



# Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER March 2020

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## Spring has Sprung!

It seems as though the awful weather of late is finally changing and things are settling down to a more seasonal picture for this time of year. Bulbs are beginning to bloom, birds can be heard in the early mornings and even the sun is beginning to (occasionally) shine, it does feel like Spring is here!

At school it has been a busy time. World Book Day reminded us all about the power of books. We have also had great news regarding our entry in the Poetry by Heart competition with Dishan getting through to the finals in London. We also marked another Sport Relief at school. The children looked very active and sporty and we have raised another fantastic amount for this worthwhile cause.

It was wonderful to welcome parents in to our assemblies as part of British Science week. This week is a celebration of all things science, technology, engineering and maths. The children enjoyed listening to the assemblies which included details about jobs and careers in each field and learnt a lot about different STEM areas.

We couldn't conclude this newsletter without mentioning the terrible, developing situation that is unfolding across our country, the Coronavirus. We have been keeping everyone as well informed as we can and are taking steps to minimise risk at school and keep everyone as safe as we can. Please see recent parentmail messages and news stories on the website for an up to date picture.

## Year 2 visit to the library

Year 2 had a brilliant visit to Oadby library earlier this term. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic local library in Oadby. The staff are incredibly friendly, they have a wonderfully broad selection of books and even lend out other items such as e-books, comics and DVDs! To keep up to date with the library visit:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/find-a-library/oadby-library>

## Parking

Thankyou to everyone for supporting **Active Travel** month during March. Teachers have been recording how many children are walking, cycling or scooting to school. We will share the results with parents (and the trophy winning class) in a future newsletter.

Travelling without using the car obviously helps with congestion outside school (amongst many other benefits). We are still receiving photos of bad parking from parents.

**Please do not park on the zig-zag lines outside of school or block driveways of local residents or paths and pavements.**

Thank you



## PE update

It has been an incredibly busy time for sport at WGPS and we have had children representing our school in many different competitions:

In **football** we began the defence of the Oadby & Wigston Cup with a 4-2 win against Parklands. In the **cross country** finals we had children taking part in the Oadby & Wigston team. The conditions were truly awful! Mud, rain, wind and even hail could not deter the runners and we were immensely proud of every single competitor. In **gymnastics** we entered 3 teams for the recent Key Steps competition at Aylestone leisure centre. Everyone did well and our combined Year 3/4 team made it through to the County finals at Oakham. We also sent a team to the 'Quicksticks' **hockey** competition at Wigston Academy. The Year 3/4 team really enjoyed the experience and showed great team spirit. We also had great success at the recent **dodgeball** tournament. Our team finished second overall and were the highest placed Oadby & Wigston team meaning another appearance in a final for WGPS!

**Huge thanks to all the staff who volunteered to coach the children and take them to the competitions and also for the amazing parental support—great examples to the children.**

## FoWG

To coincide with World Book Day the Friends recently organised a 'Crafty Book' event which was well attended. There were plenty of activities for the children to enjoy and some yummy cakes baked by members of FoWG.

We are also looking forward to the Easter discos. Don't forget to design and wear your Easter themed hats, prizes for the best on display.

Don't forget that the Fun Day is happening on Sunday 5th July. FoWG always need lots of volunteers, get in touch and make sure your name is on the list.





### Sport relief

Sport Relief was very well supported at school this year. On Friday 13th March the children came to school in their sporty clothes and brought in a £1 donation. We set up a Sport Relief mile course around the playground and children walked, jogged, jumped and ran laps around the course with many going further than the mile distance!



We are still receiving some donations and will let parents know the overall total in the next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your brilliant support with this important charity. Sport Relief helps millions of individuals in the UK and around the World. Without our help it would be an impossible task.



### **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!

### **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**

### **World Book Day 2020**

The children looked amazing in their book character inspired costumes for World Book Day this year.

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's education and this year we wanted to '**Share a Million Stories**'. Each child has been recording their own story shares at home and at school. We will keep parents informed on how many stories have been shared and hopefully we will get to the magic million by the end of the month.

During World Book Day many of the adults in school shared a story with a small group of pupils. Everyone got involved from teachers to support and lunchtime staff, it was wonderful to see so much reading going on.

Don't forget we will be continuing with our half termly reading champions. New champions will be selected before the end of term (as well as the Spring term book voucher winner). The School Council will also be reorganising their book sale. We have now had more donations so this will hopefully be happening very soon (we will send out a message ahead of the sale).



Please remember to continue to support the **Oadby & Wigston Food Bank**.

You can drop off any donations in the collection box by the office (near the main entrance to school). They are in desperate need of any dried or tinned food (especially meat or fish). No fresh or chilled food. The next collection from school will be March 27th.

**Thank you**



### **Important Dates:**

23rd & 24th March:	Class photos (postponed)
27th March:	FOWG Easter discos
3rd April:	End of term

### *Following the outbreak of the Coronavirus*

For the time being **ALL** trips & visits are cancelled until further notice. Before and after school clubs will continue to run as will Owl's Hoot, preschool and any after school tuition.

*All dates can be found on the school website. Please be aware that these are subject to change. To keep up to date visit [www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk](http://www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk) and click on the calendar on the homepage...*