

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is self-belief

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Ellis, Clay, Arthur, Ruby, Ava, Eve, Morgan & Scarlet

Achievement: Phoebe, Ella, Jasmine, Freddie, Doug, Phoebe, Charlie, Georgina & Zeta

Reading: Bodhi, Freddie, Callie, Niamh, Jensen & Tyler

Pro-Stars of the week: Hattie, Kayden, Lexie, Jasper, Gregory, Joe & Ellyn

Congratulations to Lucy for her gymnastics award (badge 5.) She explained all the things she had to do to achieve the level. Well done!

This term we have several joint federation sessions arranged for the children to enjoy. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to visit another school and work with other children their own age from a different school. Last term we worked on topics such as Remembrance and Black History Month. This term we will be looking at mental health, reading and Easter celebrations.

My Happy Mind

Mrs Barber from Steam Mills school came to visit us on Tuesday for assembly. She introduced the characters from myHappyMind, which is a wellbeing programme we are using in school this year. It teaches science-backed strategies to prevent mental health issues and reduce CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) referrals. myHappyMind is operating in over 1000 schools across the UK and we are very lucky to be involved.

Children have been learning about the different parts of the brain and why we can start to feel anxious. We've learnt about Team HAP—please ask the children what HAP stands for! Children were really good at explaining the names of the different parts and what they are responsible for. We've also been learning ways that we can help with feeling unsettled such as happy breathing. Again, please do ask your child to explain what this is and how it helps us feel better.



Upcoming dates

1st March—Football tournament at Steam Mills

7th March—World Book Day : pyjama wearing please

11th March—Parents Evening

12th March—Federation session for Year 3 and 4 at Steam Mills

13th March—Federation session for Year 5 and 6 at Steam Mills

13th March—Step into the NHS sessions for Key Stage 2

20th March—Parents Evening

20th March—Federation session for Year 1 and 2 at Steam Mills

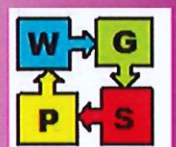
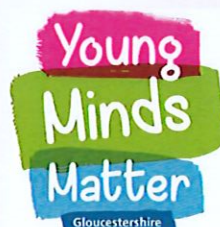
22nd March—Going for Gold fundraising (details to follow)

15th April—Severn Trent assembly, KS2 workshops

29th April—class and leavers group photos

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.

**Childcare
Choices**



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

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
Fearne
who is the winner
this week!**



Term time holiday requests

Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorised or the request will be granted. Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Head teacher the discretion to consider authorizing a leave of absence in term time only in “exceptional circumstances”.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the Head teacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent. Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

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/>

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