

Celebrating Woodside Primary School : 1st July 2022

Dear Parents,

We have been ever so busy this week, we made it into the local press with our Grand Opening of the Gazebo. The Bent Family were touched that the Gazebo was dedicated to Maurice and Doreen Bent who were former pupils, a governor and life long supporters of Woodside Primary School. The children have also enjoyed our music day and Wimbledon day and some of the year 6s have been away visiting Dene Magna.

Mrs Fawkes, Deputy Head Teacher

100 Club Winner is...

Evie

Certificate Winners: For and effort towards learning and wow moments.

Little Dormice: Olivia and Lola Charlotte

Dormice: Lola and Lucy

Fallow Deer: Monty and Jake

Woodpeckers: Charlie, Cameron, Georgio and Cormac



Top Dojo Scorers

Dojo points are won over the week by demonstrating great behaviour, our school values, hard work and so much more.

Dormice: Kayden and Freddie

Fallow Deer: Serin and

Woodpeckers: Ella and Miri

Community Awards

Congratulations to Arthur, Marcus and Max for being awarded medals and certificates in karate.

Freddie- swimming certificate



We made it into our local newspaper The Forester with the Grand Opening of the Gazebo. The Bent Family were touched that the Gazebo was dedicated to Maurice and Doreen Bent who were former pupils, a governor and life long supporters of Woodside Primary School. Thank you to the community to help raise funds for building the gazebo which will be used as an outdoor classroom and a place to sit, read or reflect at play times.



Smith, the daughter of Maurice and Doreen Bent, and Cllr Terry Hale cut the ribbon on the gazebo.

Tribute to school's friends

WOODSIDE gazebo, built to honour memory of a couple who devoted 35 of their lives to a Forest school, is officially opened on Friday (June 1).

John Maurice Bent and his wife Doreen were former pupils of Woodside Primary School but the link died a lifetime ago.

Mr Bent was a governor of the school 35 years and often did jobs around the school and Mrs Bent was also a governor around the school.

The gazebo was built by Cinderford-based carpenter Alan Meredith using local materials.

By Forester reporter
www.theforester.co.uk

Pupils started fund-raising after school administrator Gina Matthews and business manager Nicola Phelps came up with the idea of a structure for the playing field.

Among the fund-raisers was a "Going for Gold" day where children tried different sports.

The pupils raised just over £2,000 which was added to £2,500 donated by local county councillor Terry Hale from Gloucestershire Council's Build Back

Better fund. Mr and Mrs Bent's children, Kay and Martin, have also donated money to the school in lieu of funeral flowers.

Kay Smith joined Cllr Hale to cut a ribbon watched by pupils, staff and parents.

Mrs Smith said her parents would be "overwhelmed" by the tribute.

She added: "It's wonderful, a beautiful piece of art in the school playground that everyone will be able to enjoy - the children and all the groups that use the school as well."

Headteacher Mrs Mel Davis said "it's a lovely space for outdoor activities

and a real celebration of Mr and Mrs Bent."

She also thanked Mrs Phelps and Mrs Matthews without whose help the project would not have been possible.

Chair of governors Mr David Jones said: "All the people involved in this local community - parents, governors and ex-pupils - who give time to help you is what make schools so special."

The gazebo has already been used for outdoor lessons and last week Mr Brown used it when they started



This week we held our Music afternoon as a part of developing our Golden Thread- Cultural awareness. The whole school took part in mixed workshops from using percussion instruments, finding the beat, drumming and hand percussion. Thank you Mrs Jeavons for organizing this.



Football tournament

Well done to the football team who demonstrated good team spirit and sportsmanship. An enjoyable morning was had by all.

