

Friday 20th September 24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have looked very smart this week, wearing big smiles and ready for their photographs!



We nearly have our full pupil leadership teams in place for this academic year.

On Friday we formally announced and celebrated our School Council and Learning Ambassadors for the year. Only Reception have yet to announce their leaders which will be undertaken closer to half term.

Children can choose to stand for the Learning Ambassador positions and are then voted for by their class through a democratic process, which helps everyone learn about democracy too! These children will work with Mrs Macpherson during the year to review the learning strategies in school and explore how we can learn and remember even more knowledge.

Whereas, our School Council children are chosen by the class teachers, apart from the Head and Deputy Head children. These children had to work hard for their position by applying through a formal letter in order to fulfil the job description. Our Head and Deputy Head children will lead School Council, alongside Mrs Hoccom. Families can see which children have been appointed on the next page; congratulations to all of our new leaders!

Next week we have visitors in school who will be sharing important messages about carbon monoxide. It will begin with an assembly for Y1 to Y6 on Wednesday and then lead into workshops for Y2 and Y3 on Wednesday and Y5 and Y6 on Thursday. Later in the newsletter there is a leaflet that provides parents with a little more information about this important learning.

There is also a Y6 parents meeting on Friday at 2:45 led by Mrs Dickson, to discuss the very exciting residential - Bryntysilio. Happy weekend everyone, Mrs Newton

### **Safety on the roads at drop off and pick up**

There was a very upset parent earlier this week whose child was nearly knocked over whilst walking on the pavement on Hunts Lane. Another parent had mounted the pavement in order to park. If you witness any inappropriate parking or driving then please do ask for the police referral form from the school office. You will need the details of the car, including the registration.

We have also received a request of 'no parking' from a resident who lives in the cul-de-sac opposite school for families to not park in this area. The cul-de-sac had so many parked cars that emergency services couldn't reach their home.

It is safer for everyone for families to park 5 minutes away from the school and walk into Hunts Lane, parents can also park safely at The Royal Legion

**We strongly urge every parent to show respect and consideration for fellow users of the roads and pavements in order to keep everyone safe.**

### **FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!**

**5Ho and 2D achieved 99% Fantastic attendance**

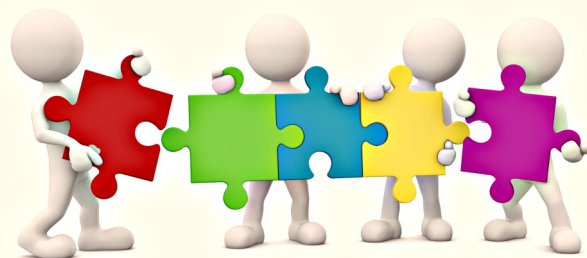
Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

**Please remember 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.**



# PUPIL LEADERSHIP



| Woodland's Learning Ambassadors<br>2024 - 2025 |                          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1W<br>Carter & Erika                           | 1S<br>Ava & Harry        |
| 2CP<br>Tobias & Ethel                          | 2D<br>Harvey & Hallie    |
| 3A<br>Reuben & Molly Ann                       | 3G<br>Jaiden & Luna-Rose |
| 4N<br>Sophie & Lincoln                         | 4R<br>Leo & Sienna       |
| 5Ho<br>Jake & Reme                             | 5Ha<br>Amelia & Jacob    |
| 6P<br>Ivy & Charlie                            | 6E<br>Blake & Annie      |

| Woodland's School Council<br>2024 - 2025                                                                                                                            |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1W<br>Brooklyn & Maddison                                                                                                                                           | 1S<br>Darcie & Noah        |
| 2CP<br>Ethan & Ava                                                                                                                                                  | 2D<br>Hamza & Lilly-Rose   |
| 3A<br>Poppy-Rae & Tommy                                                                                                                                             | 3G<br>Amelia and Rogan     |
| 4N<br>Thea & Gurvir                                                                                                                                                 | 4R<br>Henry & Brooke       |
| 5Ho<br>Maddison & Oliver                                                                                                                                            | 5Ha<br>Harley-Mae & Callum |
| <u>Led by Y6 Children who applied successfully for their roles</u><br><br>Head Boy - Zack<br>Head Girl - Erin<br>Deputy Head Boy - Oliver<br>Deputy Head Girl - Mia |                            |



**Congratulations to all our children who have been appointed in leadership roles.**

Learning Ambassadors and School Councillors are only two of the leadership roles in school. We also have Phunky Food Ambassadors; Woodland's Warriors; Librarians; Office support; A Star Coordinators, Buddies and Rotakids!

## Information for parents about our Carbon Monoxide Workshops happening in school next week

## Fully funded Carbon Monoxide Workshops for your Primary School

### Year 2 and 3 Workshops with [Safety Seymour](#)

Join Safety Seymour, the caped crusader on a mission to raise awareness of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO). Our experienced, DBS-checked Arts Facilitators will lead your pupils through an interactive, drama-based, half-day classroom workshop. Fully funded by your local Gas Distribution Network.

With safe, fun, and age-appropriate learning, each session explains what Carbon Monoxide is, how to spot the bad flame, the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning, and how to stay safe.

Pupils will also take home a **FREE CO ALARM and ACTIVITY PACK!**



### Year 5 and 6 Workshops with [The CO Crew](#)

Your pupils will take part in an interactive and creative half-day, classroom-based Carbon Monoxide workshop featuring Loz and Mini. Fully funded by your local Gas Distribution Network.

This workshop explores the science behind carbon monoxide, how it is produced, recognising signs and symptoms, and how to keep safe from the gas at home.

Pupils will also take home a **FREE PEN, KEYRING and BOOKLET!**



"We thoroughly enjoyed it. The way you used drama and games to bring the learning to life really helped to reinforce the learning. Who would have thought that learning about carbon monoxide could be so much fun!"

"This day was great! Very informative and put across in a child-friendly way. The children were really engaged throughout the day and went away wanting to talk all about it."

**Teacher feedback**  
(582 reviews)

**Bonanza Creative**

### How is this all free?

The workshops and activity packs are fully funded by your local gas distribution network (the people who look after the pipes under your road) making it completely free for your school. They have teamed up with [Bonanza Creative](#) to achieve their mission of educating over 400,000 children on the dangers of Carbon Monoxide.

**Curriculum links:** The Great Fire of London, PSHE, STEM, Drama, Art, Human Body, Respiratory system, or equally during National Awareness Weeks such as Gas Safety Week, CO Safety Week, Science Week, and Child Safety Week.



### Our work in action: Jaydee-Lee Dummett 2019 Pride of Britain Winner - 'Child of Courage'



The heroic 7-year-old schoolgirl saved her family's lives by raising the alarm when she recognised signs of carbon monoxide poisoning after taking part in one of our Safety Seymour classes. [Learn more details of this inspiring story here.](#)

### Find out more

Started by Emmi Isham in 2013, [Bonanza](#) believes in more than a 'chalk and talk' style of educating and champions learning through creativity and drama. We also offer a range of additional options including a [CO Safety Assembly](#), virtual sessions, SEN-adapted, and multi-day workshops to be flexible around your school's needs.

To book, go to: [www.bonanza-creative.org/primary](http://www.bonanza-creative.org/primary)  
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## What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

23rd - 29th September 2024

**Question of the week that we will  
be discussing in school and you  
can discuss at home too:**

**Will classrooms of  
the future be  
teacherless?**

**Our linking  
Woodland's value  
is 'adaptable'**



## Harvest is on the horizon...

**We will be celebrating Harvest in  
school during week beginning 30th  
September.**

**It is a time when we remember to be  
thankful for what we have and also a  
time to support others who may need  
some extra help.**

**Our families have been incredibly  
generous in the last few years in their  
donations that go to our local food  
bank.**

**For many families in our local  
community of Short Heath, the Food  
Bank is literally a life saver.**

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| • TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S             | • BREAKFAST CEREAL              |
| • TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES          | • PASTA SAUCE                   |
| • TINNED POTATOES/MASH             | • SAVOURY RICE                  |
| • TINNED FRUIT                     | • INSTANT NOODLES               |
| • TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING      | • ROLL ON DEODORANT             |
| • TINNED READY MEALS               | • SHAMPOO                       |
| (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)  | • SHOWER GEL                    |
|                                    | • TOILET ROLL                   |
|                                    | • BARS OF SOAP                  |



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**Children achieving out of school:**

**Two footballers have achieved this  
week.**

**Lincoln was named man of the match  
and Reuben was also voted man of the  
match by the parents.**

**Well done both!**

## Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



| Class | Name      | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NAM   | Saoirse   | Using correct orientation when mark making in the sand.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NPM   | Eshneet   | Using correct orientation when mark making in the sand.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| RG    | Rory      | For always coming into school ready to learn. Rory comes into school every day and knows exactly what to do to be an excellent role model for us all. Well done J                                                                                          |
| RJ    | Sam       | Sam, you are new to our school and you have knocked our socks off with how well you follow our daily routines and try your very best in everything you do – it's going to be a fantastic year!                                                             |
| 1W    | Perin O   | For excellent use of adjectives. Perin used some wonderful adjectives to describe Baby Bear in his independent writing. Well done, Perin!                                                                                                                  |
| 1S    | Jamie A   | For fantastic participation in our Science learning! Jamie was confidently identifying materials that objects were made from and even started describing the properties! Well done!                                                                        |
| 2CP   | Lexie M   | Recalling scientific knowledge and vocabulary linked to plants from year one. Super recall.                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2D    | Poppy     | For fantastic descriptive sentences using verbs and adjectives to describe pictures from our new text 'Paddington at the Palace.' A brilliant start Poppy! Well done!                                                                                      |
| 3A    | Dylan H   | For always being ready to learn. Dylan has shown fantastic listening skills whilst in 3A and I can always count on Dylan to have his equipment out ready and to start tasks promptly. Dylan is a role model to others. Well done superstar!                |
| 3G    | Jenson F  | Excelling in his learning throughout his first week of Year 3. Jenson is challenging himself to complete learning at a deeper level.                                                                                                                       |
| 4R    | Lenny C   | For developing his confidence when working with 4 digit numbers and helping others. Well done Lenny.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4N    | Shianne R | Such a positive attitude towards your learning in Year 4. You have tackled new topics with 100% effort and determination. Super!                                                                                                                           |
| 5HO   | Arthur B  | For working extremely hard on his handwriting ensuring that he is practising the correct joins. Keep going Arthur – I am really proud of your commitment to earn your pen licence. Well done J                                                             |
| 5HA   | Jacob M   | For his recall of learning. Jacob has been able to confidently show his understanding of topics by always contributing his answers with enthusiasm. It is great to see how much you are learning J                                                         |
| 6P    | Esmee S   | For being a fabulous learning partner. Esmee looks out for those around her and encourages them if they are unsure, helping them along in their learning journey.                                                                                          |
| 6E    | Ava W     | For having a wonderful approach towards all aspects of her learning. Ava thinks carefully about tricky new concepts and really listens to the feedback provided in order to make progress, such as her number formation. Well done Ava, you make me proud. |

## Dates on the horizon

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September Y1 - Y6 focus on Carbon Monoxide

Friday 27th September 2:45 Bryntysilio meeting for parents and children

Week of 30th September Whole school Harvest theme (Donated food will go to the food bank)

Tuesday 1st October 2:45, 6P Class Assembly, parents invited

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October The Fire Service visiting Y4

Thursday 3rd October NHS Hearing Tests for Y1 in school

Tuesday 8th October 2:45, 2D Class Assembly, parents invited

Monday 14th October Explore and Discovery Week

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th October 3:30 Book Fair Week for all children

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultation evenings

Friday 18th October First Aid Workshops for Y5 and Y6

Monday 21st October Y6 to Bryntysilio for the week

Tuesday 22nd October 4:30 Reception Pumpkin Party (Child and parent together)

Tuesday 22nd October Y3 visiting Think Tank

Friday 25th October Nasal Flu vaccination for YR to Y5 (Y6 in December)

Friday 25th October School closes for half term

Monday 4th November School opens

Tuesday and Wednesday Reception Road Safety Walk with a parent

Monday 11th November Anti Bullying week starts and Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November Children In Need

Tuesday 19th November 2:45, 2CP Class Assembly, parents invited

Tuesday 19th November 4:00 Y5 Parents, Queen Mary Grammar Schools Information Meeting

Wednesday 20th November Y1 visit to the Toy Museum

Friday 22nd November Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre Items

Tuesday 26th November 2:45, 1S Class Assembly, parents invited

Wednesday 27th November Evening Walsall Arena Performance by the choir

Wednesday 4th December Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December Y6 Flu nasal vaccination (and for children that missed the first vaccination)

Tuesday 17th December Y6 visit to the Theatre

Tuesday 17th December Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2

Wednesday 18th December Y4 visit to The Black Country Museum

Thursday 19th December School closes at the end of the day for children

Friday 20th December Teacher Training Day

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## Information from parents or external local groups that have asked Woodlands to share with the school community

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