

Woodthorpe Primary School

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

Friday 25th March 2022

Looking through the pictures within this week's newsletter I hope you can get a flavour of all of the exciting activities that the children have been taking part in. Our new boxing equipment has been well used and the children have all taken part in Holi festival activities to mark the ancient Hindu festival of colour. The pictures of the year 5 & 6 children on their residential visit to Robinwood are also fantastic, seeing the children challenge themselves and really enjoying their weekend are lovely to see.

Thank you to everyone who supported with Comic Relief, we raised £400 for this event in school and I know that many parents donated in different ways also.

Our School shop will now be open weekly (weather permitting), please feel free to come and have a look. Items are charged on a 'pay as you feel' basis and all proceeds go back into the shop and providing items to support within the community.

Book Fair Success!

We would like to give an enormous thank you to our school community for your amazing support at this term's book fair. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the response and managed our most successful fair ever! With your help and support, we have now received over £700 to spend on new books for our school. Pictured are some of our winners from World Book Day, who completed their 9 bonus reads and were lucky enough to have their names pulled out of the hat. Their prize? To choose anything they wanted from our school book fair - and what fabulous choices they are!



Comic Relief sales from wristbands, noses and individual donations will be sent away to the charity and will support many worthy causes across the UK and wider world. Your Comic Relief donations will make such a difference – thank you!

Nursery

Colours of the Sky

This week in Nursery, we have been investigating the sky! Lots of children were interested in the colours of the sky, clouds and rainbows and so we went in lots of lovely directions with this. We read a story by Peter Reynolds called 'Sky Colour' and talked about how the sky might look at different times of the day. The children created some beautiful watercolour paintings in the Art studio and explored some different techniques whilst getting creative. Outside, we went cloud gazing! We lay down on our backs and observed what was happening above us. The children developed their communication and language skills by talking to each other about the different shapes and sizes of clouds they could see. Here are some photos from our wonderful child-led learning journey!



Planting sunflower seeds

We had a super time planting some sunflower seeds this week. We looked closely at the seeds and talked about their appearance - we couldn't believe that such a tall flower will grow from such a tiny seed! Next, we each planted our own little seed and discussed what we would need to give it in order to care for it and help it to grow. When we had done this, we gave our seeds a big drink of water, placed them in the sunlight and watched and waited for the magic to happen!



Our exciting arrival!

We were so excited to hear about Woodthorpe's very exciting arrival... eggs! We went to visit them on Tuesday morning and had a lovely discussion about what could be inside them... Dinosaurs? Pigeons? Rabbits? Chocolate?
We cannot wait to find out later this week when they hatch!



Ducklings - shoutouts

We would like to give a huge shoutout to Ayla this week for her fantastic attitude to learning. Ayla, you are blooming in confidence and are always kind to your friends. It is so wonderful to see you coming to Nursery with a smile on your face each and every day. Thank you for being such a star!

Reception

Spring has Sprung!

We have loved talking about the changes in weather at the moment and seeing some beautiful sunshine this week! In Reception, we have enjoyed celebrating nature by painting lovely Spring daffodils. We have also really enjoyed visiting the school chicks. We took it in turns to carefully look at the eggs in the incubator and say what we could see and what was going to happen next. We can't wait to meet our new Spring friends!



Holi

Reception have enjoyed learning about Holi, the Hindu festival of colour. We explored what Holi is about and how it is celebrated. To mark the festival, we created some colourful, collaborative lollipop stick artwork. We stuck down lollipop sticks to create a canvas, then we painted them bright colours. Finally, we added a silhouette of a bonfire, to show one of the ways that Holi is often celebrated. Happy Holi everyone!



Red Nose Day!

Reception loved celebrating Red Nose Day this year and we all looked super in our red outfits. We enjoyed learning all about the charity Comic Relief and the fabulous work it does to help people. As well as this, we explored this year's message, 'Funny is Power', so we enjoyed making some funny faces too and took part in a special funny quiz!! Throughout the day, we also had fun creating our own superhero masks, to show that we can all be superheroes, they were wonderful! What a fantastic effort – well done Reception!



Shout outs - Cygnets

This is a shout out to every single member of Cygnets class, you have all been such superstars whilst Miss Carroll has been off. You have shown what sensible, enthusiastic, mature and resilient learners you all are. Miss Carroll has had such glowing reports of how you have been and we are so proud of each and every one of you.
Well done Cygnets!

Shout outs - Goslings

Darcy - For your super reading. You blow us away by reading lots at home and working so hard on your reading in school too. Darcy, we are really proud of your achievements in reading!

Gianluigi - For your fantastic effort in phonics lessons. You have really impressed us with your enthusiasm to learn and apply all the sounds you know. Well done!

Year 1

Kingfisher- Forest School

Last week in the forest we had lots of fun recreating a camping set up by snuggling up to the cosy fire and roasting some delicious marshmallows! First, we had to learn all about fire safety and how to move away from the fire safely. We had such fun!



Hummingbird - Mud Painting

As part of our forest school session, we discovered how to create our own natural paint in the forest. We used water to create a mixture with the mud and then used sticks to paint with. We created some beautiful designs!



Hummingbird - Walk of Trust!

This week in the forest, we discovered our animal senses! We put our senses to the test in the ultimate battle of the senses. Our final challenge was to use our power of touch to walk through the forest using only the guide of a rope. At first, we found it extremely difficult but after lots of determination and resilience, we all completed the challenge!



Shout Outs - Kingfisher

Emily - For becoming so confident in class, you are now always keen to share your ideas with others and you are just flourishing. I am so proud of you, keep going!

Mya-rose - For your super reading in school and at home, this term you have shown such enthusiasm towards reading and it is so lovely to see! Well done.

Shout Outs - Hummingbird

Jayde - A HUGE well done for reading our challenging sentence in phonics all by yourself! You were able to spot the tricky words and digraphs and trigraphs! What a star you are!

Bella-Bleu - You have been an outstanding pupil this week! You have made me smile every single day and you have tried ever so hard in our phonics lessons!

Year 2

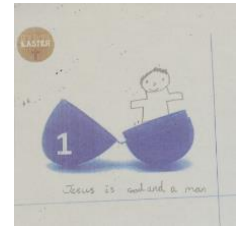
Holi Artwork

We loved learning about the Hindu Festival of Holi last week and had a fantastic time throwing and splatting our own paint to create some unique pieces of art. The final pieces were amazing and very colourful!



Easter Workshops by Yo-Yo

With Easter just around the corner, Year 2 were lucky to have some workshops delivered by Yo-Yo. The children were reminded about the importance of Easter and loved opening the eggs to find out what object was inside. They had some fantastic ideas about what each object represented and why it's special.



English - Forest Fun!

Year 2 have loved reading *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* and have completed some fabulous writing based on Plop's adventures. One afternoon we went to the forest and got into the role of the characters from the story to build our own campfires. Once built we enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate, yummy biscuits. We ended by singing some interesting campfire songs!



Shout outs - Finch

Lily L - you are an absolute superstar! I have been blown away by your incredible attitude and have loved how you have encouraged yourself to work with different people. Well done!

Saffah - your writing this last couple of weeks has been wonderful. You are really challenging yourself and becoming much more independent. Keep it up!

Shout outs - Robins

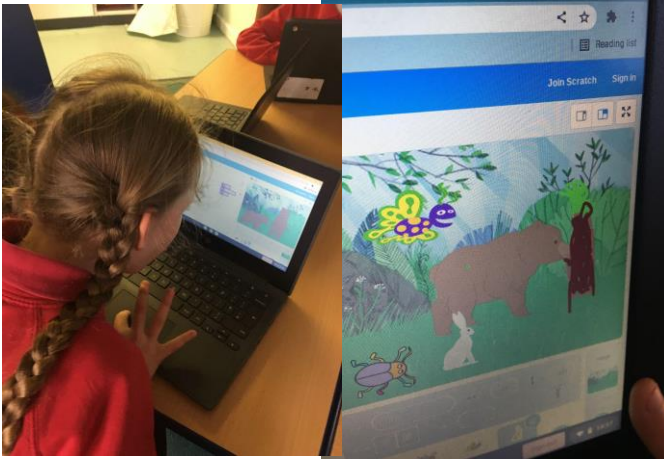
Darcy B - you have really impressed us with your reading recently. It is an absolute pleasure listening to you! Also a big shoutout for your wonderful, kind and caring personality, you are a great member of Robins.

Daniel - we are so impressed with how hard you are working in all lessons. It is wonderful to see you challenging yourself in different ways. Keep this up, you're doing great!

Year 3

Let's get debugging!

In Computing we have been learning how to debug a programme on Scratch. We made our own bear scenes using different features on the programme before telling our partners how we could debug it and make it better.



First News- Letters to our chicks

We are so excited to welcome our chicks into the school this week. In preparation to make sure they settle into the school nicely, we wrote them a welcome letter using our sketches from 'first news'. We drew our very own 'posh chicken' using Laura Ellen's step by step guide.



Art - Kandinsky Trees

This half term we have been working on our 'colour' objectives. We have been practising painting and printing in the style of Wassily Kandinsky. In this lesson we practised our water colour skills by making two different colour wash backgrounds - one being a happy and summery setting, the other being a colder, wintery background. They are now ready for final finishing touches - the Kandinsky styled leaves.



Shout outs - Woodpeckers

Holly - Your writing that you have produced this week for the 'Real Story of the Three Little Pigs' in your English jotter has been INCREDIBLE. I am so proud of you!

Teddy - You have been trying so hard with your artwork recently. You have really taken your time to make sure your sketches and colour wash background look effective. Well done you.

Shout outs - Magpies

Louie- Your writing this week Louie has been outstanding. You have written all your letters on the line and thought carefully about your capital letters and full stops. What a superstar!

Aniella- For your incredible watercolour background this week in our art lessons. I loved how you taught the class how to blend the various colours together and made your sunset and stormy night background.

Year 4

Planting Potatoes

In Year 4 this week, we went down to the allotment area to plant our potatoes! We absolutely loved learning about how they are going to grow over the next few months and we loved looking at the other vegetables and plants that have already been planted too. We cannot wait to turn the potatoes into our very own jackets!



Boxercise

Year 4 have absolutely loved getting involved in different fitness skills each week. We got involved with some Boxercise and learnt different boxing moves including, jab, hook and uppercut. We made sure we were very safe and worked well with our partners! We were super at getting our heart rate up and boxing to the beat!



Holi Artwork

In order to celebrate Holi, Owls class created some fantastic lolly stick artwork images! Using watercolours, we created a watercolour wash with lots of different bright colours. We then used black pens and paint to add silhouette style images to our pieces of art. We are really proud of how amazing they look!



Shout outs - Owl

A massive shout out to Leo! We have been blown away with your independent and focused approach to your learning over the last few weeks! It has been so lovely to see you so determined and positive about succeeding, well done!

A huge well done to Scarlett! You have created some phenomenal work in our English lessons and I am so incredibly proud of all of the techniques and features that you have been incorporating into your writing. You have definitely been deepening the moment, you are such a superstar!

Shout outs - Osprey

Shivesh, you have been absolutely amazing this week in all your learning. You always challenge yourself and your presentation is exceptional! I have been really impressed with your maths understanding and your effort to do your very best writing! Well done Shivesh!

Alfie, I am incredibly proud of how independent and confident you have become in your learning! You are challenging yourself so much, especially in maths and your handwriting is lovely as always! Keep up the good work Alfie - this improved attitude is super!

Year 5

PSHE - emergency aid

Year 5 have been looking at emergency aid this week and how important it is to understand how we can keep both ourselves and others safe. Here we are practising the recovery position.



Religious education - Holi

We loved celebrating Holi this week. We learnt so many fun facts about the festival and even came 2nd in the school Holi quiz (we were very proud). We also designed some beautiful pieces of Holi art to commemorate the occasion.



PE - Boxing

Year 5 have been put to the test in boxing this week, we focused on our form and technique to test our fitness! We all absolutely loved putting our partners through their boxing paces and used jab, upper cut and sparring techniques. We were all surprised about how fit you need to be when boxing and can't wait to try it again.



Shout outs - Kites

Amelia M - For being a fantastic role model to our class and to others. You are such an amazing friend and an inspiration to us all. Keep up the great work Amelia, we are all so proud of you!

Shout outs - Falcons

Daniel - I have been so impressed with your attitude towards your work this past week. You have come into class with such a positive attitude and challenged yourself in your work. Well done Daniel!

Year 6

Ding! Ding! Ding! Round 1...

We thoroughly enjoyed our boxing session. We learnt several new skills: jab, cross, hook and uppercut.



Book Fair Fun!

We loved going to visit the Book Fair and seeing which new titles are out.



Holi

Year 6 loved celebrating the Hindu festival, Holi. We learnt about the traditions and created artwork linked to the theme of bright colours. We are really proud of Charlotte who represented Year 6 in the whole-school quiz where she was victorious!



Shout outs - Eagles

Lexi - You really impressed us all during your time at Robinwood Lexi. You overcame a lot of your fears and showed brilliant teamwork skills with others in your group. Well done!

Shout outs - Hawk

Summer C - We were all impressed with your attitude at Robinwood. Even when you were a bit afraid you did it and you were a brilliant member of the team ocean. Well done!

Shout outs - Harrier

Emily - I have been wowed by your determination in maths. You are working more confidently with written methods and you are beginning to apply your understanding to reasoning problems based on calculation. Keep up the hard work!

Robinwood

Year 5 and 6 had the most amazing time away at Robinwood. Throughout the weekend, it was so lovely to watch the children face their fears, work collaboratively in their groups and learn new, valuable, life skills. We are very proud of them all - there were a lot of tired faces when we returned home!



Friday Challenges

We had such a fantastic time with the year 5 and 6s who were in school on Friday the 11th of March! The day was jam-packed: starting with Spanish games and Bingo, then an outdoor orienteering challenge and finishing with a very tricky team escape room!

After a morning full of brain busting challenges, we were ready for an afternoon of fun and freedom in the forest. Mrs Banham guided us through den building, stick whittling, hammock swinging and then we finished off the day with chocolate s'mores around the campfire - perfect!



Diary Dates

4 th April	Year 6 – Eden Camp Trip
5 th and 6 th April	Reception Parents evening
8 th April	Break up for Easter
25 th April	Return to school for the summer term

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.

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.





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
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