their design printed on the front of the May Day programme for everyone to see!

So, polish your spurs, get creative, and show us your Wild West magic. Good luck, partners - we can't wait to see your artwork!

### **Job Vacancy: Cleaning Operative with SOLO**

Location: Woodmancote Primary School

Rate of Pay: £11.44 per hour

Hours: Morning shift 8.75 hours per week

Work Schedule: Monday to Friday 06.45 - 08.30 am

Evening shift - 10 hours per week

Work Schedule: Monday to Friday 15.30- 17.30pm

Job Description: **Solo Service Group** is seeking a dedicated and hardworking Cleaning Operative to join our team at Woodmancote primary school. This role is essential in maintaining a clean, hygienic, and professional environment.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- General office/Classrooms cleaning including dusting, vacuuming, and mopping floors
- Cleaning and sanitizing desks, workstations, and communal areas
- Emptying bins and ensuring waste disposal is managed effectively
- Cleaning and disinfecting toilets, washrooms, and kitchen areas
- Cleaning internal glass, doors, and touchpoints to maintain hygiene standards
- Ensuring adherence to health and safety standards, including COSHH regulations
- DBS required at Company cost

Requirements: Previous experience in commercial or office cleaning is desirable but not essential. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Strong attention to detail and high cleaning standards. Reliability and good time management skills. Understanding of health and safety protocols in a cleaning environment.

How to Apply: If you are interested in this opportunity, please apply via email [Shan.B@soloservicegroup.com](mailto:Shan.B@soloservicegroup.com) or call 07974406026 for more information.

Join our team and help us maintain a clean and safe workplace!



### Dates for the Diary

February	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Roman Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to the Corinium Museum
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Bike Safety Check Day for Year 6
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
24 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 4
24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Pancake Flip
27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to see production of 'In the Net' (online safety)
March	
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
10 <sup>th</sup>	Racecourse Visit
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 group to Mock Trial at Council Chambers
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	STEM Week
27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Disco
April	
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to The Pioneer Centre
7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> April	Arts Week
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain
May	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming starts for Year 3
5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day No School
8 <sup>th</sup>	80 years since VE Day
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup>	SATs for Year 6
16 <sup>th</sup>	Photographs for classes and Year 6
w/b 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Term 5
June	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of Term 6 for children

12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Sudeley Castle
July	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day for Infants and Juniors
9 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6

### Staff Emails

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