



Dear Woodside Families

Another half term has flown by! Where did that time go? The children have had so much fun with the various Christmas activities in school. We've had outstanding performances from Reception, Year 1 and Year 5. The children did us all proud during the discos and in their Advent calendar contributions. We're so grateful for your support in donating unwanted gifts, helping children to learn songs or words for plays, making sure the children have their Christmas jumpers/party outfits on the right days, etc!

I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Kind regards

Claire Bennett
Headteacher

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Outstanding Woodsiders

Raya



Toby and Bethany

Woodside Choir

The choir participated in the Oswestry Lighting Ceremony. The children sang in front of a large crowd before the Christmas lights were switched on. The children sang a medley of songs, including Love Shone Down, When We're Together and Merry Christmas Everyone. It was a great way to begin the festive season. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Woodside School Choir were invited to sing at Shropshire Virtual School Conference. The children sang in front of over 150 professionals. They had a wonderful time and even got a standing ovation at the end!



The choir visited Practice Plan to sing some Christmas songs as part of their Festivals Celebration Day. The choir sang beautifully and were very pleased with the chocolate gifts they received!

Christmas at Woodside



Christmas is a special time at Woodside. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 have performed their Christmas performances to many parents/carers and grandparents. St Oswald's Church welcomed us again for our annual Christmas Carol Concert. It was such a lovely evening and, as always, the children performed beautifully!



Christmas Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church



A visit from Father Christmas

Christmas at Woodside



Christmas
dinner



PCSO Andy Neeves visited pupils in Year 2. He talked to the children about keeping safe when we're out and about and gave us some brilliant tips. He also gave the children an insight into his job and what he gets up to on a daily basis. We all had lots of questions and some of us even said we'd like to work in the police force when we're older! Thank you for visiting us PCSO Neeves!



Christmas Plays Reception and Year 1



Reception—Christmas Counts



Year 1—Hey Ewe





Year 5—Bethlehem - The Musical

Delivering Christmas cards

Matthew, from our school council, delivered Christmas cards made by Woodside children to Sheldon Ward at the Orthopaedic Hospital, Meadowbrook Care Home and Woodlands Care Home. The staff, patients and residents were delighted with their cards. Matthew proved to be a very good little postman and his visit brought a lot of happiness to many people.





Strictly Shropshire comes to Woodside!



Strictly Shropshire was held at the Lion Quays on 24 November. The fundraising event was in aid of Hope House. Woodside Parents, Lawrence and Amy, took part in the competition and came into school to show the children their dance.



In total, the event raised a staggering £90,000 for Hope House.

Y3/4 Spelling Bee



The School Council organised a Christmas Spelling Bee for Year 3/4. Contestants from all 4 Houses were challenged to spell a series of festive words; there were individual rounds and “on the buzzer” rounds, the latter causing much excitement. The rest of Year 3 / 4 proved to be a very supportive and enthusiastic audience, cheering and clapping for their peers. It was a close contest but Yew House came away as winners and earned their House a whopping 100 house points!



Reception Trip to St Oswald's Church



Due to the bad weather, only some of our Reception children walked to St Oswald's Church. The children enjoyed discussing what they saw on the walk to the Church. The vicar told them the nativity story using figurines and pointed out the key features in the Church. The children loved looking at the stained glass windows.



I participated in a festival called 'I am Bulgarian'. It was organised by the Tangra association with Headquarters in Madrid! It is dedicated to Bulgarians living abroad and this is the 15th festival. Each year, a different European city hosts and this year it was held in Brussels. There were 1073 children participating. You could write a poem, draw a picture, write a song or a report. There were 313 children in my category from 70 European schools and I came first!

Katrin





Thank you!



High School Musical

This half-term, Year 6 visited the Lakelands to watch their performance of High School Musical. We were the only school watching the performance and we really enjoyed it. The song , 'Breaking Free' was one of our favourites and we enjoyed all the scenes with cheerleaders and those set in the chemistry lab. We thought the actors were very good and we recognised some past pupils from Woodside. Bravo to all those who took part! Thank you for having us Lakelands.

Jimmy and Katie (Year 6)



We would like to thank Practice Plan/ The Wesleyan Foundation for donating Christmas gifts for all the children. They were so happy to receive them.

Rachel Morrisroe



Author Rachel Morrisroe came into school to speak to Y1, 2 and 3 about her new book, 'The Robin Who Stole Christmas' .

Children in Need 2023



This term the newly elected school council organised raising money for Children in Need as their first role in post. They gave up their free time to sell a range of Children in Need merchandise at break times and demonstrated what a fantastic group of children they are.

The children were very organised and dedicated and worked hard to raise money for Children in Need. In total, we managed to raise an amazing £992.65; thank you for all your kind donations.



Important Dates



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Wednesday 20 December—Children break up for Christmas

Wednesday 03 January—PD Day

Thursday 04 January—Children start back to school

Monday 15 January—Extended learning clubs/activities will begin (letter to follow)

Friday 09 February—Children break up

Monday 19 February—PD Day

Tuesday 20 February—Children start back to school

Please note that dates are subject to change



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