

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

5 February 2024

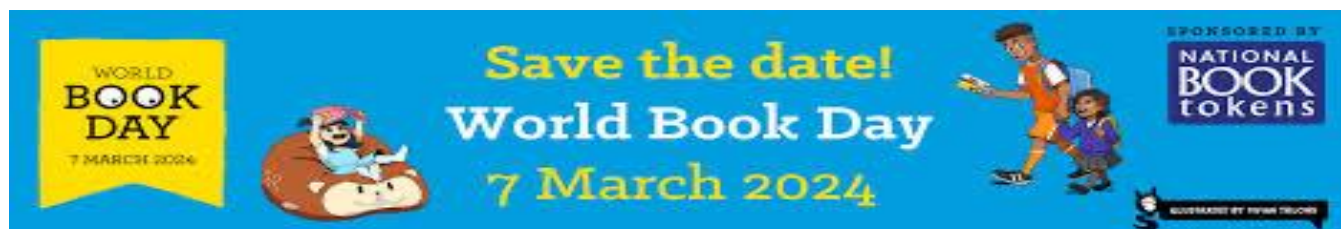
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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well. Spring seems to be on its way- I noticed snowdrops and daffodils whilst out running yesterday morning.

Save the date! Thursday 7th March 2024: Read your way this World Book Day.



Not long to go now until our annual celebration of reading. Please put the date in your diary or on your calendar and look out for some exciting reading related fun. Back by popular demand this year, we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters- the children have spoken! With an awareness of equality and inclusion, this will be optional, and we will invite all children to make the choice that best suits them: dress up or dress down, come as you are, wear what you like but come and celebrate with us. In the words of the World Book Day charity: ***'World Book Day 2024 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.'***

Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day:

This week is Children's Mental Health Week, and also on Tuesday, Safer Internet Day 2024. Both do naturally overlap with each other in many ways and we will be using the opportunity to raise the profile of these two key areas within the planned curriculum.

Mr McKay will be focussing his PE sessions around Mental health and Wellbeing and to support this, teachers will allocate some time each day to 'talk' around aspects of age appropriate MHW. Sessions across the week may focus on friendship, kindness, self-belief, championing each other, sleep, diet, exercise – the list is endless. Classes will have an opportunity to go outside for a wellness walk and for some the chance to go into the woods for a story. Children tell us that they like the class buddy reading that we have done previously so classes will be linking up at some point over the week.



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org
European Commission | INHOPE | insafe

Please see below some useful resources for parents:

- Video for Parents: Share on Google Classrooms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD5KW6dqnv0>
- Parent Controls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3lmhnhkvBE>

Half term:

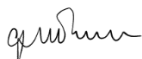
This term seems to have flown by- it only feels like a few days ago that we were thanking pupils for our amazing Christmas presents!

Everyone has worked incredibly hard, as always, this term. I hope you are all able to enjoy a restful half term break. If you are looking for something to do, perhaps have a look at this great list of ideas:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Christian McGuinness,
Headteacher



Safeguarding Children Updates

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families



The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click [here](#)

The Safeguarding Network: click [here](#)



Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 5/2/24		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: Inspired into action			
Biblical Link:	Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (NIV)		
Christian Value:	Courage	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <div>Dear God, Thank you for all the people and things that inspire and encourage us, Thank you for my gifts and talents that inspire others, Thank you for Jesus, who showed us how to live, Amen</div>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:	 Gospel		
Worship Song:	Light up the fire		

Our World

What makes someone inspirational?

Let's look at this week's story

45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

UN Rights of a Child

Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.

British Values

Democracy

As adults, we will be able to vote for the people we want to represent us in parliament.
As children, we have opportunities to vote for those we want to represent us such as school council members, sports, arts and eco committees.

Woodstock PTA Disco Friday 9th February

Come and join us for a night of music and fun at the PTA End of Term School Disco at Woodstock CE Primary School! It's time to put on your dancing shoes and show off your moves on the dance floor.

Pizza, glow paint tattoos, glitter tattoos, glow sticks and a tuck shop will be available so please bring some pocket money. It's going to be an evening filled with music, laughter, and plenty of dancing. So, grab your best party outfit and get ready to have lots of fun!

Children from EYFS and KS1 are to be accompanied by parents for the duration of this event. N.B Parents do not need to purchase a ticket. Click on this [link](#) to purchase tickets for the EYFS and KS1 disco which runs from 5:45 – 6:30pm.

Click on this [link](#) to purchase tickets for the KS2 disco which runs from 6:45 – 7:45pm. Children from KS2 should be dropped off and collected for their event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Woodstock PTA



Young Artists' Summer Show

Calling all artists! The Royal Academy of Arts has opened their Young Artists' Summer Show 2024. Please see the flyer below for more information and then follow the link if you have any further questions:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Each child can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, we will ask for an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by our panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes are awarded each year for inspiring artworks, as chosen by the President of the Royal Academy. You can also vote for your favourite artwork in our annual People's Choice Award.

The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme, so artworks can be of any subject and we don't mind when you made the artwork as long as you are between 4-19 years old when you submit it. We also welcome collaborative pieces made by more than one student...

If you would like to enter the competition, please email art@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk and Mrs Boutayeb will send you the permissions form, guidance for submissions and details about how to photograph the artwork.

Once you have read the guidance, please send a second email with the photo of the artwork and the completed permission form attached.

All entries need to be sent by Friday 22nd March in order for Mrs Boutayeb to submit the entries before the deadline.

We look forward to seeing what you create. Let's shine a light on the artistic talent at our school!

The flyer features a vibrant design with a purple background on the left and a light green background on the right, separated by a diagonal line. A large, abstract, textured shape in shades of green and yellow is positioned on the left side, overlapping the purple background. The title 'Young Artists' Summer Show 2024' is prominently displayed in white and purple text. The Royal Academy of Arts logo is at the bottom left. The right side contains detailed information about the show, including submission rules, entry process, important dates, and contact information.

Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024
Registration and submission open

May 2024
Judging

16 July 2024
Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024
Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more
roy.ac/youngartists
[#RAYoungArtists](https://twitter.com/RAYoungArtists)

Made possible by Robin Hambro

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Hedgehog Club

Half Term Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood from 9.30am - 3.30pm. (early drop off/late pick up available)

14th, 15th and 16th February

Come and enjoy a day of outdoor challenges and games including den building, fire lighting, cooking and much, much more.

We will be cooking snacks on the fire. Hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits will be available all day.

It costs £38 per child or £48 for early drop off option..

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Family Fun Morning.

When: Sunday 4th February 10am until 1pm.

Where: Hailey Community Wood, near Witney

What:

A morning of fun all about birds. You can make a bird hide, go exploring to see what birds you can find, make a bird feeder to take home and much, much more.

Homemade biscuits hot drinks and snacks cooked on the fire will be available

Costs: £15 per child, adults are free.

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk



Family Forest Day

Hill End
A place of possibilities

Family Forest Day
10am - 2pm
Wednesdays 14th + Thursday 15th
February half term

Tickets: £9.50 each (adult/child)
Includes a jacket potato or soup & a hot drink

A wonderful day out exploring our 67 acre site with family & friends
Make your own nesting box, or feeder.
Create your own giant nest in our den building area, follow a trail for interesting bird facts, visit our bird hide, play and enjoy our space, woodlands and wetlands
Sorry no dogs

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Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

Hill End
A place of possibilities

Family Bushcraft 2024
Saturdays!

Learn how to survive and thrive in the great outdoors at beautiful Hill End. Our fun monthly sessions change with the seasons...

10am - 12pm
• 16 March
• 20 April
• 18 May
• 15 June
£12 adult / £8 child

Online ticket bookings: hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events
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At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



Personal data is a strange commodity. Cyber thieves can buy huge quantities of personal data on the black market for very little, yet your own personal data is hugely valuable to you. If your personal data falls into the wrong hands, it could lead to identity theft, bank fraud or something even more sinister such as stalking. The severity of that threat is multiplied when it comes to the personal data of children, when threats such as internet grooming begin to emerge. The bad news is that children aren't always great at safeguarding sensitive information, which is why they need parents' help and guidance. That's why we've created this guide to show you how you can protect your own and your family's personal data.



What parents need to know about **PROTECTING PERSONAL DATA**

EVERY DETAIL IS KEY

Which info should you be wary of sharing online? Aside from the obvious, such as full names, date of birth and address, think of the type of information you're asked for when answering security questions for services such as online banking. The name of your first school, your mother's maiden name, the names of your pets, your favourite band. Data thieves will harvest as much of this information as possible, so don't make it easy for them by publishing it anywhere online.



SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Social media sites, such as Facebook, encourage us to share sensitive information in order to build our online profiles. Many people are lulled into thinking that only their friends can see such information, but that's rarely the case. Such information can easily be shared with 'friends of friends' or even anyone searching for you online because privacy settings are opaque. Keep social media profiles to the bare minimum. If you wouldn't be comfortable hanging a sign with that information on your front door, don't enter it into social media sites.



DANGEROUS GAMES

Online games are a particular risk for children. Many of the most popular games – such as Fortnite, Minecraft or Roblox – have voice or text chat facilities, allowing them to talk to fellow gamers. Or, sometimes, people pretending to be fellow gamers. It's very easy for children to be seduced into divulging personal data such as their address, birthday or school. It's critical parents both educate children on the dangers on online chat in games and take safeguards to protect children.



IMPOSTERS AND PHISHING ATTACKS

Even if you're scrupulous about keeping your data private on social media, it's easy to be lulled into handing it over to imposters. There are two golden rules for you and your children to follow: 1. Never divulge personal information to phone callers, unless you can be absolutely certain you know who they are. 2. Never click on links or open attachments in emails or social media, unless you're 100% certain they are genuine. So-called phishing emails are growing ever-more sophisticated, with fraudsters able to replicate the exact look of bank emails and even include details such as account numbers and IDs.



THE RISKS OF PASSWORD SHARING

Password sharing – using the same password for multiple sites – is one of the easiest ways to lose control of your personal data. Hacking of major websites, including usernames and passwords, is common. If you're using the same password for a hacked site as you do on your Gmail account, for example, you're handing data thieves an easy route into your inbox, where they will doubtless find all manner of sensitive information, such as bank emails and contacts. Your email account will often also let them reset the password on multiple other accounts. Don't share passwords; use password managers to create strong, unique passwords for every site.



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Safety Tips for Parents & Carers

LOOK OUT FOR LEAKS

Many security software packages have features that look for personal data leaks or prevent people from entering it into risky sites in the first place. For example, Bullguard Premium monitors dangerous sites for usage of data such as your email address, debit card numbers, passport number and more, and then sends you email alerts and details of how to take remedial action if it spots them being used. Such software also issues warnings if it sees personal data being entered into unprotected, high-risk sites.



KEEP DATA GUARDED

Don't give the thieves a head start by handing them pieces of sensitive information for free. For example, it's very common to see email address such as davesmith1976@gmail.com – an immediate clue that you were born in that year. If you have a less common name than Dave Smith, thieves could immediately start using that information to cross reference against public records or other database breaches, allowing them to start building a profile of information about you. Likewise, don't use your date of birth in a password. If that's hacked, you've handed the thieves another big clue.



DON'T OVERSHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The biggest threat to your child's privacy is you. Parents often overshare personal information on social media: full names, names of schools, children's birthdays, names of their friends. All of this can be easily gleaned to build profiles that could be used to groom your child in online games or in real life. Exercise extreme caution with social media posts concerning your children.



BE WARY OF SHARED NETWORKS/SYSTEMS

Avoid entering any personal data into a web browser when you're using public Wi-Fi (in a coffee shop or airport, for example) or when using shared computers. Shared Wi-Fi connections are much easier to eavesdrop on than your home network, especially if they are not password protected or the password is shared freely with customers. Don't do online shopping, banking or enter any logins/passwords when using shared Wi-Fi. Likewise, if you're using a shared computer at work, for example, as it's very easy for a browser to save logins that could be used by others.



PLAY SAFE IN ONLINE GAMES

Children must be taught to treat strangers in online games with the same caution as they would treat strangers in the street. Don't allow children to use their real name as their username in games to prevent imposters conning kids into thinking they are real life friends and only allow them to add friends in the game that they know in real life. Regularly ask to monitor your child's friends list in such games and ask them to identify who the players are. With younger children in particular, ask them to only use voice chat in family rooms, so that you can hear conversations.



Meet our expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as *The Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues over the years.



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child's behaviour or emotions?

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