



Dear Woodside Families

I can't quite believe that we're at the end of another school year. Looking back over the last twelve months, the children have done and achieved so much. It was wonderful to see the children on crossover days meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants, and getting to know their new classrooms. We were so proud of the positivity and resilience the Year 2 and Year 6 children showed when tackling their end of year SATs. Most importantly, the children have demonstrated our school values (Creativity, Aspiration, Respect and Empathy) in so many ways from sporting events, to making brilliant progress in their learning, being good friends to each other, impressing members of the public on trips out, and impressing visitors who come to our school, putting on incredible performances and laughing lots! I know I speak on behalf of all staff when I say we are incredibly proud of each and every Woodsider.

I wish you all a great summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

To our remarkable group of Year 6 leavers, I wish you all the very best for a happy and successful future, wherever the next step on your journey takes you.

Claire Bennett
Headteacher



The Ukrainian Club have had fun making bracelets and spending time with Luna the therapy dog!

We ate popcorn and had sweets to take home.

Amelia



I liked the claw machine and the pink flamingo.

Lola

My Mum and Dad were happy for me when I won. I liked being in Miss Bennett's office having treats.

Evie



I had 2 ice-creams and we played on the adventure playground all by ourselves!

Georgia

Outstanding Woodsiders



Miss Bennett was happy and she let us go on the adventure playground. We had fun there. It was good.

Miller

It was very good. We went on the adventure playground and had some jammy dodgers! It was amazing.

Brody

It was very exciting. We got a bit worried when we first went but it got very exciting after. I had a knobbly bobbly ice lolly. They were my favourite!

Deryn

I was happy when I won the outstanding award. My Mum and Dad were proud of me. I liked winning the treats from the claw machine!

Rhys



Swimming—Year 4

This year, the children in Year 4 have had the opportunity to go to Oswestry Leisure Centre. They have had swimming lessons over the past 6 weeks. The children have had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I loved going swimming.
The last lesson was the best. We even played with footballs in the water!
Jamie

I liked going swimming with my friends.
India

I really enjoyed going swimming. I liked being in the water.
Matteo

The best part was being with our friends.
Josh

The teachers at swimming are really nice and the lessons were really fun!
Jarvis

I loved taking part in the swimming competitions.
Millie

Anne Frank's Birthday

This term, we welcomed guests representing world faiths to Woodside School for a special ceremony to remember Anne Frank. The ceremony took place by the cherry tree which was planted in 2016. The tree bears a quote from Anne Frank:-

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single minute before starting to improve the world.”

The ceremony was all about the power of words. Imam Sohayb Peerbhai from the South Shropshire Interfaith Forum read a poem about “ordinary people”, which was the Holocaust Memorial Day theme this year. Lady Natalie Cumming from the Jewish community then shared the story of how her Aunt Rosa survived the concentration camps of Auschwitz, Mauthausen and Belsen by playing her violin in the women’s orchestras.

The children shared with their guests what their school values are, and what they mean in terms of looking after each other.

Father Yin-An Chen, curate at St Oswald’s, then lit a candle with the children and shared a special prayer to close the ceremony. The candle has three wicks to indicate the world faiths of Christianity, Judaism and Islam.



A wonderful morning at Woodside in a ceremony to mark the birthday of Anne Frank: a special thank you to the children who participated and showed excellent manners, diversity and a commitment to look after the tree, well done Woodside!

Imam Sohayb Peerbhai

School Council Road Safety Campaign



Woodside School Council have continued their road safety campaign with the help of Super Zed - our superhero road safety character! We have put up signs around the school perimeter to remind motorists of the 20mph speed limit, and to ask drivers to take care and be mindful of children. We have had a great deal of interest locally after we carried out a road survey, then wrote to families with our findings. We have met with Shropshire Council and we will be working with them more closely in the autumn term.

Year 5 trip to Llandudno

In Year 5, we are learning about *Why Our Oceans Matter*. As part of our topic, we took a trip to Llandudno and visited the West Shore. We drew sketch maps and marked three different sites to collect data along the shore. We then visited each site and collected data on pollution and litter.



Year 6—Arthog Outreach

Year 6 children enjoyed a day full of fun and outdoor activities at Crowther Hall, near Welshpool. The children spent half a day rock climbing and the other half canoeing on the Montgomery Canal. Each activity required the children to challenge themselves and work together as a team – they were all brilliant!



Year 1—The Ironworks



Year one children visited The British Ironworks Centre at Aston. The visit was organised to follow up on work carried out in English lessons where the children read the book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' by Ellie Hattie.

At the centre, the children completed the 'Extinction Trail' which is a collection of metal sculptures allowing the children to learn about the status of each animal's vulnerability.



Year 5 STEM Day at the Marches

The Year 5 children spent a wonderful day at The Marches School meeting some of the teachers and being taught some STEM activities. Music, butter-making and the planetarium were just a few activities that the children experiences, leaving them eager to return!



Languages Week

This summer half-term, Woodside held a special *Languages Week*. KS2 took part in French, Spanish and Bulgarian lessons. Year 2 were introduced to key French vocabulary ready for next year. The activities encouraged curiosity about different languages and cultures. It was a great way to fire up the children's passion for learning a language.



Chocolate Workshop—Year 4

Year 4 took part in a Chocolate Workshop as part of our geography topic, *Where does our food come from?* We have studied the food miles involved in the production and sale of chocolate, and also the sustainability of different types of chocolate; this has involved looking at *Fair Trade* and the *Rainforest Alliance*.

The children designed their own chocolate bar wrapper; they also created their own chocolate boxes to put their finished chocolates in. They used dark, milk and white chocolate to make different layers in the moulds, and they added sprinkles and biscoff for colour and extra flavour. The children enjoyed finishing off the left over melted chocolate and sprinkles at the end of the session.



Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 children took part in Bikeability training. They completed level one and level two. This involved developing biking skills such as stopping safely, swerving to avoid obstacles and how to use arm signals. After that, they ventured onto the roads around school, learning how to cycle safely through junctions and how to undertake a U-turn correctly. The children listened brilliantly and impressed the instructors with their mature, sensible approach to the course. At the end of the sessions, the children received a certificate, badge and bike safety booklet. Well done to everyone who took part!



Sporting Achievements



Y5/6 Cross Country



KS2 Queensway



Y3/4 cross Country Team



Y5/6 Indoor Athletics



Y5/6 football Team

Children at Woodside School have had a term filled with sporting success! The cross country team were very excited to have come first in the local primary cross country competition. The Year 3/4 boys and girls were particularly successful with both teams winning their events.

Our Year 5/6 football team attended the large schools' football competition at The Marches School. The boys played exceptionally well and showed great sportsmanship on and off the field. We were so proud that all of their hard work paid off and they came away overall winners!

Our 5/6 athletics team have participated in three rounds of competitions, ending with the County Final in Shrewsbury on 25 May. After qualifying for the final, representing North Shropshire, the boys showed determination and brilliant team work to come away as joint County Champions!

Finally, our Key Stage 2 athletics team put on a brilliant display at Queensway on Friday 9 June. The competition consisted of a mixture of track and field events, including: throwing, long jump, vertical jumps, sprints and long distance runs. The team excelled in every area of the competition, coming away the champions for the second year running!

Welsh Three Peaks

On Saturday 27 May, a team of Woodside staff completed the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge; Snowdon, Cadir Idris and Pen Y Fan. The challenge includes a total walking distance of 27.5km and an ascent of 2334 metres.

68,000 steps later, they completed their challenge in a total of 17.5 hours including travelling to and from each peak.



**We have
raised a
total of
£904.65!**

**The funds raised will
be spent on resources
to support the children
with their learning.**

Sports Days



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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!



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The 2023 Summer Reading Challenge will launch on 8th July in a library near you

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children from preschool to 12yrs are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading.

It's FREE to take part, and Shropshire Libraries have many exciting activities to join in with during the summer.

Why should my child sign up?

- ⇒ They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- ⇒ The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- ⇒ Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- ⇒ The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- ⇒ Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

How can my child take part?

Visit your local library and sign up from the 8th July

Your child will:

Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!

Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers along the way. If successful in reaching their reading target, they will be rewarded with a medal and certificate.

Our School Values



CARE

CREATIVITY
We value originality, inventiveness and imagination.
We use our creativity to problem-solve and create new things. This could be a piece of art, writing a story, a dance sequence, a new song, a new playground game. The list is endless.
Our creativity helps us to tackle challenges with resilience and positivity, preparing us to respond to our future in an ever-changing world.

ASPIRATION
We all want to do our best in all that we do.
We think about our hopes and dreams for the future, and develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to achieve our goals.
We use positive role models to inspire and guide us.

RESPECT
Our school is an inclusive and respectful environment.
We treat each other with understanding and tolerance. We celebrate our similarities and differences, and how these all come together to make our unique school community.
We develop our understanding of those outside our community and treat everyone as we wish to be treated.
We also show respect and care for our environment both locally and globally.

EMPATHY
We are socially and emotionally aware of others.
We can look at things from someone else's perspective and understand how they may be feeling. This helps us to respond to others with compassion and kindness. This makes our school community happy, safe and inclusive.

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Important dates

- Friday 21 July - Children break up for summer
- Monday 04 September—PD Day
- Tuesday 05 September —Children start back
- Thursday 26 October—Children break up for half term
- Friday 27 October— PD Day
- Monday 06 November—children start back
- Wednesday 20 December—Children break up for Christmas
- Wednesday 03 January—PD Day
- Thursday 04 January—Children start back

On Wednesday 27th September 2023

Author, Anna James will be visiting Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to talk to about her sixth and final book in her Pages & Co series: The Last Book Wanderer. The children will have the opportunity to purchase this book and others from the series. An order form will be emailed to you in September.

