



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER March 2019

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We're *springing* into Action!

Well Spring is definitely here and we are gearing up for the end of the Spring term. It doesn't seem like 5 minutes since we were coming back from the Christmas holidays! It has been another busy term with lots going on. We launched our new spring term mid year reports. Parents found these useful as an interim measure of their child's attainment (we will still send home a complete end of year report). The reports were also useful for staff to discuss with parents at spring parents' evening appointments. We are also continuing our whole school focus on writing including workshops for parents (some of which have already happened).

Year 6 pupils have also found out where they will be going next year. Woodland Grange parents are in an enviable position having the choice of some excellent, local secondary schools.

There have also been lots of other opportunities for pupils including trips (including foundation stage and the preschools farm visit and year 4s trip to Twycross zoo) as well as other local initiatives (the Great British Spring Clean and a singing festival in year 1).



WGPS Sport Roundup

It has been another jam packed term for sport at Woodland Grange! We had more children represent the school at the Leics and Rutland Schools **Cross country** final than ever before! Although there were hundreds of children competing in each race, everyone should feel extremely proud of taking part. In **basketball** we won the Oadby and Wigston competition (in a nail-biting final) and finished runners up in the area competition! We also entered teams from across KS2 in a **gymnastics** competition. In **dodgeball** we had tremendous success winning both the area and county competitions! We also took part in **GALS** (girls active lifestyles). An initiative to improve confidence, self esteem and participation in sport. Finally we have sent a team to the **Sportsability** competition. Our team did the school proud, won the area competition and will take part in the county finals in April! Well done to everyone that has taken part in any of the sporting opportunities this term!



All things FOWG...

The Friends of Woodland Grange have once again been working tirelessly on behalf of the school. This term they organised a family quiz night which was great fun especially the cheese and pringles round! The Easter discos have also been well attended (with DJ Hayles and MC Parker in full affect!) Remember that our parents association only exists because of the support of every parent in school. Supporting events, coming to committee meetings and even reminding folks in the playground about upcoming events is vital! Remember **every penny** they raise benefits **every child** in school.

Lost property

Parents would be amazed (and shocked) at the amount of things that get left at school. From jumpers and coats on the field to lunchboxes and PE kits in cloakrooms we accumulate an incredible amount. We always clear any lost property at the end of term and it is a shame to get rid of (in some cases) brand new items. By naming an item you also have a much better chance of being reunited with it. Smaller items such as watches and glasses can be found in the office. **Make your child responsible for their things!**



Mid year reports

Thank you to parents for the positive comments regarding our new mid year reports. Teachers have said that in most cases parents were thankful for the information and said it helped to focus them on supporting their child at home. Please remember that this is a snapshot partway through the year. Your child will continue to make progress and we will report on that at the end of the summer term.

Together for a better internet

Back in February we once again supported Safer Internet Day 2019. This European wide event combines the wonder of the digital world with reminders on how we should behave and stay safe online. We have an extensive set of parent resources on our school website to help you keep this important message going at home. One growing area at school is children playing games that are unsuitable for their age group. Do you know the PEGI rating for your child's favourite game? What does an orange PEGI badge mean? Find out by visiting thinkuknow.co.uk (or follow the link from our website).



World Book Day

We raised the profile of all things book related again at Woodland Grange. The children spent the day celebrating reading in all forms, sharing books with children in other year groups and key stages.

We are also looking forward to using the proceeds from our Sponsored Read event to buy new books for school! The lovely people at Usborne Books will add to our school total meaning we can get even more for our cash. FOWG have also said that they can make a donation towards the total which is truly incredible! We will notify parents of the overall amount raised when we have all the sponsor money in. If you haven't brought yours back yet, get it in quick!



A fond farewell...

It is always sad to say goodbye to a member of staff. Mrs Merryfield who has worked at Woodland Grange for many years has decided to move onto pastures new. Everyone at Woodland Grange will miss her and we wish her every happiness in the future.

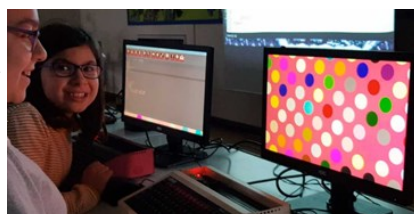
IT'S THE WRONG DAY!



Feedback from FUZE

We offered an exciting opportunity for children at our school to come and learn some coding and computer programming during the half term break! FUZE are an educational company specialising in all things technological. It is the first time they have ventured this far North (!) and we have had some excellent feedback from them. They said 'The attendees present were some of the brightest and best groups we've had in quite some time. Your teachers should feel exceptionally proud!'

They enjoyed the experience so much that they are coming back! There will be another workshop on Wednesday 24th April—look out for details around school!



A reminder to all parents not to use the car park when dropping children off for our additional SATS sessions on Saturday mornings. The Woodland Wheelers cycle club use the playground and car park for their training. It could cause a serious accident if cars are coming into school, as well. Please drop off on the road and walk through the gate, Thank you.

Comic Relief 2019

Thank you for your kind donations for Red Nose Day again this year. Together we raised an amazing £461.57. We used the theme of 'The Wrong Day' to dress up in the wrong clothes (or the right clothes worn in the wrong way. The staff and pupils had fun during the day (including the infamous staff challenge in assembly). All the money raised will go to support projects across the country and around the World.

Important dates:

12th April:	End of term
15th-18th April:	Holiday Club
29th April:	Start of term
6th May:	Bank holiday
9th & 10th May:	Class photos
Wb 13th May:	KS2 SATS
Wb 27th May:	Half term break

Don't forget! All dates can be found on the school website calendar...