

## How to contact the school

Just a quick reminder of the ways you can communicate with the school:

- ✓ Speak to the class teacher or learning support assistant at the start and end of the school day
- ✓ Email the office at enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk
- ✓ Leave a message on EduLink
- ✓ Leave a message using Class Dojo
- ✓ Send a letter in with your child
- ✓ Speak to Ms Humphreys or Miss Jermy in the office.
- ✓ Leave a message on the answerphone if there is nobody available.

## Attendance

At Woodlands Primary Academy we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%, the national attendance figure. For the week before half term, the whole school's attendance was **94.29%**.

The highest class in Reception and KS1 was 1G with 96.7%; they will be joined by Pearl the teddy in their class for the week.

The highest in KS2 was 3SC with 99.6% and they are joined by Geoff the giraffe!

## School Dinners

The week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November will be Week 2 of the menu.



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## 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a safe half term break. We find ourselves yet again in a difficult lockdown situation - fortunately our children can continue to have the routine of school to help them through.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November via Teams. More details will follow next week, telling you dates and how to book your appointment using Edulink.

## Working together - COVID 19

We have now had a confirmed case of Covid amongst the staff. The member of staff was tested Wednesday and results came back to school yesterday afternoon. I would like to thank the Reception parents for coming in to collect their children quickly and calmly. The staff member was not in any bubbles other than Nursery and Reception, so they are the only affected year groups.

As Track and Trace is being used more, we have several members of staff off school self-isolating after being contacted using the Track and Trace app. The app lets you know when it is safe to return to work. It was for this reason we had to close the Nursery on Tuesday; we did not have enough Nursery staff to comply with the ratios needed for children of that age.



Moving forward, this is going to continue to be an issue throughout the school. Just today, four more members of staff - myself included - have received Track and Trace messages telling them to stay at home and isolate. So far only 1 member of staff has had any symptoms and tested positive; the rest of us have no symptoms.

To further ensure the safety of the children, parents and staff, can I remind you to please remember that all adults should be wearing a face covering or mask on school site, including drop off and pick up times and when you visit the office. Please make sure that your children stay with you at the end of the day and do not mix with children from other year groups, unless they are siblings. Thank you for your continued support.

### Children in Need

We will be raising money for Children in Need in school next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. We will be holding a non-school uniform/Pudsey day for £1. All donations will go directly to Children in Need.



### PINK Orange

Does your household receive free school meals? We have been made aware of @PINKOrangeUK. They can help support your family during the forthcoming December school holidays with their free ingredients list service. Find out more by watching <https://youtu.be/4kfobz96fzo>. Registrations are now open at [www.pinkorange.co.uk](http://www.pinkorange.co.uk).

### Black History Month

Before half term, Year 5 painted the ladies from the book 'Hidden Figures' - Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Coleman and Christine Darden, for Black History Month.





They also learnt about Martin Luther King and 5R have rewritten part of his speech.

### I have a dream

I have a dream that one day covid will be no more,  
That we will be able to mix bubbles,  
That families and friends can mix freely again,  
I have a dream today.

I have a dream that shopping with masks will stop,  
People will be able to travel abroad on holiday,  
That no-one will have to self-isolate,  
I have a dream today.

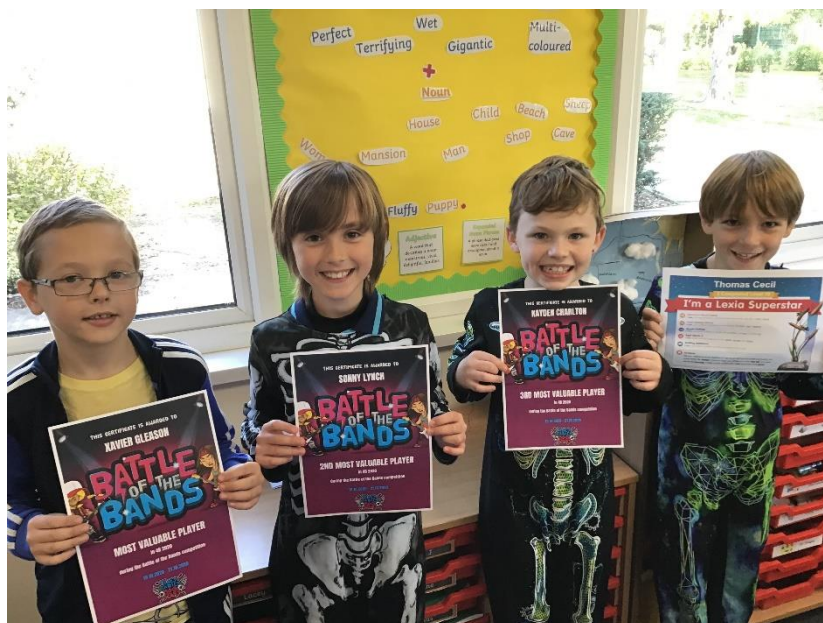
I have a dream that panic buying will stop and there will be enough for everybody,  
That covid testing will become history  
That there will be a vaccine and no-one else will die,  
I have a dream today.

By 5R

Inspired by 'I have a dream' speech by Martin Luther King

### What's been happening this week...

TTrockStars MVP's for the last battle before half term where 4B took their 3<sup>rd</sup> win of Autumn!

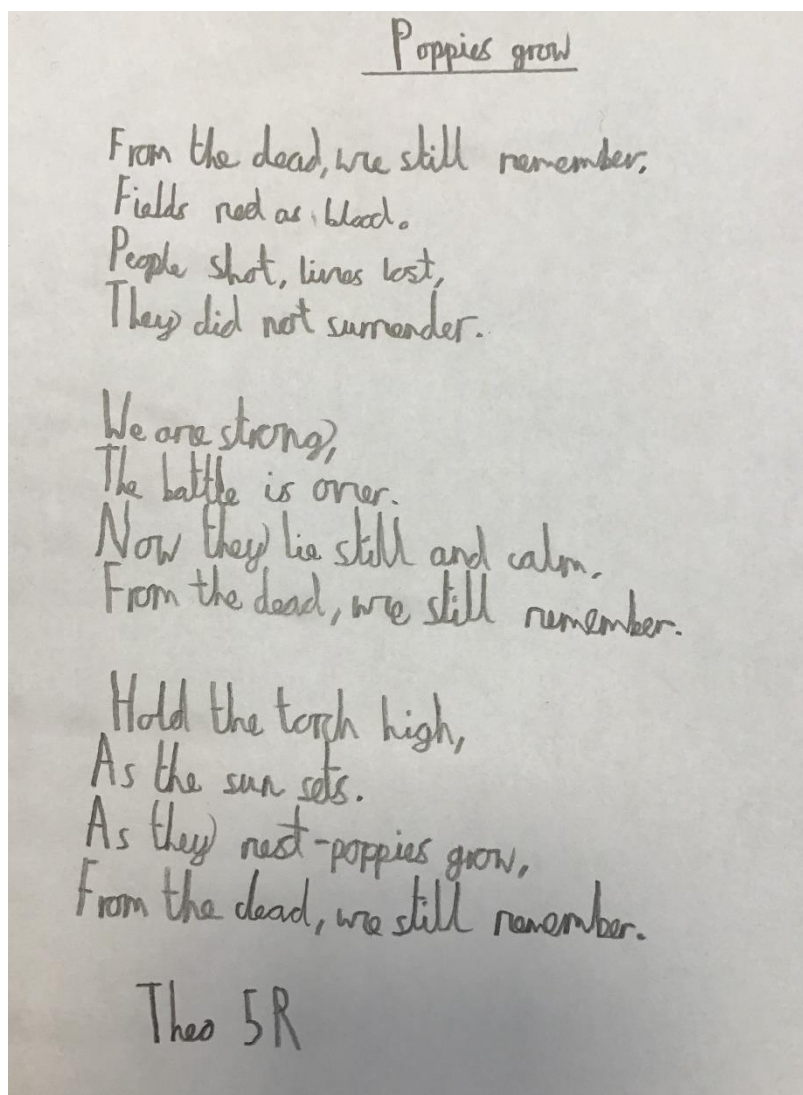






Theo in Year 5 has made an Anderson shelter as part of his home learning.

Theo in 5R has written emotive poetry as part of the topic on World War 2.





This week, in Reception, the children have been creating lots of beautiful firework art. They have explored colour mixing to create beautiful bonfire pictures! The children have also been using their gross motor skills to create a collaborative piece of large-scale firework art. They experimented with making different marks such as splats, lines, circles and spots on a large piece of paper. The results were amazing!

