



Friday 22nd March

Ofsted Report

We are delighted with the praise the school received through our recent Ofsted report. We hope you have all had a chance to read it. Thank you to those of you who have chatted with us about it. We are very proud of our school and our children. It is wonderful to have the public recognition of how great Woodcote Primary School is. Please tell all your friends!

Last Day of Term

Just a reminder that school finishes at 1:00pm on Thursday 28th March.

Netball

Our Yr 5 / 6 Netball Team, who qualified from last week's Partnership tournament, went to Wallingford School to take part in the South Oxfordshire Finals. They played exceptionally well in the tournament that had, as you can imagine, a very high standard of netball. Our team came 4th and we are every proud of them.



Year 3 & 4 play – Jonah a fishy tale

Well done to all of the children that gave a great performance on Tuesday and Wednesday, it was brilliant. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped to make this happen. The children had a wonderful time.

Busy Bee After School Clubs

Details of the clubs went live on ParentMail yesterday. We have changed some of the clubs which are available so please do check to see what's on offer and sign your child up. All clubs have limited spaces.

Cake Sales

As you are aware we hold cake sales as a way of helping to fund raise for the school. On Thursday next week Year 4 and Reception class will be holding a cake sale after school, so any nut free cake donations are very much appreciated. All money raised is spread equally between the classes which helps to reduce the cost of school trips etc. Thank you for your support.

Globefit Easter Holiday Club held at Woodcote Primary School

Monday 8th April – Thursday 11th April - Don't forget to book your place!

<http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs>

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have Lunchtime positions advertised on the Oxfordshire County Council website. If you are interested in any of the positions, please get in touch via email, phone or speak to the School office.

After School club

With this newsletter is a letter from the Chair of After School Club asking for additional help on the committee. After School Club is very popular and is much needed by some families. Please read the letter and offer help if you can. We would like to reassure you that After School Club will continue to run.

Art Club

This week we spent a messy afternoon experimenting with acrylic paint and palette knives to create abstract art. We enjoyed it so much we will be continuing our work in acrylic next week. So **overalls** and **old** uniform to the ready! Thank you.



Class Updates

Oak	<p>It's been a lovely week with the Oakies enjoying another class outing...this time to Jessie's Coffee Truck. A big thank you to Jessie for the delicious hot chocolate - the children loved it! And happy one year anniversary. And thank you to Mr Compton for joining us. We cannot wait to find out the egg competition results - although some children might be a little hopeful in their 1000 estimation! It's all for a good cause helping Jessie raise money for the MND Association (Motor Neurone Disease charity).</p> <p>The focus in handwriting this week has been on forming the letters d, a and g. Any practice the children can fit in at home would be super; reminding them to make the movement to the left, to make the round part! Thank you.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in Hornbeam we have been learning about acrostic poems. We have looked at how the presentation is different to what we are used to and then composed our own Acrostic poem about spring/Easter. In maths we have learnt about mass and how to measure mass and compare different items measurements. We have also learned about different fruits and vegetables, those that grow on trees/plants and those that grow underground.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class made some careful observations in science this week and discovered some little footprints in the hedgehog tunnel. After some research, the children concluded the tunnel was visited by a hedgehog, a cat and possibly even a fox! We loved sharing our investigation with the school during last week's assembly. In English, we wrote instruction text about how to make a bird feeder, remembering to include all the important grammar features. In maths, we have started learning about fractions using real objects, investigating equal groups. Please keep your eyes peeled for a ParentMail about a trip to Rushall farm coming up after the Easter holidays.</p>

Ash	We are all extremely proud of the children's performances of Jonah this week - they were stars on stage. During lesson times, we have completed our Multiplication and Division topic in Maths and are nearing the end of our Iron Man book. Reading about a Space- Bat- Angel- Dragon, before drawing and describing our own versions of the creature based on the book text. One more chapter to read together before the end of term! Finally, in French, we have looked at French Easter traditions, with church bells delivering Easter eggs, and created mini Easter books. Wishing you a happy weekend.
Rowan	What a week! We are so proud of all the children for their fabulous performances of 'Jonah - A Fishy Tale'. The children thoroughly enjoyed putting it all together and we are sure you will agree they did a fantastic job. In other news, we were very pleased to welcome Miss Young to our class this week. Miss Young is a student teacher and she will be joining us again for the first part of the Spring Term. To add to all the excitement of the week, on Thursday, we had a visit from Alan, who came to do a STEM workshop for us on behalf of the Ministry of Defence. A lot of fun was had and we were all inspired by Alan's enthusiasm for all things STEM. Finally, a reminder about our trip to the Living Rainforest next Wednesday. Please check Parent Mail for the trip letter and information if you have not already done so. Have a lovely weekend.
Maple	We've had another brilliant week in Maple Class. English has seen us working on our newspapers. We're now in the process of completing our final versions that we're looking forward to sharing soon. Division has caught our attention in Maths and we have just started using the short bus-stop method to solve questions that include remainders. We even had a go at writing an explanation for how to use the method, to varying degrees of success! Monday also saw us catching the dress rehearsal of the Y3/4 play (it was awesome) with another fantastic event on Thursday when Alan from Exa came in to talk to us about jobs you can do in STEM. We had the chance to practice our STEM skills by using Micro:bits (tiny computers with LED displays) and learned about Tim Berners Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web! We wrapped up the week with Science (exploring how day and night works across international time zones) and Music where we worked on our rendition of Pop Goes the Weasel, supported by 24 ukuleles!
Willow	Well there was flooding, deforestation, eruptions, fast fashion, firenadoes and pyroclastic cloud formations this week, to mention just a few. It was brilliant to see the year 6s gain in confidence as they presented their topics to the class and then to the other pupils around the school as they visited the classroom to see what we had been learning. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come and support as well, it was fabulous to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend, please check out the photos on our class webpage. In Maths, we looked at mean, mode and median this week - discovering that the mean foot size for year 6 is 41/2 and the median was 3 1/2. We will continue to revise this next week as well as completing our assessments.

The children in Oak class enjoyed their visit to Jessie's coffee truck.



Important dates

Wednesday 27 th March	Year 4 trip to The Living Rainforest
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish
	After school Year R and 4 cake sale
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 16 th April	National offer day for Primary School Admissions September 2024
Wednesday 17 th April	Year 2 school trip to Rushall Farm

FOWPS

Thank you to everyone who baked, helped out and frequented the Coffee Shop last Saturday. We raised a fantastic **£390** in cake, raffle and uniform. We raised an additional **£120** in book sales!

Thank you for your continued support!

Other News

Family activities at the Oxfordshire museum

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/museums/oxfordshire-museum/whats-oxfordshire-museum/family-activities?-learning_and_access=&utm_term=0_cdbada3277-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

Easter holiday fun at Discover Bucks Museum – please see the attached flyer

Harcourt Arboretum Spring Fair 27 April 2024 – Please see the attached flyer

The Oratory School Open Morning – flyer attached

Kids Fun Triathlon in Henley on Saturday 1st June

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