

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well and you had a pleasant weekend. If this involved walking, running or cycling I hope you managed to find a route that wasn't flooded. It seemed that every route I tried yesterday morning was underwater!

Oxford Hospital Charity:

I was delighted to receive a letter from David Child, Community Fundraising Manager, thanking us for our support for the Christmas Give a Gift Appeal. The pupils' cards were very well received as part of the hampers, and we raised a wonderful £360. It was lovely to receive this email too from a family that unfortunately spent time in hospital over Christmas whilst visiting Oxfordshire from County Durham:

Dear Children,

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas card which my husband received from you, in hospital, on Christmas Day.

It was very thoughtful of you to send cards to patients.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and have a great New Year!

You'll no doubt have noticed the banner at the front of school advertising the OX5 Run at Blenheim on Sunday 24th March. This event is the charity's biggest fundraiser so do please sign up if you can. You can walk, jog or run!

<https://www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/event/ox5run24>

World Day of Prayer:

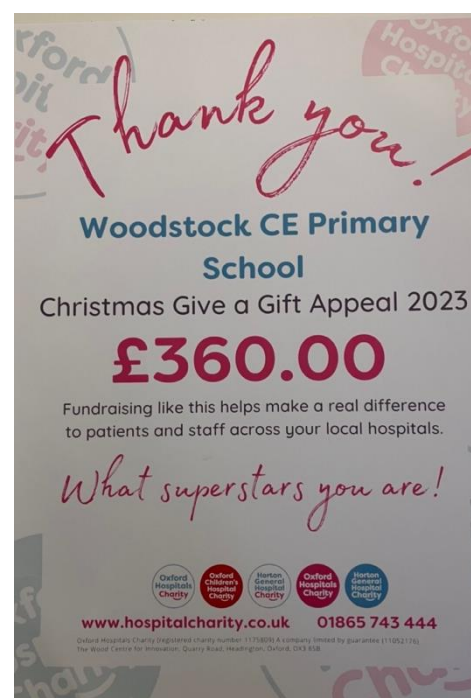
We welcomed a group of volunteers from local churches last Friday to support our Year 5 pupils with their preparations for the World Day of Prayer service, taking place next Friday in Woodstock Baptist Church. It was lovely to receive this email from one of the volunteers:

I wanted to say the children were amazing on Friday, so engaged with the World Day of Prayer activities and very polite. They were a real credit to you and the staff.

Woodstock Methodist Church Community Survey:

I had a very productive meeting with a representative from Woodstock Methodist Church last week to discuss how we can work together more effectively to support our community. Please see below for information about their current survey:

Woodstock Methodist Church is currently reviewing what we do, how we can serve the community better and what we should be focusing on. We would love you to help us by answering a short 5-minute survey. Anyone can take part whether you have ever been inside the church or not and if you could ask your children their views too that would be much appreciated. Please see the Information below on how you can access the survey which is open until next Sunday 3rd March:



Online:

Scan the QR Code, access the following link directly [Woodstock Methodist Church Community Survey 2024](https://www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk/survey2024) or go to www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk for more information and a link.

Paper:

Pick up a from the church, Woodstock Museum, Woodstock Bookshop or the Save The Children Bookshop

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Christian McGuinness,
Headteacher



Woodstock Methodist Church


YOUR VIEWS ARE WANTED!

We are currently reviewing our mission, purpose and what we should be focussing on for the next few years. As part of this we are wanting to understand how we can serve our local community better.

We would be very grateful if you could help us by completing a short (max. 5 min) anonymous survey



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Or access a link to the survey on
www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk



Paper

Pick up a paper copy from:

- Woodstock Methodist Church
- Woodstock Museum
- Woodstock Bookshop
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Any questions email stewards@woodstockmethodists.org.uk
or call Debbie on 01993 812325

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE



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: 26/2/24		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: Farmers and Food			
Biblical Link:	Genesis 9:3 "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." (NIV)		
Christian Value:	Thankfulness	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <div>Dear God, Thank you for all the food we have to eat, Thank you for the farmers who produce our food, We pray for people living in our world who may be hungry, Amen</div>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:			

Our World



How can you make your voice heard?

Let's look at this week's story

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

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

We have the right to share freely with others what we learn, think and feel. We can do this by talking, writing, drawing or any other way unless it harms other people.



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SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY



British Values

Democracy

As part of a democracy, we have the right to protest. It is one of the ways a group of people can show when they strongly agree or disagree with something and have their voices heard.

Sportshall Athletics Event

Last week a group of children from year 5 & 6 took part in the annual Sportshall Athletics event at The Marlborough. Schools from across the partnership were invited to attend and the atmosphere generated inside the hall was electric.

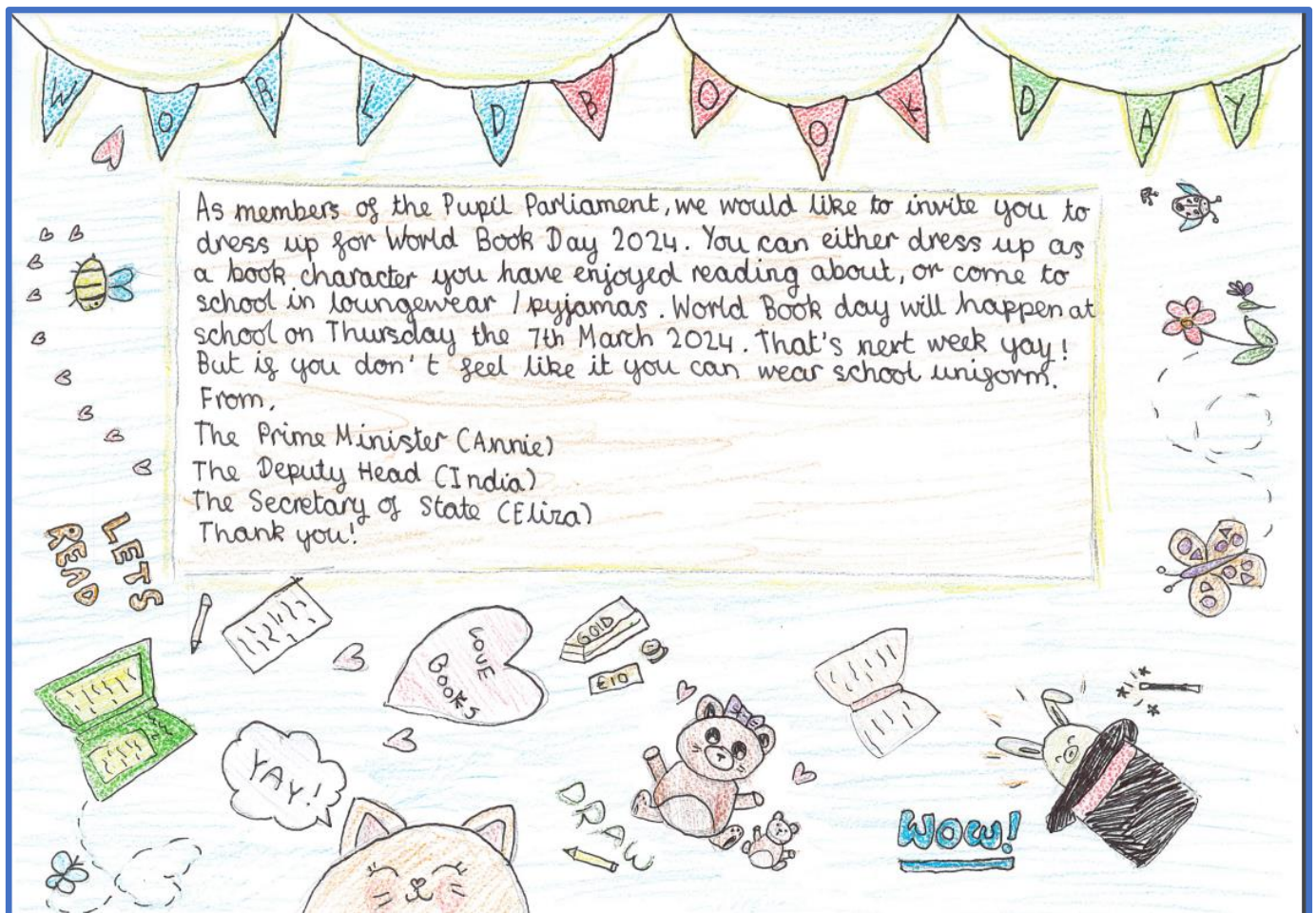
In preparation for the event, the children practised their individual events and were eagerly anticipating the competition. On the day, the level of quality on display was fantastic from all schools and each event was hotly contested. The children represented the school with great pride and really cheered each other on whilst they waited for their respective field and track events.

Our team ultimately ran out winners with a total of 202 points just pipping William Fletcher who came in with 186 points and ran us extremely close. Well done to all the children involved as they secure the shield for another year and go on to represent the school in the West Oxon round.



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.'

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PTA Tuck Shop

The PTA are running a Tuck shop in the playground after school this Friday, 1st March. They will be selling a selection of sweets and confectionary items.

Hedgehog Club

**Easter Family morning at Hailey Community Wood.10 – 1pm
Sunday 17th March 2024**

Come and enjoy some outdoor fun including den building, fire lighting, cooking, crafty activities, and Easter egg fun.

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

Costs: Per child £15, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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



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 for Mrs Boutayeb to submit the entries before the deadline.

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)
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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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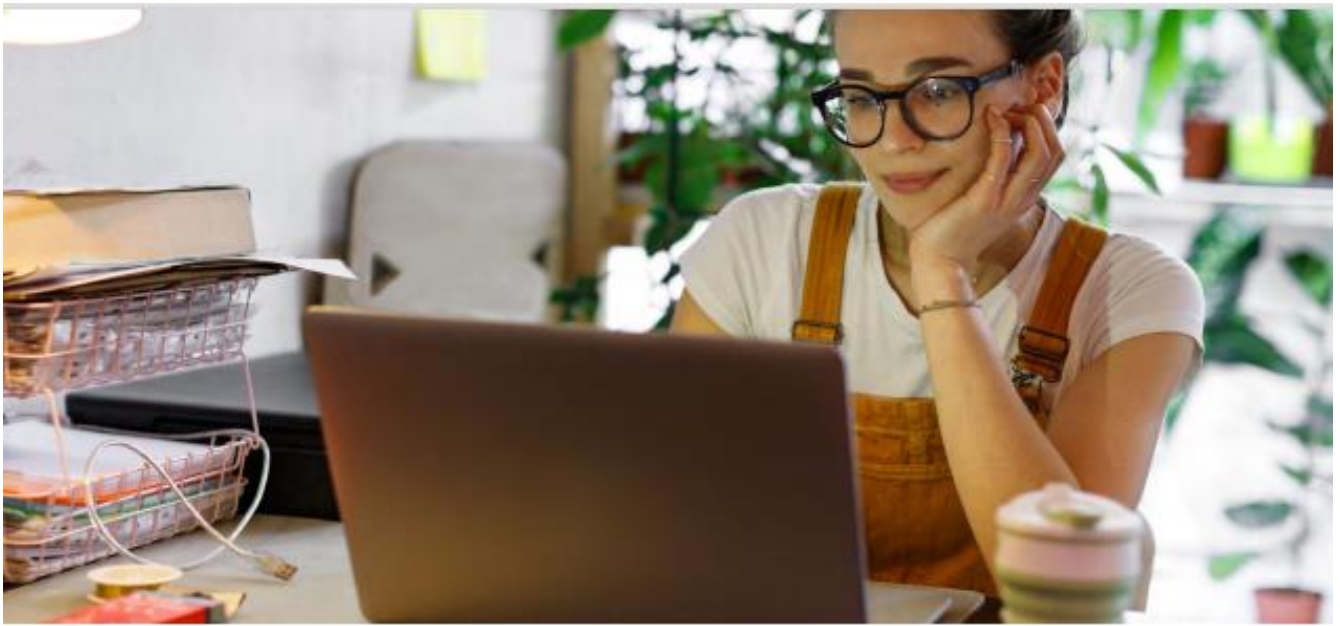


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6 WELLBEING TIPS

Here's a few tips for you to look after your physical and mental wellbeing, whatever is going on in your world!



FOCUS ON SLEEP

Sleep is important for your mental and physical health, so aim for around 6 to 7 hours of sleep a night.



KEEP UP WITH HOBBIES

Hobbies help keep us busy and improve our emotional wellbeing. Whether you like to draw, sew or cook, as long as you enjoy it that is what matters!



KEEP EXERCISING

Whatever exercise you like to do, whether it's hitting the gym or doing a home workout staying active is great for your mind and body.



GET LOST IN A BOOK

Not only will it keep you entertained, it'll keep your brain occupied and focused - win win!



EAT MORE FRUIT AND VEG

Make sure you are including 5 portions of fruit and veg into your diet.



HAVE A HEARTY BREAKFAST

Porridge is a great way to start your day and also helps boost your intake of fibre.

Job Vacancy – The Early Years Nursery

We are a day Nursery, based in Kidlington and we have a temporary vacancy for a cook/chef who can make delicious homely hearty meals. The position will be starting as soon as possible, with hours around 9am until 3pm or thereabouts. For more information please contact admin@theearlyyears nursery.co.uk

