

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 7th February 25

Our Phunky Food Ambassadors launched our new healthy eating theme in assembly today – Strive For 5 by eating a rainbow!

Children were taught about how fruit and vegetables form a really important part of our diet, providing vitamins, minerals and fibre. This is one of the largest sections of the Eatwell Guide which shows how much of this group we should be eating every day. Although there is one vegetable that doesn't count towards our 5 a day – can your child remember which one?

Children learnt that different fruits and different vegetables benefit our bodies in different ways and therefore we should 'Eat A Rainbow' - 5 different colours every day.

Our Ambassadors did a wonderful job of sharing this important message and were really good sports in their outfits. Let's see if we can all Strive For 5 and get healthy for Spring.



Next week is the last week of the half term, where has it gone? The children are very excited by the Glow Disco on Thursday and we will also be joining in National Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The theme this year is online scams, we will be thinking about how to spot a scam, how it makes us feel and thinking about what we can do to keep ourselves safe if we do see a scam. Mrs Rudge will also be visiting Years 5 and 6 to lead workshops about this important area of learning.

We will be celebrating Founders Day (Thinking Day) next Friday in school which is for the scouting and guiding movement. It is officially on the 22nd February which is during half term. Children are invited to wear their Rainbow, Beaver, Cub or Brownie uniform on the last day of the half term.

Also, parents may have seen the signs on Bloxwich Road North informing us that the road will be closed from 12th February between 9:30 and 3:30. We may all need to plan around this in terms of access and congestion.

Have a great weekend everyone, Mrs Newton

Valentine Raffle by Rotakids Prizes include three hampers filled with goodies to enjoy. Tickets cost a £1.00 a strip. If your child would like to take part then please send in a £1.00 in an envelope with your child's name and class. We will then send the number strip home. Don't worry if the strip gets lost we will keep a log in school.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

1W 97.3%, 6E 98.3% achieved the highest attendance.

Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

The first lesson begins at 9:00 which is a core lesson, including RWI. If your child is late they will miss the teacher input - the direct teaching and modelling.

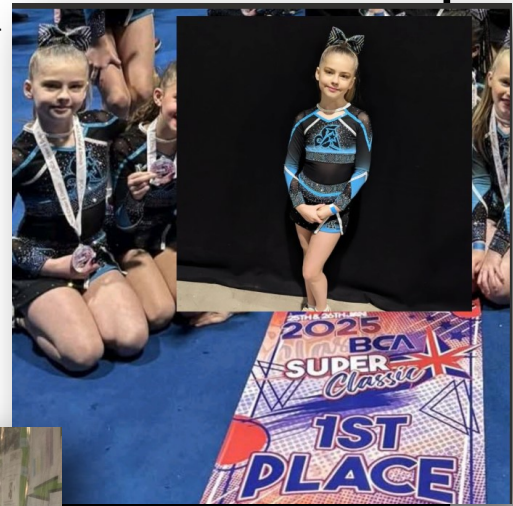
Out of school achievers!

Footballing champions include: Leo, Reuben, Lucas and Ethan. Olivia is doing amazingly in her dancing skills and brought in a substantial folder of certificates and trophies, celebrating her progress in Tap, Street and outstanding commitment. That is impressive!

Amelia and her team Turquoise, from SA Cheer, came 1st in their recent cheerleading competition in Coventry against 9 other teams. Brilliant Amelia.

Lottie was also gymnast of the week and Ollie S achieved a certificate for 200m in his swimming but he is sure he swam 250m!

Keep up the great work everyone!



VALENTINES GLOW DISCO YEAR 1 & 2

Thursday 13th February
3:30pm – 4:30pm

£4.00 per
Child

**WEAR FLUORESCENT
OR WHITE CLOTHES!!!!!!**

Pupils must be collected by an adult at 4:30pm.

REFRESHMENTS

A drink and pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance along with glow sticks and face paint. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Valentines disco, please pay the admission charge of £4.00 through your Scopay account by **Monday 3rd February 2025**.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S DISCO CLOTHES INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE DISCO. An entrance ticket will be sent to your child's class once payment has been received on Scopay.

Valentine's Glow Disco

You will have seen the posters for the 'Glow Disco' on Thursday 13th February. This disco is the idea of our Rotakids to raise money for specific resources in school. The plan is that all children will have an opportunity to join in the fun.

Nursery and Reception will join the disco fun from 2:30 – 3:30. They do not need to pay because it is during the school day and they will not be having the sweets or drinks. Although they could have a little face paint. They also do not need a change of clothes - their white shirt will glow! (We shall also have a little disco for our morning Nursery during their morning session)

Y1 and Y2 will need to bring their outfits into school that morning and will get changed at the end of the school day and then straight into the disco.

Y3 – Y6 will get changed at home and come back to school for 4:45 until the end of the disco at 5:45.

Children will receive a glow stick, a bag of sweets and a drink whilst at the disco which is included in the price, so children do not need to bring any money.

They will also have the opportunity to have their face painted at the disco. If you do not want your child to have their face painted, then please let your class teacher know.

VALENTINES GLOW DISCO YEARS 3-6

Thursday 13th February
4:45pm – 5:45pm

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Well done to 5Ho for a lovely assembly. It was very clear that the children have really enjoyed becoming historians to explore and then tell us all the tale of the Tudors. They took us on a journey through time back to the Battle of Bosworth, the final battle in the War of the Roses which marked the beginning of the Tudor period and taught us all about the monarch Henry VIII and his six wives. Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. I think we have all learnt along to your beautiful singing! **Miss Evans**



discuss at home too:

We will be thinking about the impact of tourism on special places in the world

PROUD AND HAPPY TO BE PART OF THE WOODLANDS FAMILY

Our vision is to develop these skills and qualities in each young person

Take every moment

Seize every moment

Enjoyment and laughter

Woodlands Academy of Learning

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Picture News

10th - 16th February 2025

According to Woodland's policy children cannot wear earrings for PE lessons. Could parents please ensure they take the earrings out on PE days for younger children and older children can remove and replace by themselves for physical activity. We have also noticed a few hoops creeping in too - only small studs are allowed in school. Please be aware that adults in school cannot take responsibility for earrings or other valuables at any point.

We accept that piercings take time to heal and this can be up to 6 weeks. We would therefore always advise that if a child is considering piercing their ears, this is undertaken at the beginning of the summer holidays so as to maximise healing time.

Other jewellery, painted nails or false nails are also not allowed in school and we ask that these items are only worn on the weekends or in the holidays. Children can wear a watch but not a smart watch that takes photographs, film or messages.

Thank you to our parents for supporting our uniform policy that ensures we dress for learning at Woodlands!

Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Finn	Working hard on your counting 1-1 and matching numeral to quantity correctly.
NPM	Ayyan	Working hard on your counting 1-1 and matching numeral to quantity correctly.
RG	Ethan	For learning some amazing facts about dinosaurs. Ethan could tell us that a plant eating dinosaur is called a herbivore.
RJ	Jayden L	For working hard to make his own fossil using clay – he rolled the clay out flat and made a super dinosaur footprint!
1W	Bella B	For fantastic attitude to learning. Bella puts 100% effort into all her lessons and is an absolute role model to others. She is incredibly helpful to adults and peers and she is always working hard and staying on task. Well done Bella!
1S	Riya H	For her amazing independent writing! Riya used all of the ingredients for a super sentence independently as well as made sure she had her neatest handwriting! Well done Riya!
2CP	Charlie P	Using strategies he has learnt and applying them to solve and answer questions on the four operations. Well done Charlie J
2D	Hallie S	For continuing her English work at home. Hallie wrote some wonderful sentences to persuade Plop not to be afraid of the dark and even made him his very own night light to help. Brilliant work Hallie! Well done!
3A	Reuben A	For consistently going above and beyond to discover fascinating new information at home. Reuben is an inquisitive learner and he constantly wants to know more. He is always extremely eager to share his new knowledge with Miss Adams and the rest of 3A too which is wonderful. Keep it up Reuben!
3G	Ruby	behaving appropriately, being a good friend and playing well with others and putting good effort into her assessments this week.
4R	Evie	For super observational painting 'en plein air'. Evie looked carefully and mixed colours accordingly. Well done.
4N	Jude P	Getting 38/40 in his Maths Arithmetic paper last week. Super greater depth score. Top of the class!
5HO	Sadie D	Working hard and applying the methods taught in her maths learning. Sadie's confidence in maths has grown and is evident in her independent work. Well done
5HA	Imogen H	For being a great team player during forest school. She was very good at delegating roles and ensuring all were partaking. Well done.
6P	Isabella F	For showing incredible growth and determination by nearly doubling her score on our most recent Maths test! Keep up the amazing work!
6E	Savannah M	For all of her effort and hard work in all aspects of her learning. Savannah takes de-tailed notes in every lesson which she then uses to support her and secure objectives. Savannah truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 10th February	Online Safety Workshops for Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 11th February	Online Safety Day
Thursday 13th February	Valentine's Disco
Friday 14th February	Founders Day (Thinking Day) for the scouting and guiding movement is on the 22nd February which is during half term. Therefore we shall celebrate this day earlier - Children are invited to wear their Rainbow, Beaver, Cub or Brownie uniform on the last day of the half term.
Friday 14th February	School breaks up at the end of the day for half term break
Monday 24th February	Back to school for everyone
Wednesday 26th February	Visit to QMHS for invited children
Monday 3rd March	Parent Consultation booking via Scopay goes live at 8AM
Tuesday 4th March	2:45, RG Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 5th March	Learning to cycle for some children in Y1 and Y2
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (children can dress as a book character or in their pyjamas)
Tuesday 11th March	2:45, 1W Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 12th March	TOGO NOGO Y3 Road Safety
Wednesday 12th March - Thursday 14th March	Cake Sale after school on the playground
Thursday 13th March	TOGO NOGO Y3 Road Safety
Tuesday 18th March	Y2 Visit to Dudley Zoo
Tuesday 18th March	2:45, 4N Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 18th March	2:15 Y6 Prom Committee meeting - all Y6 parents welcome
Wednesday 19th March	NSPCC Workshops Y2CP and Y5
Thursday 20th March	NSPCC Workshops Y2D and Y6
Thursday 20th March	Y4 Parent meeting for Laches Wood, 2:45
Friday 21st March	Parent Consultation booking via Scopay closes at 4PM
Monday 24th to Thursday 27th	Book Fair after school
Tuesday 25th March	2:45, RJ Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 25th March	Parent Consultation Y4N
Wednesday 26th March	Parent Consultation everyone
Thursday 27th March	Parent consultation everyone (except 4N)
Friday 28th March	Mother's Day Bring and Buy Sale
Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April	Easter Raffle after school on the playground
Tuesday 1st April	Y2 visiting the Methodist Church to explore Easter
Tuesday 1st April	2:45, 3G Class Assembly, parents invited

This information has been forwarded from Walsall Safeguarding Lead for schools to share with families.
It came to them from a neighbouring Authority

Please be aware and make parents aware of a new drug which is known as 'Strawberry Quick'

There is a very scary thing going on drug going round that is a type of crystal meth that looks like strawberry pop rocks (the candy that sizzles and 'pops' in your mouth). It also smells like strawberry and it's being handed out to kids in school.

They are calling it strawberry meth or strawberry quick. Kids are ingesting this thinking that it is candy and being rushed off to hospital in dire condition. It also comes in chocolate, peanut butter, cheery, grape and orange.

Please instruct your children not to accept candy from stranger and even not to accept candy that looks like this from a friend (who may have been given it and believed it to be candy) and take any that they may have to a teacher immediately.

Please pass this email on to as many people as you can (even if they don't have kids) so that we can raise awareness and hopefully prevent any tragedies!!

Thank you

Lisa



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School Intervention & Prevention Officer
Sandwell Partnerships
West Bromwich Police Station
West Midlands Police.



Information from external groups that our families may find useful

Feb Half Term 2025

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