



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER October 2019

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Settling in

The Autumn term is now in full swing. Children are settling into their new classes, establishing new friendships and getting used to the new expectations and routines of their year groups. It is fantastic to see so many smiling faces as we move around the school. So much has already been happening (it's as though the Summer holidays never happened!) Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential (see below). New starters in both the preschool and foundation stage have begun their journey and already getting used to life at Woodland Grange. It is always lovely to welcome new starters to our school. Our pupils always go out of their way to make any new class members feel welcome and it is so important to get over those 'first day nerves'. It was also fantastic to see so many new faces at our first Friends of Woodland Grange meeting. Our parents association does an amazing job raising money for the benefit of everyone at school. If you can spare some time to help at any of the planned events this year please get in touch (see page 2). We have been talking in assemblies about having the right attitude to learning at school; trying new things, challenging yourself and not worrying about making mistakes are all key messages that we want all children to remember throughout the year. Finally a big thank you to all parents that attended our curriculum evenings this year. There was some very positive feedback to all the practical hints and tips for supporting learning at home—something that we value immensely at school.

Surf's up for Year 6

Year 6 had a brilliant time on their residential trip to **Outdoor Adventure** in Bude. It is the third year that we have run the trip and looking at the selection of photos below it is clear to see why we keep going back. The landscape is beautiful, the activities are challenging (and a bit scary!) and the staff at the centre make us feel very welcome. Staff at the centre have commented to us about the behaviour and attitude of your children, saying they are a credit to you and the school. Finally we have to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff who made the trip possible including Mrs Bailey who organises the trip from school. Here are some quotes from our fantastic year 6s...

'Bude was brilliant. I loved the activities. Most of them I did for the first time.'

'I thought it would be scary being away from my family but I gained confidence and enjoyed myself.'

'Bude is great – you have to go! I conquered my fear of the sea and the food was amazing too!'

'My favourite activity was definitely body boarding because it was fun and even though the waves were huge I really enjoyed it.'



Moving on up...

We are very proud to announce that Woodland Grange has achieved the Bronze **ModeShift Stars** award. The award is given to schools who have demonstrated excellence towards cycling, walking and sustainable travel. We are keen to promote walking to school, using public transport for trips and cycle training for pupils at our school. Well done to everyone involved in supporting the work that has gone in to this accolade. We have also been well supported by Tom from the

Choose How
You Move team
at Leics CC.
Congratulations all round!



All Things FOWG

It was lovely to welcome some new faces to our first parents' association meeting of the new school year. The upcoming events for the year were planned and all dates are on the website calendar. The next meeting is **Thursday 24th October** (7pm in the staffroom). We hope that lots of parents will volunteer for the upcoming Halloween discos (**Friday 1st November**).

Contact the Friends: fowg@woodlandgrange.leics.sch.uk



Triathlon Success

Well done to one of our past pupils who recently completed his first triathlon! He made it round the course in just over 143 mins and finished 13th overall. An amazing result that also raised £150 for charity.

We love hearing about successes that any of our former pupils go on to achieve.



Parking Issues

We are continuing to receive photographs of parents not following the parking rules outside school.

As you can quite clearly see in this photo, this car has chosen to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school.

The lines are there to keep the area immediately outside school clear and safe for pedestrians to cross. We have children coming into preschool as well as parents with younger siblings coming through the gates before and after school.

Please do not park on the zig zags.



Beavers and Cubs

A reminder that Beavers and Cubs are meeting every Thursday between 6pm and 8pm in the school hall. Come along and join in the fun!



Morning drop off

A reminder to all parents not to drop off any children before 8.30am in the playground. We understand that it is difficult for parents to drop off one child for a before school club and then do the normal school run but we cannot have children left in the playground at that time of the morning. Thank you.

Yoga

Yoga sessions will be continuing to run in the school hall every Tuesday beginning at 6.30pm. The sessions are open to anyone (beginner to expert) and will cost £6.00 per session.

Mats can be provided.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

Pedal Power!

A huge thank you to **Mr Flanagan** who has been working with some of our parents on a cycling safety course.

Mr Flanagan is an approved cycle instructor and as well as working full time in the classroom he has taught many children how to ride, supported cycling across the school and been a keen advocate for all things 2 wheeled!



Recently he has also helped to coordinate and run **Bikeability** cycle training for Year 6 pupils as well as running the ever popular **Woodland Wheelers**.

Dates for your diary:

3rd October: Parents evening (4-7pm)

7th October: Parents evening (4-6pm)

9th October: Parents evening (3.30-5pm)

10th October: Parents evening (preschool)

Wb 14th October: Half term

24th October: FOWG meeting

Wb 11th November: Anti-Bullying Week

15th November: Children in Need

Wb 18th November: Road Safety Week

All dates can be found on the school website. Visit www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk and click on the calendar on the homepage...