

Woodthorpe Primary School

Headteacher: Mr James McGann
Chair of Governors: Mrs Amanda Atkins

Our school is a happy, exciting and caring community in which each child thrives.

Friday 6th May 2022

Welcome to our first summer term newsletter! Looking through this week's newsletter it is great to see how so many children's have been learning outdoors. We have also had two weeks of science throughout the school, we don't think there are any mini beasts left in Woodthorpe after Reception have been hunting them every day!

Please have a look at the date's section of the newsletter – we have sports day back on this year along with transition day and even our summer fair.

Next week is SATs week for our year 6 pupils. We are so proud of the efforts they have all made towards these assessments. We wish them all good luck and know that they will do their absolute best.



The Big Spring Clean!

Our green clean team are back again and this time tackled our school field and the KS2 playground. Our group of eco-warriors are incredibly passionate about keeping our school site clean and with our forest now in regular use, we were keen to clean up this area in particular.

Well done to our year 3 team, we are always so proud to hear about your enthusiasm for keeping our communities green!



Platinum Jubilee – Friday 27th May 2022

Woodthorpe will be having a right royal celebration on Friday the 27th of May! Children are invited to come into school dressed in red, white and/or blue non-uniform. Children do not need to bring in any money, however, if parents wish, we would really appreciate any donations of chocolate and sweets for this year's summer fair sweet treat tombola Thursday 14th July 22.

On the 27th of May we will be offering a special picnic lunch for all of our children, along with games and activities celebrating her Majesty's 70 year long reign. We can't wait to see everybody's Great British outfits!



Nursery

What a wonderful start we have made to the Summer term in Nursery! It has been so lovely to be back together again and we feel so lucky and happy to have welcomed some new friends into our class too. We have had two very fun-filled weeks learning all about the great outdoors and what we can find in our garden! The Spring showers and sunny spells have been absolutely perfect for our planting and growing play. Have a look at where our learning has taken us...

Planting and Growing "Where do potatoes come from?"

We started our new topic by having a big think about this question. Some of us were extremely confident that they come from the shops, whilst a few children wondered whether they just might come from a special place called Potato Land! Our learning then took us in lots of different directions. We went on a little visit to Mrs Percy's garden and did some planting of our own. We watched some videos which showed us how root vegetables grow underground and we even used our investigative skills to look closely at the different parts of a plant and draw them. Bobby has developed a fantastic passion for flowers and spent his Easter spending money on a 'flower spotting' book. Now, he spends all of his spare time searching for beautiful blooms and learning their special names - what a super star!



Fantastic fruit

Whilst thinking about what grows in our garden, we started to talk about fruits! We looked at lots of different fruits and chose our favourites. In the Art Studio we did some printing and looked at the different shapes and patterns each fruit produces. In the water tray, we made some delicious lemonade and used our fine motor skills to squeeze cupfuls of yummy lemon juice. Making fruit kebabs was one of our favourite activities and our teachers were so impressed with our independence whilst preparing these. We were able to cut up the fruit all by ourselves and spent a very long time concentrating too.



Shoutouts - Ducklings

We would like to give a huge shoutout to **Bobby** this week for his love of learning and wonderful passion for our topic. Today, he told me that his favourite flowers are "tulips and forget-me-nots" and the photo above shows the gorgeous tulips he has grown at home! Well done Bobby!

We are also bursting with pride for all of our **new starters** at Nursery! All of the children have started to settle in amazingly well and have really impressed us with their resilience and kindness. We're sure that we are going to have such a brilliant time together and are so excited for the journey to begin!

Reception

Making a Wormery

In Reception we have really enjoyed learning all about minibeasts. One of our favourite minibeasts is a worm! Reception love to dig and explore what they can find. We have enjoyed creating our very own wormeries, looking at worms up close and learning facts about worms including that they are members of the annelids group.



Exploring Number

In Reception we love exploring numbers in different ways, recently we have enjoyed exploring the composition of numbers from 10 - 20 using the Numicon and by playing the classic game - 'Snakes and Ladders'. We have been working lots on counting to 20 and beyond!



Minibeasts!

Reception have loved learning all about minibeasts! We have been on lots of minibeast hunts outside, had a special visit from some caterpillars, enjoyed making minibeasts out of playdough and created some beautiful symmetrical butterfly paintings. We have also investigated different creatures, learnt the scientific term for minibeasts – invertebrates and explored how to identify different minibeasts. It has been fascinating!



Shout outs - Cygnets

Elle-Mai - For making such a super start in Cygnets class. You are such a happy, polite and enthusiastic member of our class and you have settled in so well. We are lucky to have you, well done Elle-Mai!

Levi - For his fantastic work in phonics. Levi, you work so hard every day, practising your sounds. Your perseverance and determination is really paying off and we are so proud of you. Great work Levi!

Shout outs - Goslings

Lara - For your amazing start in Goslings! You have blown us away with your politeness and eagerness to join in. Well done for such a fantastic start in Goslings and making so many new friends.

Elijah - For your amazing investigative skills exploring minibeasts and telling us all about them! It is amazing to hear all your knowledge about lots of bugs and being so enthusiastic to learn. Well done Elijah!

Year 1

Kingfisher - PE

This summer term, we have started our new P.E topic 'Hit, catch and run'. Our first lesson consisted of us becoming familiar with an overarm throw and an underarm throw. We practised these on the playground and then put it into a game! Have a look at some of our poses below.



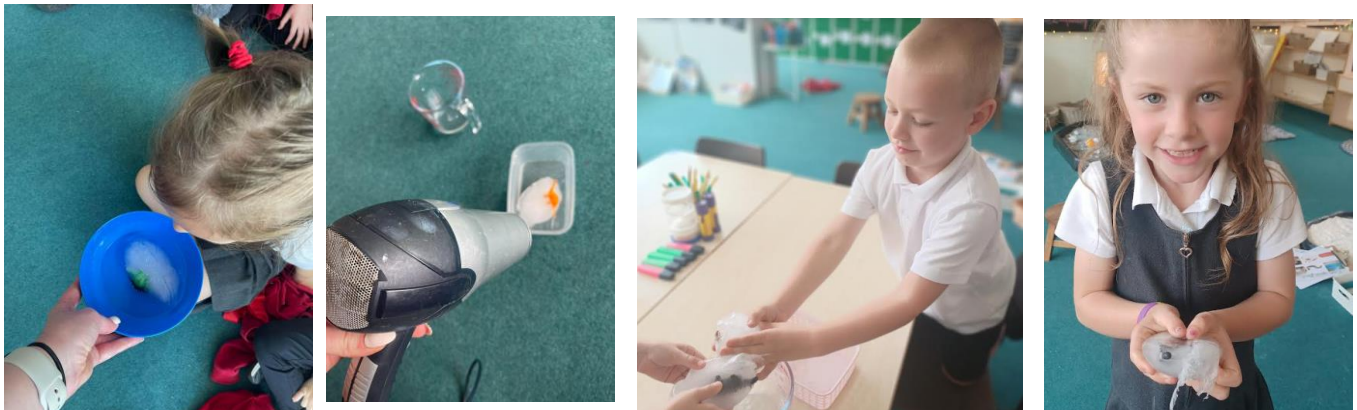
Hummingbird - Melting Marshmallows

To conclude our fantastic forest school sessions, we put our fire building skills to the test! We discovered how to stay safe around a fire and we all demonstrated excellent, safe behaviour. We toasted hot cross buns to celebrate the start of Easter! A huge thank you to Miss Banham for our sessions, we have absolutely loved them!



Year 1 - Science - The mystery of the frozen Dinosaurs!

We arrived at school to discover that some of our classroom Dinosaurs were frozen in ice! We quickly had to work as a team to work out the best method to free the Dinosaurs as quickly as we could! We decided to warm the ice in order to create heat. We know that heat makes particles inside a solid vibrate and break their bonds, causing melting to occur. Luckily, the ice rapidly melted using our warming technique, allowing the Dinosaurs to be freed! Phew!



Shout outs - Kingfisher

Joshua- For your amazing space quiz! You went away and came up with it by yourself, it even challenged me! It was brilliant, well done Joshua!

Eliza- For your amazing 'can do' attitude and perseverance in lessons. You show such dedication to your work and it is always done to an outstanding standard. Well done you, keep it up!

Shout outs - Hummingbird

Oli - Your absolutely beautiful handwriting! You have been working so hard to perfect your cursive font! Your English book looks delightful! Keep it up!

Matilda - Your Minion book creation was so impressive and I can not wait to share it in Good Work assembly! Your drawings were brilliant and so detailed!

Year 2

Stranded!

What better way to learn human's survival needs than pretending we were stranded on a desert island! In one of our science lessons about the human body, we decided that food, water, shelter and air were the essentials, but a tablet and a teddy might be nice to keep us occupied too!



We love to read.

To kickstart our new writing genre, based on Little Red Reading Hood, year 2 searched high and low for the best places to read in school. We found that the sensory room, the library and the outdoor areas were the best!



Fun in the Forest!

Year 2 exceptionally enjoyed their first couple of Forest School lessons with Mrs Banham. In our first session we came up with our forest rules, hunted for mini beasts and had a great time climbing trees too. This week we became 'Egg Detectives' and tried to identify which birds lay which egg. Finch class ended their session with a campfire and marshmallows. We can't wait for next week already!



Shout outs - Finch

Daisy - for having such an incredible attitude towards all aspects of your work. You are a wonderful role-model to others and we are so lucky to have you in Finch Class. Don't stop shining Daisy!

Mason - every day you make us smile with your wonderful personality. You are so enthusiastic and determined in all lessons - keep this hard work up!

Shout outs - Robin

Alfie- For making a super start to our Summer term. I have loved listening to your contributions to class discussions and for sharing answers with the class. Keep it up!

Raheel- For settling in so well to your new school! You are polite, hard-working and have made some lovely friendships already!

Year 3

Mary Anning Fossils



We learnt about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning in our Science lesson this week. We looked at the process of how fossils are formed and then had the opportunity to make our own fossils using clay, shells and dinosaurs.

Letter to the CO-OP

In our first news last week, Magpies looked at an article about the CO-OP changing its own brand products from using 'use by' dates to best before in the effort to combat our huge food waste. As a class we were really impressed with the CO-OP decision, so we wrote letters to the company explaining our thoughts and gratitude for wanting to save the planet. Fingers crossed we get a response!



We are Rockstars!

This week, we became Rock Star scientists and investigated a variety of weird and wonderful rocks! We then used magnifying glasses, acid and water to test which rocks were permeable and which were impermeable. Full of newly acquired scientific knowledge and vocabulary, we then applied our understanding to consider which rocks might be sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic.



Shout outs - Woodpecker

Poppy - A huge well done to you Poppy, you have been trying so hard with your 2 times table and you can now answer all times table questions independently! Woohoo, go you!!!



Shout outs - Magpie

Franky- For your outstanding Maths work this week. You have continuously challenged yourself to solve some difficult fraction questions and I have loved watching your sheer determination and perseverance to succeed.

Phoebe- For your beautiful writing for our Happy Prince sentence stack lessons. Phoebe you extended your sentences to make them detailed and interesting to read and I am so proud of the progress you are making.

Year 4

English- The Iron Man

Our current English genre is focusing on the Iron Man, who Hogarth witnessed falling off a cliff and shattering into many pieces. As part of our lessons this week, we created a conscience alley to consider the different thoughts and questions that would be going through Hogarth's head as he witnessed the events which we could then use in our creative writing.



Our Terrific Teeth

As part of our science topic, we have explored our teeth and the different functions that they have. We were amazed that a child only has 20 teeth but that an adult can have up to 32! We also loved being able to create a model of our teeth out of clay so that we could concentrate on the shape and purpose of each one.



Science- Our Digestive System

Over the last two weeks, we have been learning about the digestive system. We absolutely adored using food and household resources to create our very own model. We used a food bag to represent the stomach and we even used a pair of tights to represent our intestines!



Shout outs - Owl

A huge shout out to Chloe! We are so proud of the conscientious, determined and resilient attitude that you bring to every single lesson. You strive to challenge yourself and be the best that you can be in every curriculum area and you truly are a role model to everyone in Owls class.

A massive well done to Romanie! You are such a shining star in our classroom. Your positive attitude, willingness to help and kindness mean that you are always supporting the peers around you and you make us incredibly proud every single day. Keep being you, Romanie!

Shout outs - Osprey

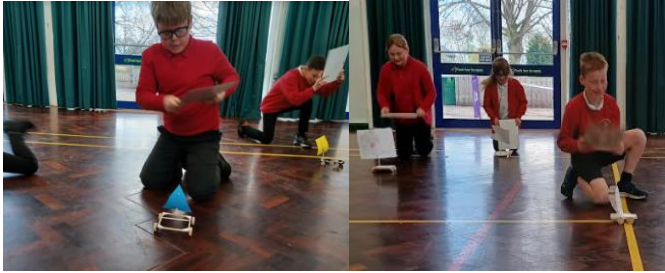
Leo - You have been an absolute superstar! You are always so focussed and sensible in your learning and behaviour. I can always count on you to put your best effort in and be an amazing role model to others! Keep being amazing, Leo!

Audrina - Well done for being fantastic in all that you do! Audrina, you have not failed to impress me with your growing confidence and attitude to learning and in your behaviour. You always come to school with a lovely smile on your face and ready to learn! Keep smiling and well done!

Year 5

3,2,1...go!

Year 5 created land yachts in DT and then tested out their inventions in an epic race! Well done to everyone, there were some amazing designs that were aerodynamic and some that needed a slight helping hand!



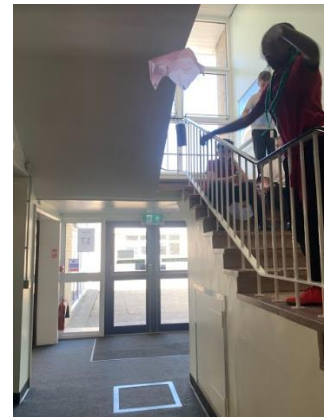
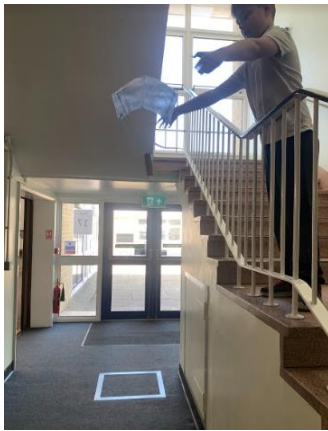
Rounders

Year 5 stepped up to the rounders pitch this week to focus on our skills of fielding and batting. It has been so lovely enjoying our school field again and we were very proud of the excellent teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by everybody in our ultimate rounders battle competition.



Scientists in the making!

Year 5 have been exploring and investigating the world of forces. We have investigated the amazing effects of gravity and air resistance and made parachutes so that we could see the forces in action! It was a tough competition to find the best parachute, but in the end, we found that those designs with the best air resistance and equal weight bearing, reigned victorious!



Shout outs Kites

Seth - I have been absolutely blown away with your determination this week in maths Seth. You have truly gone above and beyond in each lesson and pushed yourself to answer some really tricky challenges. Well done Seth- keep up the great work!

Shout outs Falcons

Mason L - I have been so impressed with your attitude and determination to your work this week. You have constantly challenged yourself and sought out how to improve your work! Well done Mason!

Year 6

Maths games

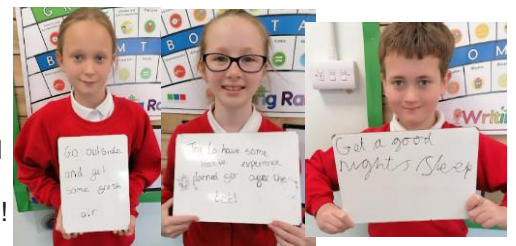


Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed playing games linking to arithmetic skills. They have particularly loved snakes and ladders and have become very competitive!

SATs top tips

As our SATs tests approach, year 6 classes have created their own list of top tips to stay peaceful and happy. All the children are excited and ready to show the wonderful progress they have made throughout their journey in primary school!

- Plan for relaxation in between tests
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Have a good night's sleep
- Get some fresh air
- Spend time with family
- Just do your best and we will be proud
- Keep calm and carry on!



Inter House Tennis

Year 6 loved competing in the inter house tennis competition. Each child was able to showcase some of the skills which they had learnt: backhand, forehand, lob, serve, scoring and umpiring. They showed a great deal of speed and agility and, when playing doubles, their teamwork was superb. The quality of the games was really impressive and it was great to hear scores announced as if we were at Wimbledon. Well done to the winning team Sycamore!



Shout outs - Eagles

Peyton - We are so lucky to have you in our class Peyton - you are an all-round superstar! Thank you for all of the effort you put into all your work, it really pays off. I'm looking forward to seeing you achieve highly next week in our assessments - well done!

Shout outs - Hawk

Ruby - You are working incredibly hard and the progress you have made is really impressive. Also, your behaviour within the classroom is always excellent and this is why you have received a few silvers lately! Well done and keep it up!

Shout outs - Harrier

Jake - You have become much more independent when reading at home. You are now regularly bringing in your reading record and it's clear that your hard work is having an impact on your learning. Well done - I am so proud of you!

Diary Dates

9 th -12 th May	Year 6 SATs
W/c 9 th May	KS1 SATs Week
18 th May	Brownlee Mini Triathlon
27 th May	Queens Jubilee Celebrations Day Break up from School
6 th June	Back to School
W/C 6 th June	Year 4 Multiplication check
17 th June	Year 6 Trip to York St Johns
20 th June	KS2 Sports Day
21 st June	KS1/Reception Sports Day (Nursery TBC)
6 th July	Transition Day
8 th July	Reports Home
14 th July	Summer Fair
W/C 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Week
22 nd July	Break up from School

PE Kit expectations

Sport is a core value at Woodthorpe and our PE lessons are a really important part of our curriculum. Please make sure your child is ready to join in, by ensuring they have the correct PE kit with them. Our PE kit consists of the following items:

- Plain, white t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Dark coloured jumper and jogging bottoms

For safety reasons, hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Your child will be asked to wear spare kit if theirs isn't in line with our school expectations.

Pictured are examples of our kits for warmer and cooler weather throughout the year.

If you have any questions about PE kit, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school office.



Woodthorpe wrap-around care

We are delighted to be able to offer full wraparound support for our families. This starts from 7.50am and continues until 5:45pm daily. Our offer includes care for all of our children, from nursery to year 6. *Nursery pupils must book wraparound care sessions through the nursery as, due to the childcare funding, they receive, the charges are different.*

Breakfast Club: (7.50-8.50am) **£4/session £3/siblings.** Children have a wide range of breakfasts and also have the chance to play games with their friends or take part in a morning physical activity to really help wake them up.

After School Club (3.15-5.45pm) **£8/session £7/sibling.** At after school club, children start the session by having a snack and completing a 'circle' activity. From this, pupils then have the option to complete activities with their friends, take part in physical activities or relax with a book or film.

If you are interested in our wrap-around care options, please pop into the office and ask for our wraparound care administrator, Caroline Young.

Childminders

Within our local area there is also a number of Ofsted registered childminders, a full list of these are available via the YorOK website: <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Childcare/childcare.htm>

The school also holds an up-to-date list of local childminders who are able to offer 15 and 30 hours care, please contact the school directly for this information.



Handling Anger in the Family

Monday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 4 weeks
starting 7th March, online via Zoom.
For flyer click [here](#)

Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 4 weeks
starting 8th March at
Clifton Children's Centre, Kingsway North YO30 6JA For
flyer click [here](#)

Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years:

Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30pm for 5 weeks
starting 9th March online via zoom.
For flyer click [here](#)

Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years:

Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm for 5 weeks
starting 8th March at
Archbishop of York's Junior School, Copmanthorpe Lane,
Bishopthorpe YO23 2QT
For flyer click [here](#)

To book a place or for further information please contact:

Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259 email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk

or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

We also offer Reconnect, a 5 session couple to couple mentoring service, focusing on relationship skills to help you strengthen your couple relationship. For details contact Emma at emmamarshall@fmy.org.uk

Support Via the Pupil Premium

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances. If you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, we will be able to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc... Please email our school office

(admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy) or call in person to discuss 01904 806464. **You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:**

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Digital Parenting

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share the following website – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

For further information and support, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.



Message for parents of children in Year 5:

This term **York High School** are running after school recreational football sessions at Energise, in conjunction with York City FC Foundation, for any **Year 5** students who may be considering attending York High School from September 2023.

Registration is open now; places are limited and subject to availability.

If any students are interested, parents can complete the registration form at the following web address:
<https://forms.gle/pNm1bGhW6tweTrfb9>

Alternatively parents can email reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy with the subject "Year 5 Football".
If they do not have internet access they can call us, or visit our reception.

Kind regards,

York High School

Big Moments of summer fun!



Join us at: Dringhouses CC

Sessions will run: Thursday 12th May for 8 weeks

Session timings: 18:00-19:00

For any questions
please email: jennifer-rooke@hotmail.co.uk

Sign up today at

allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre



Woodthorpe
Lets have a right



ROYAL KNEES UP

Sunday 5th June

1pm onwards on your street



Invite your neighbours and plan your own day. Invite neighbours from other streets, have fun.



Please welcome and include everyone

The bigger the better

Share your photos on the day



*The community celebration for
HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

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Woodthorpe Festival

Sunday 10th July 2022

12 - 6pm

LIVE MUSIC

SO MUCH FUN

