



# Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER July 2019

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## Summer Holidays, here we come!

Well the Summer holidays are just around the corner and pupils and staff are beginning to look forward to their break (hopefully we will get some sunny days). It is always a strange time of year. We reflect on what has happened and look forward to what is around the corner. We are proud of pupils in Year 2 and 6 who have completed their end of Key Stage assessments. Our Year 1 pupils have also worked hard on their phonics screening check. Elsewhere we have enjoyed more sporting success at Saffron Lane athletics championships, tennis competitions and football (league and cup double champions!) To emphasise our sporting achievement at Woodland Grange we have recently become Schools Games Award winners. We have been recognised for taking part in sporting competitions during the school year, making sure that we offer children of all ages and abilities the same opportunities. It really is a wonderful achievement and we would like to thank everyone that has been involved. Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic time at Beaumanor Hall on their residential and we welcomed our new intake in Foundation Stage for their Teddy Bears Picnic.

***We hope you have a wonderful Summer Break! See you in the new school year!***



## Goodbyes...

It is always a sad time at the end of term saying goodbye to pupils. We wish all our children continued success as they leave us for pastures new. This extends to any pupil moving on at the end of term.

Many of you will know that we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Wood. It is not an understatement to say that Mrs Wood has innovated many of the qualities that Woodland Grange has been founded on and has made our school such a special place. She has been teaching at Woodland Grange for 22 years and has taught, at some point, in nearly every year group. Mrs Wood believes passionately that every child is unique and special and the opportunities she has made possible for them by her ability to teach in an inclusive and creative way have always been central to the way she works. Mrs Wood is a brilliant teacher and it goes without saying that every child who has been in her class will never forget her.

We are also saying a temporary good bye to Mrs Turner who begins her maternity leave in August. We wish her luck with her new arrival!

## What an accolade!

We are delighted to share with you that our approval to teaching and learning in Year 1 is now being recognised widely with many City and County schools requesting to visit and learn from what we are doing. Our congratulations go to the Year 1 team for their work in making the provision not only highly effective, but also being prepared to share their expertise.

## A warm welcome

We are saying 'Hello' to two new members of staff. Miss Rabheru and Miss Smith will be joining us after the Summer holidays. Miss Rabheru will be teaching in Year 1 and Miss Smith will be working in Year 5. We look forward to welcoming them to Woodland Grange after the summer break.

## Farewell Nigel

We would like to thank Nigel Payne who is stepping down as Clerk to the Governing Body after 26 years. Nigel has played an invaluable role in supporting the school's Governing Body since 1993, during which time Nigel has supported two Chairs and worked with two Headteachers and has seen the school's pupil population increase ten-fold.

The role of Clerk is an absolutely critical one for the school's governance as well as its leadership with keeping abreast of developments in education and he has served the school impeccably in that regard. On behalf of Governors and staff past and present, I would like to thank Nigel for his massive contribution to Woodland Grange and wish him all the best in retirement.

Mo Chatra, Chair of Governors

## OAK news

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed leading educationalists, Hywel Roberts and David Cameron to Stamford Court for the OAK 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration. Hywel and David spoke to the Trust about the importance of curriculum, how to deliver something that is exciting and enjoyable to children in each of the OAK schools so that they progress and build upon strengths and skills throughout their journey with us. We are committed to working collaboratively to develop future projects and look for ways in which we can learn from and support one another.



## FOWG

A huge thank you to everyone that worked so hard putting our annual FOWG Fun Day together. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces enjoying the sunshine, playing the games on the stalls and munching on the delicious food.

Included in the admission price this year were 'Party Animals' who brought along some furry friends and Sublime Science & Aveea who wowed the children with some exciting science experiments. Overall Fun Day raised about £3,000 which will go towards replacing the play equipment in Foundation Stage as well as replacing IT equipment across the school.

An extra special mention has to go to the main FOWG committee members who give up so much of their time each year to plan and organise every event that we have in school. FOWG is a registered charity and this role is purely voluntary. The amount of money that they raise goes to support EVERY child at Woodland Grange and we are eternally grateful for their contribution.

### Active Travel

During this school year we have been working towards and Active Travel award (organised by the Choose How You Move team at Leicestershire County Council).

We have surveyed children about travelling to school and encouraged them (and parents) to think about leaving the car at home. We also took part in Walk to School week earlier this term. We have offered additional road safety training to Foundation Stage pupils and cycle training to pupils in Year 6.

To finish the year off in style we have also been invited to join the Schools Ride 2019. This event is only open to a handful of City and County Schools and will see children from our school ride into the city centre, meeting at Leicester Cathedral for a picnic lunch and entertainment before riding back to school. The idea is to encourage them to ride their bikes safely on the road and promote cycling as a form of active travel. We are delighted to be taking part and special thanks to Mr Flanagan and Mr Pickering who have organised the training in school and the encouragement to all pupils.

We look forward to continuing our cycle training with next year and also completing our Active Travel award.



### Suitable Footwear

A quick reminder to all parents & carers that we expect all children to come to school in appropriate footwear. Black school shoes or black trainers are acceptable. Please remember not to send children in coloured trainers or any other footwear. Thank you!

### Game, Set & Match!

Amongst all the amazing sporting achievements this term, we must mention the Tennis competition that was organised by our local Schools Sports Partnership. We entered a lower and upper Key Stage 2 team and both groups did extremely well! Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship and encouraged themselves and all the other teams really well. In Year 5 & 6 our quartet made it all the way to the finals, losing in a sudden death play off to Glenmere. They were due to play in the area finals but unfortunately rain cancelled play!



*Thank you to Miss Benjamin and Mr Parker who took the children and Oadby Tennis Club for their support.*

### School Games 2019

Woodland Grange were well represented at the School Games this year. The annual event which was held at Uppingham School in Rutland includes many different sporting competitions including swimming, netball and golf.

We entered 2 teams from school (overall there was a combined Oadby & Wigston team) a Change for Life team.



Also a team of children took part in a Sportsability competition.



*Thank you to all the adults that supported the children on this special day!*

## Parking

At Woodland Grange we want everyone to park in a sensible and courteous manner outside school. Please remember not to block driveways or access to houses. Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school (even to drop off children) and make sure that cars and buses can still use Beaufort Way during peak times.



## Let there be music!

We were entertained to an amazing musical evening at school on Wednesday 26th June. The hall was full with over 70 children playing instruments and singing in the school choir. Parents and carers were invited too and the whole evening was a huge success.

Music is an important part of Woodland Grange. We are proud of our musical history at school and it was brilliant to see so many children from across the school taking part. Children have the chance to learn an instrument in Key Stage 2 and many of them take up that opportunity.



A special thank you to the many teachers that work in the school and provide such excellent guidance for our pupils. They offer help and encouragement to children starting instruments in Year 3 and support them as they move through the school.

We are especially proud of the effort that Mrs Cobbold puts into music at our school. Without her passion and commitment we simply wouldn't be able to offer the wide range of opportunities at Woodland Grange. She also runs the school choir who gave an end of term performance as well. It is testament to her that so many of our children continue with their instruments when they move onto their next school. We look forward to many more children beginning their musical journey next year.

*Parents; thank you for your photographs that you have emailed in to the school office.*



## Champions!

Congratulations to our football team. We have become double champions by winning the league and cup! In a close final on Monday 1st July Woodland Grange beat Glen Hills 1-0, following on from earlier success when we won the Oadby league (with some amazing performances). We are proud of every member of the team who has made this success possible and in particular thank you to Mr Healey and Mr Pickering who have coached the team to victory!



## Yoga

A reminder that yoga will continue during the Summer holidays. Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings between **6.30pm** and **8.00pm** in the school hall.

All levels, including beginners are welcome. Please bring your own yoga mat.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes early so the class can start on time.



## Dates for your diary:

- **15th July:** Owl's Hoot summer club starts
- **1st August:** Owl's Hoot summer club ends
- **5th-23rd August:** Premier Sport club at school
- **19th-21st August:** Aveea STEM club at school
- **21st August:** FUZE coding workshop at school
- **29th August:** School open for Year 1-6 pupils
- **2nd September:** Year 6 residential to Bude
- **4th September:** Foundation stage pupils start (part time)

*Dates on the school website calendar. Visit [www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk](http://www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk) and click on the homepage calendar...*

There are lots of things happening over the holidays both in school and in the local area. We have attached posters and flyers for some of these events. We hope you have a fun-filled holiday whatever you do...

A place where all our future leaders can ignite their curiosity and help change the world.

**Aveea**

**Aveea Academy Summer Sessions**

Now is the time to do the same experiments that our heroes in STEM are doing.

**Where?**  
Woodland Grange Primary School  
19th-21st Aug 09.00 - 16.00  
Key Stage 2  
£35.00 / Session

Don't worry, all our staff are DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.

info@aveea.org  
www.aveea.org  
0300 365 9400

Contact us, or book online now.

**S** Science  
**T** Technology  
**E** Engineering  
**M** Mathematics

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

**SPACE CHASE**

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

This year the Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

The challenge is organised by the Library Service. Children can sign up at Oadby Library from July 6th. All they have to do is read 6 library books over 2 visits to the library. There are stickers to collect and a medal and certificate when they complete their mission.

**IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD!**



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# SUMMER MULTI- SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

Premier are the UK's leading provider, working with over 16% of schools in England every week!



## WHERE?

WOODLAND GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
BEAUFORT, LEICESTER, LE2 4TY

## WHEN?

MONDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 23RD 08:30-17:30

## How to book?

1. Visit [premier-education.com](http://premier-education.com)
2. Click 'Book a Course' (top right)
3. Search LE2 4TY and Woodland Grange will appear, find the 'Multi Activity'
4. Once booked, email confirmation will be automatically sent through!

Please note booking remains open throughout the duration of the course, the price will adjust on the payment page! Any questions email: [office040@premier-education.com](mailto:office040@premier-education.com) or Call

01953 499040

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# PARENT AND CHILD

## COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

This workshop is designed to support effective engagement amongst parents and children and promote positive behaviours, whilst having fun.

Activities will include enhancing verbal and non verbal communication, joint behavioural expectations, challenging behaviour, how to develop open transmission and managing emotions.

Mindfulness techniques to underpin this workshop will include breathing, relaxation, guided meditation and visualisation.

Benefits of this include, increased concentration, better focus, understanding perspectives, improved relationships and harmony, cultivate calmness, empathy and kindness.

Oadby Library, 10 The Parade,  
Oadby, Leicester LE2 5BF

Saturday 20th July 2019  
12pm- 1pm  
£5 per person

Please use the contact details below to book and confirm your space.

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The logo for FUZE, with each letter in a red square with a white border. The background of the top section of the poster is a collage of images related to coding and gaming, including a child looking at a computer screen, a person's hands on a keyboard, and a person holding a game controller.

# FUZE

## Coding, electronics & retro gaming workshops

Engaging, fun, inspiring and very educational

### Woodland Grange Primary School

Beaufort Way Oadby

Leicester LE2 4TY

£45  
a day

Wednesday 7th & 21st August

9:00am - 3.30pm • max 30 places • ages 7 to 15



For bookings & information please call 01844 239 432

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