

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is tolerance

Welcome back to the spring term! We hope you all had a lovely break, thank you for all the cards and kind gifts that were sent in for staff at Christmas. They were all very much appreciated.

This term is a short one with lots of activities already planned. Please do look at the upcoming dates and calendar on the APP/Website to make sure that you don't miss anything. Termly overviews, knowledge organisers, spellings and class newsletters are being added to the website on the relevant pages. These will give you a more detailed description of what your child is learning in class. Children will be tested on the knowledge organisers so please find them and have a look with your child to help them with their learning.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Ellis, Jasmine, Seth, Skye, Archie, Theo, Ella & Georgina

Achievement: Jasmine, Flyn, Edith, Louie, Sienna, Rowan, Freya & Millie

Reading: Arthur, Lucas, Lola, Elliana, Niamh, Max & Marcus

Pro-Stars of the week: Josephine, Edith and Scarlet

Well done to Lucy and Ellyn who shared their skiing and snowboarding badges. Millie shared some amazing artwork she had completed. Well done to Arthur for gaining his stage 3 swimming and to Lexie for her first place gymnastics medal. Amazing!

Mymaths

All Key Stage 2 children are set weekly mymaths homework which needs completing online. These shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. If it is taking longer or your child is struggling, then please let us know so we can offer more support in school. Children have been given their log in details, if these have gone missing please contact the office so they can be replaced. Children are expected to complete their homework as it links to the work we are doing in class and helps prepare our older pupils for the expectations at secondary school. Thank you.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring term 2024

8th January—22nd March

Half Term: 12th—16th Feb

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Half Term: 27th—31st May

INSET days:

May 24th

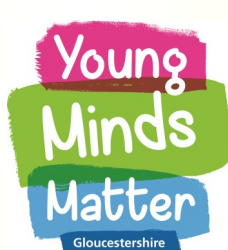
July 22nd

For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office. A weekly number will be drawn out with the winner receiving £5.

**Congratulations to
Rowan
who is the winner
this week!**



We promote British Values and uphold our own school values of **friendship, determination, respect, tolerance, courage** and **self-belief**. As a reminder our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are on the website should you wish to view them.



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

The Forest Foodbank

Throughout 2023 we, as a school, collected over 107kg of food to help the foodbank, this is enough to create up to 256 meals! The food collected all goes to local families who are struggling. It takes over 3.4 tonnes of food a month to keep the foodbank running, which is why every donation no matter how small is greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting donations again during this year as we want to help people who are in crisis in our area. Keep an eye out for when we will be collecting and what items we will be looking for.

Upcoming dates

22nd January—Skillzone trip Woodpecker Class

29th January—Chance to Shine Cricket Day

1st February—Height/Weight check Reception and Year 6 children

23rd February—Young Voices Concert

With the weather getting colder this week and possibly next, we would ask that you send your child to school with a warm coat along with gloves, scarves and hats if you have them. The wind is bitterly cold across the playground so wrap up warm!

We would like to remind you that children should be reading at home to an adult regularly. In Fallow Deer class the expectation is 3 times a week, in Woodpeckers 4 times a week, in Red Squirrels it is 5 times a week. Thank you.

In case of bad weather please keep an eye on the website and APP as that will be updated with any changes to the school day.

The Big Ambition

Dame Rachel De Souza who is the Children's Commissioner for England has asked for help with her national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January**.

She would like every child in England to have the opportunity to share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Free School Meals

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal. All you need is your national insurance number and an email address. You can find out more from the following internet link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>