

## 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](mailto:enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk)
- ✓ Leave a message on Arbor
- ✓ Leave a message using Class Dojo
- ✓ Send a letter in with your child
- ✓ Speak to Mx Humphreys, Mrs Aldred or Miss Jermy in the office between 8.30am and 4pm.
- ✓ Leave a message on the answerphone if there is nobody available. Our number is 01493 665314.

## Attendance

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

Our whole school attendance target this year is 95.5%. For the week ending Friday 13th January, the whole school's attendance was 93.8%

The highest class in Reception and KS1 was 1R with 99.7%; they will be joined by Pearl the teddy in their class for the week.

The highest class in KS2 was 3T with 98.7% and they will be joined by Geoff the giraffe!

## School Dinners

The week commencing Monday 23rd January will be Week 3 of the menu.



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## 20 January 2023

This week I have been impressed with some children in year 4, who were explaining circuits to me in their science lesson and how they were able to make the bulb light up! I have also seen some excellent newspaper articles from year 3, as well as some science where they have been learning about photosynthesis and how plants make food! It is a privilege to walk around the school and see all the interesting things our children are learning - the behaviour has really improved and children are always ready to share what they have been doing.

Our focus as a school continues to be on reading. It is vitally important all our children learn to read fluently, and to understand what they are reading. It is a life skill and helps them to learn in every lesson across the curriculum. We have started using Read Write Inc to teach early reading - it was great to see so many parents at the information sessions. If you could not make the session, information will be sent home on Class Dojo. Please try and hear your children read daily for about 10 minutes, and record it on Boom reader. Thank you.

## Behaviour procedures

At Woodlands, we promote excellent behaviour for learning and have high expectations of the children. Our behaviour procedures reflect this (attached to this newsletter). There are times when a child may attend Restart as part of a consequence to choices they have made. Previously, this would have been logged on Edulink

but now it is logged onto Arbor. Due to the change of system. Arbor communicates this to you via SMS, which Edulink did not do. If you receive a text about a behaviour incident, please discuss it with your child's class teacher or another adult in the classroom at the end of the day or via Class Dojo. If there is ever a more serious incident involving your child or something that requires you to know immediately, you will be called by the school.

### General Communication

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. You can catch them at the door or you can send them a message on Dojo.

If this does not resolve your issue, please speak to the office so we can pass your concern on to a member of Senior Leadership Team.

### SEND update

A reminder that we have our next Support, Empower, Network café scheduled for Monday 23 January. Norfolk Autism and ADHD Network will be speaking at this café via a video link.

Start: drop in anytime between 8.30am - 9.00am

Speaker: 9.00am - 9.30am

Closing 9.30am

Our Sensory Room is beginning to come together but we are short a few things and wanted to reach out to see if any parents could help! If any of you have the following you would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it.

We need the following items:

\*Small outside storage unit

\*Plastic storage tub/ storage box to store games



If you have any of the above and would be happy for us to use in our Sensory Room, please pop me a message. I can be reached on everyone's Dojo :)

Miss Jowett

## Spanish Day

We will be having a Spanish Day on Wednesday 25 January. For the day, children are encouraged to wear traditional Spanish clothing or red and yellow clothes to represent the Spanish flag

## Sports News

If your child wants to take part in an afterschool sports club, please make sure you sign them up on Arbor as well as paying on ParentPay. We use the list of attendees on Arbor to send out communications about clubs, so if your child's name is not on there you may miss messages.

## What's been happening in school...

Year 6 are beginning to learn the P-bone and trumpet in their music lessons this half term.



This half term Year 6 are studying light. On Wednesday, they made their own periscopes to help them understand reflection.

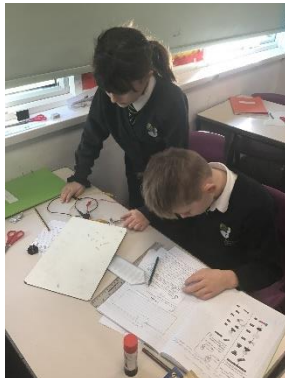




In Year 4's final Bushcraft session, they discussed some of the basics of First Aid and learnt about the importance of knowing what to do in emergencies. The children were taught about the steps of what to do when finding someone who is injured or unwell, and how to put someone in the recovery position.



To build on their understanding of Electricity, Year 4 were tasked with building their own circuits. They also completed an experiment with materials around the classroom, testing which materials were conductors or insulators. They had a great lesson with children challenging themselves and building on their knowledge.





This term in Science, Year 2 are studying plants. So far they have learnt the difference between a seed and a bulb, and they understand that roots grow down to get more water and shoots grow upwards towards the light. They are now investigating if the way up they plant a bulb makes a difference to its growth.

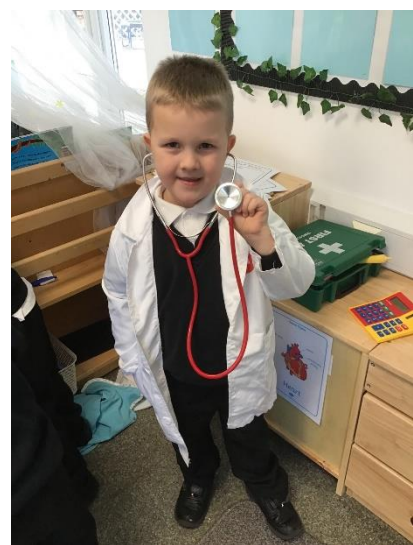


Nursery have been looking at how Lunar New Year is celebrated in China. They have tried some Chinese food, and made lots of Chinese crafts including lucky red envelopes called ang pao packets and Chinese lanterns, and as it's going to be the year of the rabbit they have found out lots of information about rabbits.





This week RD have continued learning about their bodies and answering the children's questions. One of the questions was "what are the names of our bones?". With the help of the class skeleton Scully they found out all about bones, how to look after them, some of their names and some facts too. The children couldn't believe they had more bones than adults! They have read the book Funny Bones and had lots of skeleton related activities in class. The class medical centre has been super busy with many high temperatures, poorly heads and broken bones! Thank goodness the patients have been good and the doctors and nurses have taken good care of them. Next they will be looking at their teeth and their hearts!



## Dates for your diary

More details will follow for future events will follow in due course

Monday 23 January	8.30-9.30 SEND Cafe
Wednesday 25 January	Spanish Day
Friday 3 February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9 February	Reception screening catch up
Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February	Half Term
Wednesday 15 March	Young Carers Action Day
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 17 April	Start of Summer Term - children return to school



A chance for a chat and to  
meet the 4 legged residents.

We will be at **Aylsham** the  
**first** Friday of every month.

Then at **Fritton** the **last**  
Friday of every month



Redwings Horse  
Sanctuary, Spa  
Lane, Aylsham,  
NR11 6UE

**Both Locations**

- Disabled parking
- Disabled toilets
- Free parking
- Dogs on leads welcome
- Gift shop
- Cafe
- Open to anyone aged 16+
- No booking required



Redwings Horse  
Sanctuary,  
Caldecott Hall,  
Beccles Rd, Fritton  
NR31 9EY



# Redwings Social





# ALL TO PLAY FOR

- Weekly football sessions
- Open to men aged over 18
- Learn new skills on and off the pitch
- Meet new people
- Be supported by your team-mates

**FREE  
FOOTBALL,  
JUST TURN UP!**

**MONDAYS**

Open Academy, Salhouse Road,  
Norwich NR7 9DL,  
8:00-9:00pm

Please wear  
suitable clothing  
and trainers

**TUESDAYS**

Alive Lynnsport, King's Lynn,  
PE30 2NB  
*This session is run by  
Alive West Norfolk*  
1:00pm-2:00pm

**WEDNESDAYS**

The FDC, Bowthorpe Park,  
Norwich, NR5 9ED  
1:30-2:30pm

**THURSDAYS**

Great Yarmouth Town FC,  
Marina Leisure Centre, Marine  
Parade, Great Yarmouth NR30 2ER  
1.30pm-2.30pm

**NEW  
location &  
time!**

**THURSDAYS**

GOALS Norwich, Hewitt School,  
Hall Road, NR1 2GB,  
1:30-2:30pm



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