



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ May 2021

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It is with renewed optimism that we find ourselves zooming into the final months of the school year. Some restrictions have already been lifted and we are all looking forward to the proposed final stage at the end of June. Whilst life at school has remained largely similar, there have been a few signs that things are changing. We welcomed in Zoolab who brought in some exotic visitors to see the children in years 1, 2 and 3. Whilst we made sure the experience was COVID secure and no mixing of year groups took place, we also wanted the children to get as much from the experience as possible.



We also hope parents and carers enjoyed receiving their child's school report. We are still optimistic that we can organise a final parents evening before the end of term to discuss not just the report, but also give you a progress update and discuss any concerns that you may have.

Finally you will notice that there is an 'active' theme to this month's newsletter. We have to acknowledge the amazing successes of our local sports teams. Well done to Leicester City for winning the FA cup (the first time in their 135 year history) and Leicester Riders who became this year's British Basketball champions.

Have a wonderful half term break! See you back at school on Monday 7th June

We are reminding parents and carers of the following measures:

- Please remember to wear a mask at all times on the school site and stay socially distant
- Follow the one way system at drop off and pick up times
- Make sure that you stick to the staggered start and end times



The Friends of Woodland Grange are still working hard, raising funds for school. The Schools Lottery has been their main project throughout the year, if you haven't registered yet follow the link [here](#) to join.

Normally, at this time of year, the Friends would now be organising the annual Fun Day, however with some restrictions still in place and the developing situation in the City, they have had to sadly cancel it for the second year running. However, FOWG are still hoping to run an event towards the end of term (single year group following COVID guidance). We will notify you of the details soon...

Active travel Month

With May coming to a close we wanted to say thank you to everyone that walked, scooted or rode to school. The results will be collected and checked during half term and we will feedback in the next newsletter.

Let's Get Active!

One sign of the improving picture around school is the return of outside sport coaches, coming into school to work with our children. We have been lucky enough to welcome in staff from Leicestershire County Cricket to coach pupils in Year 2 and 5. The children learnt and practised different cricket skills and even played some games. Leicester Tigers came in and worked with Year 4 and Year 1 have had sessions learning racquet skills. We are also looking forward to a 'Ninja Warrior' day for children in Key Stage 1 which is happening next month, very exciting!



Mr Evans entered teams for the Virtual Quad Cup Olympics. Individually, we did incredibly well (see below) with children competing against their peers in the South Leics. area. Overall the 'Oadby & Wigston Wolves' (of which we are part) won the entire competition, amazing!

Miss Jackson also entered our very own 'Strictly Kidz' for a virtual dance showcase, organised by our Local School Sports Partnership (LSLSSP). The event was streamed on Wednesday 26th May, visit the LSLSSP YouTube channel.

Results for the **Virtual Quad Cup Olympics**:

Year 1 teams finished in 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the **Tennis Ball Relay**. In Year 2 we also had one team finish 1st in the same event. In the **Chest Pass Challenge** we had individuals finish 3rd in Year 3, 4 and 6. In **Skipping** we had children finish 2nd in Year 5 and 2nd & 3rd in Year 6. Finally we had a team in Year 6 finish 1st in the **Torch Relay**.

Well done to all the children that took part and represented our school as part of the Oadby and Wigston Wolves!

It's the Final Countdown!



We are very excited about the launch of our very own Woodland Grange rocket. You may remember in the last newsletter we mentioned that Mrs Turner has organised for the school to take part in the Loros Rocket Round Leicester art trail. The trail will see 40 giant rockets placed around Leicester and a miniature trail of 'Junior Jets' placed around cultural hubs across the city. At the moment all locations are top secret and we will let everyone know as soon as the location has been revealed. Everyone at school has worked incredibly hard on the rocket with every year group (including pre-school) represented in some way. We cannot wait to see it on the trail!

LOROS is a local charity which cares for people across Leicestershire. They help families living with terminal illness and make sure that they make the most of the time they have left.

We want to support them as much as possible and are organising some fund raisers at school before the end of the year.

There is also a dedicated JustGiving page. Click [here](#) if you would like to make a donation.



We would like to thank the families and staff at the Land of Learning primary & nursery school in Evington for their kind 'Ramadan in a box' gifts for each year group in school. There was a mix of activities, information and treats for this special time of year.



Parking Issues

We will continue to monitor parking around school at pick up and drop off times. With Active Travel Month coming to a close, it is an important reminder of the effects of increased traffic around school. We are still aware that parents are blocking residents driveways and parking too close to junctions. One issue that we have had to deal recently, is parking at the junction between Beaufort Way and Hunters Way. Parents have been parking on both sides of the road (sometimes not actually close enough to the kerb) which has led to the local bus getting stuck. This, in turn, has led to traffic build up along both roads. Please remember if you parking along Beaufort Way, be aware of parked cars on the other side of the road and ensure you are parked at least 10m away from the junction.

Preventing a bus from turning into Beaufort Way is bad enough, but if it were an emergency vehicle that was stuck, the results would be incredibly serious.

We would ask all parents to challenge bad parking when you see it. Email in any photos to the school office email address.



Walk

Cycle

Scot

Park with Care

Staffing Changes

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this half term. **Mrs Dent** who supports in Year 3 has been a great member of the team and we shall miss her. She is leaving to spend more time at home, looking after her grandchildren. **Mrs Healey** is also moving on. She has worked at the school for a number of years and in a number of roles. She is focussing her time on her own dance business and we wish her good luck for the future.

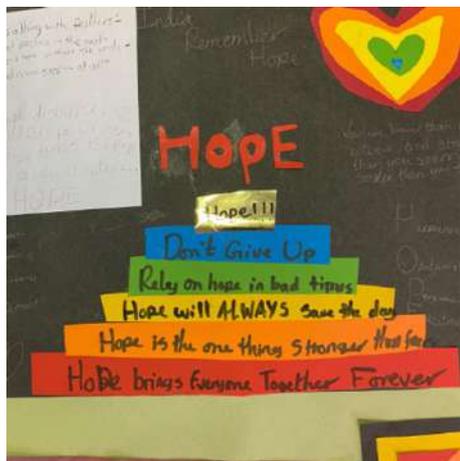
We are delighted to have **Miss Pickering** joining us to support in Year 3 after the half term break. She has worked in school already and we are looking forward to welcoming her in for the remainder of term. We are also welcoming back **Mrs Smith**, who is returning from maternity leave. She will moving into Year 1 alongside **Miss Hageman**, taking over from **Miss Wyatt** and **Mrs Bryan** for the final part of the summer term. We know parents will join us in saying thank you to both Miss Wyatt and Mrs Bryan for doing a brilliant job teaching the class since Miss Rose started her maternity leave.

Recycling

A reminder that we are still collecting pens, pencils, highlighters and correction fluid containers to be recycled on behalf of COG Youth Services.

COG Youth Services is a Leicester based volunteer run social enterprise. They support young people in a range of activities. By supporting them, we are supporting local, young people.

Sending messages of hope to children in India



It has been a sober reminder to everyone in school, watching the unfolding story of the COVID pandemic in India. Recently the situation in the UK has been much more positive with increased testing, vaccinations for most of the adult population and a fall in both positive cases and COVID related deaths. However, we recognise that the story of the global pandemic is still far from finished and many people continue to suffer the effects of this terrible virus.

We were contacted by one of our Year 5 parents who wanted to organise for our children to send messages of hope to children living in India. The idea was to 'lift the spirits of children who are facing a desperate situation'. Mrs Ravat went on to say that "As well as doing the practical things to help people, I believe we have a moral obligation to help with improving mental health and

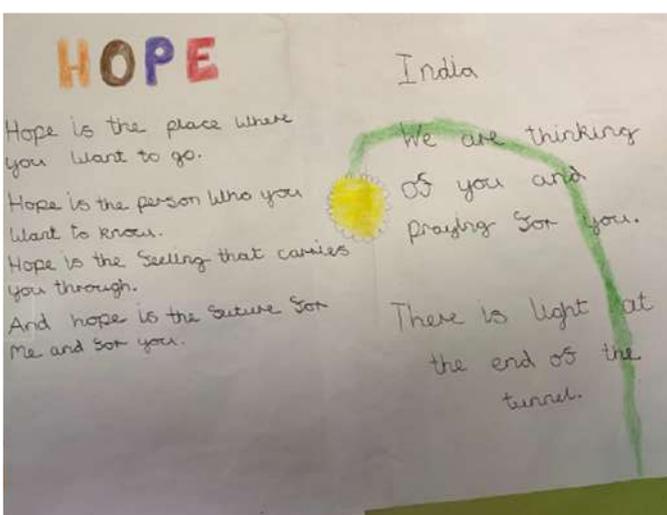
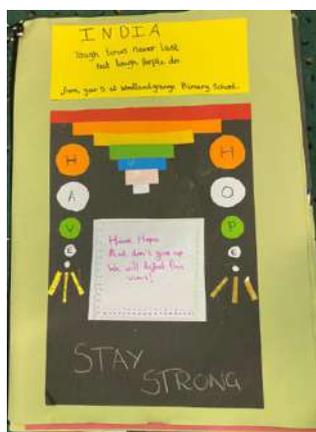
spiritual strength. The idea for the Year 5 children was an example of showing another country that we are in solidarity with them despite being so far away".

Year 5 staff organised for the children to create poems and drawings, which was presented by Mr Healey and a group of pupils, during a live webinar with the Consular General of India – Dr. Shashank Vikram and the Chair of the Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire – Mr Resham Singh Sandhu. Dr Vikram explained that he will share the work with schools in India. Mr Sandhu commented, "This was such a thoughtful way of British children expressing love and unity for Indian children who are facing a desperate situation. I was very humbled to have attended the webinar and to have heard the children speak so beautifully about hope overcoming despair".



We are incredibly proud of the pupils and staff in Year 5 for the wonderful messages of hope and the caring attitude that have shown to children on the other side of the World.

The presentation of year 5 work to the Consul General of India by Mr Sandhu.



Diary dates:

Remember that all dates can be found on the school website calendar (look on the homepage)

7th June: Start of term

5th & 6th July: Secondary school transition days (Year 6 pupils out)

9th July: End of term

25th August: School returns