



# Woodside Matters

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## This term's school value is tolerance

That's another half term completed, well done to everyone for all their hard work. We've enjoyed cricket sessions, trips out, nature walks sessions about internet safety and mental health, as well as singing to residents of our community. For such a short term we've packed a lot in! Next term is also starting to look busier so please make sure you make a note of any relevant dates for your child.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA for our lovely new ipads. We have been lucky enough to add 5 more to our school set which will enable children to work more independently in our computing sessions. This week has included internet safety day and Year 3 and 4 children have been using the thinkuknow website to explore ways to stay safe online. This is also accessible from home so please ask the children to show you. Last week there was a certificate for using algorithms in computing in Key Stage One—technology and the expectation for the children changes and increases all the time. We are very grateful for the extra equipment, thank you!

As a reminder all children should have their earrings removed for PE sessions for safety. If your child cannot remove them for any reason please send in some medical tape so ears can be covered. We'd also like to remind parents of children in Key Stage 2 that the children have all their pens and pencils provided, they do not need to bring in pencil cases from home. We'd like to wish everyone an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on February 19th.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Corey, Laiton, Chase, Elliana, Lily & Georgina

Achievement: Everleigh, Arthur, Skye, Bodhi, Gregory, Marley, Maisy & Scarlet

Reading: Clay, Seth, Edith, Toby, Brody, Zac & Freya

Pro-Stars of the week: Hattie, Jaicob, Jake & Max

Congratulations to Kayden and Frankie for their football trophy and medals that they shared in assembly.

## Upcoming dates

20th February—My Happy Minds assembly

23rd February—Young Voices Concert

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

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.



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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  
Evie  
who is the winner  
this week!**



### RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch 2024

Well done to the children in Woodpecker class who braved the winds to complete their birdwatch this week. Children spotted lots of different birds including wood pigeons, coal tits and robins. The big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. By taking part, we are helping the RSPB and other scientists understand how our garden birds are doing right now. We added our results to the national records. Thank you to those of you who brought in binoculars to help with our spotting!



Young People's Book Prize Children in Woodpecker Class have been chosen to be part of the judging panels for the Royal Society and their Young People's Book Prize. The children have been busy creating persuasive posters and talks to encourage the other KS2 children that their book is the best. On Thursday they shared all their ideas with children from Red Squirrel class and we held a vote—3 of the books were tied on 16 points each. There were some really sensible questions from our Year 5/6's and some great answers from Year 3/4. Our eventual favourite was *Deadly and Dangerous Animals*, closely followed by *Bugs World* and *Germ*s.



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