

Woodlands News



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Finally, our Christmas break has arrived, and I'd like to wish you all the most relaxing and enjoyable festive holiday.

I also wanted to share some thoughts with you, that are worth noting at this time of year.

I know, as parents, you may feel pressure to create a 'perfect magical Christmas'. I am guessing you want to give your children the best presents and share the 'magic' of Santa. But I have a secret to share...Please remember, when the children come back to school in January, they tell us all about the Christmas holidays. They tell us about the days when you all stayed indoors and watched TV together. They tell us about the walks in the freezing cold, to collect a KFC, about seeing Nans and Grandads, having lie-ins and being able to snuggle together, in your bed. They talk about how you played cards for pennies, how they went swimming, saw friends and got to stay up really, really late on New Year's Eve. They tell us about how you let them stay in their PJs on some days and how you went for a trip out on others. They sometimes talk about their gifts, but it is always clear to the staff and I... Christmas for our children, is all about you and your love and TIME and routines and FEELING SAFE. You are what matters to them; you are always their favourite thing.

This term has been a long one and the children and staff are tired. I am sure you will join me in thanking both, the whole Woodies' team and the Friends of Woodlands for their amazing work this term. On behalf of the staff and I, I want to thank you for your continued support for us all here at Woodlands. Working together to get children here everyday, on time and supporting learning at home is vital - and very much appreciated.



This week has been incredibly busy and festive!! The Woodlands choir helped the residents of Bennet's House feel the Christmas spirit, with beautiful Christmas songs, Years 1 to 4 invited parents in to school for a Christmas themes stay and learn, followed by some Christmas singing on the playground and Year 5 and 6 hosted a Christmas



Service in St Michael's Church, filling the building with wonderful songs and readings about the meaning of Christmas. If that all wasn't enough to get people in the Christmas spirit, the children also enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner, a visit from Santa, who brought chocolate for everyone, and class parties across school!

What a busy week!



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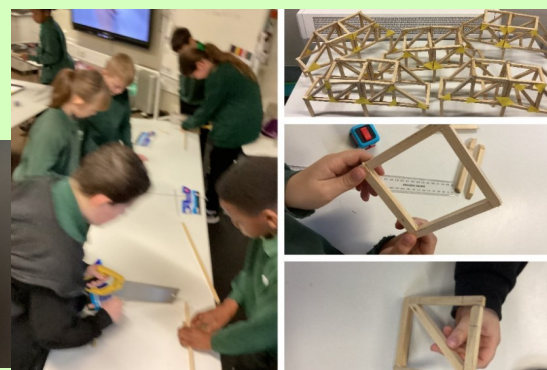
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Christmas raffle hampers, and those people who bought tickets! The classes worked very hard to make the hampers look AMAZING and the winners have now been drawn! Well done to those lucky people! Thanks to our fabulous PTA for organising and raising a staggering £720.50 to support Woodlands!!

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The children in Upper Key Stage 2 have been learning and applying a variety of Design and Technology skills this week. In Year 5 the children have been learning about structures; in particular Truss bridges. They have selected appropriate tools and equipment, independently measured and marked wood accurately and have used the correct techniques to saw safely. The children are now proud bridge builders who have identified where their structure needed reinforcement. In year 6, the children have learned a variety of sticking techniques, using these to put together carefully designed cushions. Designed were created, templates made and fabric decorated- resulting in some very professionally made cushions. Well done everyone!



Congratulations to our Smyths voucher winners!



Dates for your diary:

Fri 22nd Dec	LAST DAY!!CHRSTMAS JUMPERS!!
Mon Jan 8th	PD DAY
Tues 9th Jan	Children start School
Thurs 11th Jan	Young Voices-Choir
Thurs 11th Jan	KS2 arrows competition
Fri 19th Jan	Year 1/2 Books with Breakfast
Mon 22nd Jan	Y6 Arthog Residential



If you have not yet signed up for 'Class Dojo' please speak to your child's teacher. This is a great way to keep in touch with school, have access to important information and keep up to date with your child's learning!

All dates, information and school information is also available on our school website:

<https://www.woodlands-sch.org.uk/>