



Friday 17th May

Well done to all of the Year 6 children who took their SATS this week, they all showed real determination and positivity. The breakfast seemed to go down well too!

Athletics tournament

This week year 3 and 4 sent two teams to the Partnership Athletics Tournament at The Oratory School. The teams members had to each run 400m, sprint 60m, throw a vortex and take a standing long jump. We gained an individual medal for Ada who came 3rd place in the girls A team competition. Well done Ada. The Olympic Value medals were awarded to Billy in year 4 for great determination in the 400m race and to Rose in year 4 for supporting and encouraging her team; true sportsmanship. In year 3 they went to Dylan R also for great determination in the 400m race and to Rosie who was voted for by her team mates because she was very nervous and then showed huge courage to give everything her best shot. Well done to them and to the whole team for a fabulous afternoon and for representing Woodcote so well.

Busy Bee Clubs

We will once again be running afterschool clubs after the May half term with the addition of some new ones which will include, cooking, film club and ukulele. We will also be introducing a new morning chill out club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 where the children will be able to ease themselves into the day by playing with lego, do colouring, maybe watch some tv and or just chill. Full booking details will follow next week via ParentMail, remember places are limited so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have positions available for working as a Lunchtime Supervisor, both full-time and part-time, as the usual Lunchtime Supervisory Role and also 1:1 support positions across lunchtime. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch via email, phone or speak to the School office.

Pupil Premium Grant Free School Meals and Uniform

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian are also eligible.

If you think that you are eligible please email the office with your full name, date of birth and National Insurance number and we can check on your behalf. Thank you.

Class Updates

Oak	<p>This week the children have been drawing wild flowers from the garden, inspired by artist Georgia O'Keefe. We will be having a class '<u>Sharing Time</u>' next <u>Thursday, 23rd May at 2.55pm</u> where parents are invited to come to and view the 'Oak Art Exhibition' in the classroom. In handwriting, the children have been forming the numbers '2', '3' and '4'. Please can you practice these at home. In maths, children have been practicing adding in the form of a 'first, then and now' story. For example, first there are two people on a bus, then two more people got on the bus. Now there are 4 people on the bus.' If you are able to make up stories like this and see if your child can work how many there are now that would be great! They can use concrete objects like toys or pasta to represent characters in the story. Mrs Somerville will be in Oak class next week so on <u>Wednesday</u> we will have our Oak Airways flight to somewhere fabulous in the world! Please can you provide your child with a small bag containing a scarf or something to wear in a cold environment and also a hat or some clothing for a hot environment! As we mentioned last week, it depends where our pilot decides to take us! And there may be a diversion if there is turbulence. We hope there won't be any bumpy landings but who knows!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>It has been another busy week in Hornbeam class. We have been practising writing questions and also how to form a question mark then to our surprise on Tuesday we were joined by the Three Billy Goats Gruff and could ask them our questions about their adventure. In maths we have concluded our fractions topic by looking at quarters and calculating how to find a quarter of an amount and sharing objects equally between 4 groups. In our wider curriculum areas we have been looking at similarities and differences between what a Priest wears compared to a Rabbi. We have also been comparing old toys with new toys particularly what they are made from, how they are made and how toys move.</p>
Beech	<p>In English we have been learning about the features of an information text and doing some research about the features of castles in order to create our own information leaflet. In Maths we continue to learn about fractions, finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and amounts using real objects and problem solving. We have also been enjoying measuring capacity and volume of water. In Science we have started growing cress so that we can make a recipe using the cress next week. We have really enjoyed improving our tennis skills in PE.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class this week, we have continued our work in English using our class book, The First Drawing. We discussed the different emotions of the characters in the book when seeing the first cave drawing, before writing a short text from their point of view. During our art lessons, we have been looking at tones and shades within one colour and painting our cave painting images on different textured surfaces. And Science involved us digging around in various soil samples to investigate and identify soil types. Getting dirty hands and finding a worm was all part and parcel of it.</p>
Rowan	<p>By the time you read this, we should have created our own models of the digestive system. Ask your children about it; hopefully they will have had a lot of fun. In maths, we have continued our learning about tenths and hundredths, and in English we have continued writing our Macavity newspaper reports. Please continue your times tables practise - a new tournament will be set up for the weekend! Have a lovely weekend everyone.</p>
Maple	<p>Though our World War 2 day is next week, we've spent much of this week digging into various aspects of the war. In English we've been wrapping up our Time Slip stories that took our characters back in time to 1940 Britain. The stories include evacuees, the Blitz, the odd Nazi and even one Winston Churchill. In History we dug into the role Alan Turing played in decoding the Enigma cipher and then decoded some of our own work. We also had the chance in our Geography lesson to learn more about the European fighting that happened, located key countries on the map and discussing some of the roles these countries played. Finally, in Art we've been looking at propaganda posters that were around at the time and learning how they managed to be so effective. We've begun planning our own posters that we'll be painting next week!</p>

Willow	Wow! What an amazing group of young people we have in Year 6. Not only did they love SATs breakfast (thank you for the donations of juices, jams and eggs etc, all were very much appreciated by Year 6) but they were very relaxed throughout the whole process. In celebration today, we 'chilled down' had a party and even put on a 'Woodcote's Got Talent' contest in the class. We are looking forward to residential next week - please make sure you have checked the kit list and pack together as this helps remind pupils what clothes belong to them. Please arrive at school on Monday, normal time, at the front entrance with your cases. Before parents leave site, we ask that you've checked that all forms are signed and medications are handed in.
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The children in Beech class enjoyed their measuring activity.



Important dates

Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Residential trip
Thursday 23 rd May	Oak class sharing time – 2:50pm
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 5 WW2 Evacuee day (in school)
Thursday 23 rd May	100 Club sign up opportunity
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Summer half term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day – no children in school
Thursday 6 th June	School Photographs
Friday 7 th June	FOWPS dress in home clothes (for donation of sweets for tombola)
Wednesday 19 th June	Reception intake 2024 – Welcome meeting @ 6:00pm
Friday 21 st June	4.30pm - 7.30pm Big Summer Bounce Summer Bounce Volunteer sign up here
Monday 24 th June	New starters Sept 2024/ children in class & coffee morning for new parents 9:15 – 10:15am
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day – KS2 – AM & KS1 - PM
Thursday 27 th June	Back up Sports Day
Saturday 29 th June	9.30am - 12.30pm FOWPS Coffee Shop and Second hand uniform sale

Tuesday 2 nd July	Reception intake 2024 in class 9:30 – 1:05
Wednesday 3 rd July	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 9 th July	UKS2 performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday 10 th July	UKS2 Performance – pm – further details to follow nearer to the time
Thursday 11 th July	UKS2 Performance – pm - further details to follow nearer to the time
Friday 19 th July	Disco with DJ Ethan – more details to follow nearer to the time Volunteer sign up here
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of Term – 1:00pm finish

Langtree Job Fair – please see the attached poster.

FOWPS

We have lots of exciting events planned over the coming weeks, so please do see the Save the Date poster below and join us for a Summer of Fun!



Summer Term 2024

<i>Home Clothes</i> <small>(with donation of a bottle for tombola)</small>	<i>Friday 17th May</i>
<i>Home Clothes</i> <small>(with donation of packets of sweets for tombola)</small>	<i>Friday 7th June</i>
Big Summer Bounce	Friday 21st June
<i>FOWPS Coffee Shop</i>	<i>Saturday 29th June</i>
<i>Woodcote Rally</i>	<i>13th/14th July</i>
<i>Disco</i>	<i>Friday 19th July</i>

Get involved.

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100 Club

Congratulations to Jess Westell who was April's lucky 100 Club Winner. If you would like to be in it, to win it, for just £2 a month, Kerry will be on hand after school on Thursday 23 May to help you sign up. Do make sure you join before 21 June when we will be drawing the Summer £200 winner!