

It's been another busy half term at Woodside. Early in January, we held interviews for our new sports coach and are delighted that Mr Mike O'Reilly will officially become Woodside Sports Coach after half term.

Our KS2 athletes did brilliantly to be overall winners against the other local schools. This half term, we've welcomed visitors from the Dogs Trust in Years 3 and 4, and police officers worked with our Year 5 and 6 children as part of their Shropshire Youth Engagement work.

Our Year 6 children went to watch Matilda at The Marches. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and did us proud with their behaviour and brilliant questions for the cast. Year 3 had a visit from Boudicca and an archaeologist from the British Museum as part of an interactive history day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as Romans and Celts!

Have a good half term and we look forward to sharing even more news and events with you next term.



Claire Bennett

Headteacher

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I've had visits from more outstanding Woodsiders this half term. Well done to Indi and to Molly who chose friends to join them for treats in my office. We had cakes, sweets, popcorn and played some silly games! Both girls are excellent role models to their peers, consistently working hard, putting in maximum effort in whatever they do and showing kindness and respect to everyone.





Year 3 pupils were delighted to participate in an Interactive History Day. The pupils enjoyed dressing up as Celts and Romans and learned about the life and achievements of Boudicca, the Queen of the Iceni tribe. They also learnt how archaeologists and historians learn about the past.

The sessions were delivered by historical performer and writer Lesley Smith, Curator of Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire who arrived at Woodside dressed in role as Boudicca. Dr. Gareth Williams of the British Museum spoke to the children and inspired them with a selection of archaeological treasures. After her performance, Lesley commented, "The school is outstanding not only for providing an excellent learning environment but also an environment of respect and where good behaviour is expected and they succeed at every level – congratulations Woodside Primary School."



I thought that the day was amazing. I got to see Boudicca and learn lots of information. Dr. Gareth Williams was very, very interesting and I want to be exactly like him when I am older.

Brodie Year 3



Congratulations



The Athletics team from Woodside Primary School competed in the Oswestry Schools Indoor Athletics Competition at The Marches. The competition took place over three weeks and each event consisted of a variety of relays, throwing and jumping events. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in all 3 events and, after competing against 8 local primary schools, came away as the overall winners. After competing, Year 6 pupil Ellouise explained, "I was really nervous to begin with but it was great fun. I really enjoyed the obstacle relay and representing my school." PE Leaders, Charlotte Rowlands and Kelly Jones commented, "We are very proud of the children. They worked extremely well as a team and supported each other through each event."



West Mercia Police's Youth Engagement Team came into school to work with our children in Years 5&6. Year 5 had a presentation in assembly, and each class in Year 6 took part in a workshop. The work included learning about illegal drugs, knife crime, county lines and criminal responsibility. The children were involved in working through a variety of scenarios and activities and learnt how to keep safe in difficult situations.





I love forest school. The best bit is when we have hot chocolate and we make dens with our friends.

Harriet



I love playing and making dens in forest school. It is really fun!

Cole

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Thank you!

We would like to say a massive thank you for the donations of books that we have received from Town and Country estate agents and Wesleyan/Practice Plan LTD . The children will really enjoy reading them.





This morning, a firefighter came into school and showed us the equipment that they wear when going to a fire. I got to try it on. It was so heavy!

Erin

Year 3 children welcomed Crew Manager James Lewis and Andrew Bradbury from Shropshire Fire Service. They talked to the children about what to do in the event of a fire, how to keep yourself and others safe and what to do in an emergency.

The children were very excited to have a visit by Stu and Rob from Oswestry Safer neighbourhood Team. They talked to the children about their job and how to keep safe around roads. The children were even able to try on some of the hats and press the siren in the car!



I want to be police-man when I grow up. I can drive the car then.

Marley



The Year 6 children were invited to The Marches school to watch their musical production of Matilda Jr. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it was so lovely to see some past Woodside pupils performing.



Children in Year 4 had a visit by The Dogs Trust. They spoke to the children about how to keep safe around dogs. The children participated in scenario activities on what to do in specific situations.



Important dates

Friday 17 February—Children break up for half term

Monday 27 February—Children start back

Friday 31 March—Children break up for Easter



Booka Trips

Wednesday 01 March Year 3 and Reception classes

Friday 03 March Year 1 and Year 2 Classes

Friday 10 March Woodside Librarians

Monday 13 March Year 5 classes

Wednesday 15 March Year 4 classes