

# Woodfield Word

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## A note from the Headteacher...

I have to apologise for the lack of a newsletter at the end of last half-term. Alas, technical issues defeated us, but I hope that this bumper edition will make up for it!

Looking back on last month, I cannot overemphasise the superb manner in which our Year 6 pupils applied themselves to the SAT examinations. These tests ran extremely smoothly and whilst I have thanked the staff team (and in particular, Mrs Guest's meticulous organisation); the week would not have gone as well as it did without the cooperation and care exhibited by our children. I heartily congratulate them on a job well done. Year 8 have also completed their end-of-year tests and all has gone extremely well.

The final half-term of the year has kicked off with an excellent Year 5 trip to York and the Jorvik Viking Centre, plus our Gold Membership reward trip to the Vue cinema in Redditch. We have lots to look forward to over the next few weeks, including our summer production, 'Olivia', events to celebrate the end of the year (and for Year 8, their final term) and, of course, our important transfer days, during which we will be able to meet and welcome our new Year 5 cohorts, who will join us in September. There is lots to celebrate and enjoy and we look forward to sharing our pupils' success with you.

S Bond

### Attendance

Attendance is very important to ensure pupils reach their full potential and is something that Woodfield monitors very closely.

#### Attendance for the week 18/05/15—22/05/15

Year 5 - 96.3%      Year 6 - 93.6%

Year 7 - 90.1%      Year 8 - 88.7%

Whole School - 92.4%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 5IF who achieved 100%, the highest attendance this week.

### Important Dates

- 26th June      Summer Fayre
- 1st July      Sports Day
- 3rd-6th July      KS3 Trip to France
- 16th July      Y8 Leavers Assembly & Prom
- 17th July      Woodfield's Got Talent
- 20th July      Summer Holiday begins



### Superb Leaders!!

At the end of April we had 160 Year 4's arrive to take part in an Invasion Games Competition. The event ran superbly mainly due to the way that our Year 8 pupils organised, marshalled and refereed the competition and the children involved. The results saw an Oakhill team win the football, a team from St. George's win the benchball and a team from Woodrow win the hockey. Our young leaders were complimented on by visiting staff and were a credit to all concerned.



Just before half term we had 120 Year 2's visit for a Multi Skills Festival. This was an exciting event that saw the children participate in 6 different PE challenges. A really enjoyable event, this time led by some very capable Year 7 children who conducted themselves professionally. They encouraged, organised and managed their groups successfully through the events and again were a great credit.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you for all the Sainsbury's vouchers. We are counting them now; ready to order play equipment. Please could we ask for all vouchers to come into school as soon as possible,

### Job Vacancies @ Woodfield

Please be aware that we are recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor; see our website for details.

### Sport

A big thank you to all athletics competitors who took part in the Quad athletics at the Abbey Stadium this week. Many pupils progressed to the finals in July so well done!

## The Woodfield Academy British Heart Foundation Ultimate Dodgeball Event 2015

This year's British Heart Foundation Ultimate Dodgeball tournament has officially been launched.

Following last year's success, this year students will once again represent their form groups as they battle it out in an ultimate dodgeball event staged in July with 80% of proceeds going to the British Heart Foundation and 20% to Woodfield Academy. To make things even more exciting, the winning form group from each year will take on the Woodfield Gladiators! That's right, this year the staff at Woodfield Academy have followed a gladiator theme based on the ITV series.

This year's promotional video can be found on the school's Facebook and YouTube page.

Please help support this fantastic event by raising as much sponsorship money for the children as possible. Students who raise over £50 will receive a complimentary dodgeball as a token of appreciation.

Tournaments will be played after school in the gym, dates are as follows:

Year 5 Dodgeball tournament: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Year 8 Dodgeball tournament: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Year 7 Dodgeball tournament: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Year 6 Dodgeball tournament: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015

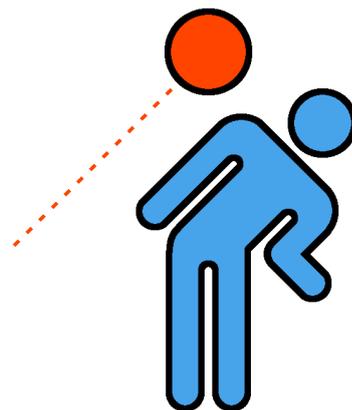
WOODFIELD GLADIATOR STAFF FINALE— Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Parents, friends and family are all welcome to come and support the event.

Please help us to make this event as fun, enjoyable and charitable as it was last year!

Thank you in advance,

Mr Khawaja



## Lunchtime and After School Activities

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Chris, a police dog handler, came in and talked to a group of us. He told us how to become a handler and answered questions we asked him. We then went outside to see his dogs. Dot, the explosives sniffer dog was a Springer Spaniel; and Heinz, the "people dog" was a German Shepherd. It was really fun and we learned a lot of interesting stuff.

Ellis Burke



## Summer Fayre

Please could any unwanted soft toys be donated to school for our Toy Raffle Stall. They can be taken to room 605. We also need donations of chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola, to room 602 please. Thank you for your support.



## Gold Membership

Our Gold Membership reward recognises those children who manage to do a full term with no white slips or detentions, achieving 95% attendance or higher. The spring term's reward was a visit to the cinema where KS2 watched 'Home' and KS3 watched 'Big Game'.



## Year 7 Ice-skating trip

All ice-skating money and return slips for the trip on Friday 19th June (1pm-5.30pm) need to be in as soon as possible please.

## Our driveway is not a drop-off point!

We respectfully request that parents do not use our driveway and front car park as a drop-off point for children prior to the beginning of the school day (this request does not apply if there is a specific medical requirement to do so). Thank you.

## PE Lessons

Could I please ask that if your child is unfit to participate in their PE lesson, that they still bring their PE kit. There are a variety of roles that a non-participant can take, from measuring and recording, umpiring/refereeing or assessing their peers. Wearing their school uniform is not appropriate for this.

## Visiting Author—Alan Gibbons



We are delighted to confirm that award winning author Alan Gibbons will be spending the day in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. As well as meeting and talking to our pupils about his books, he will be leading several writing workshops for pupils in Years 6 and 7.

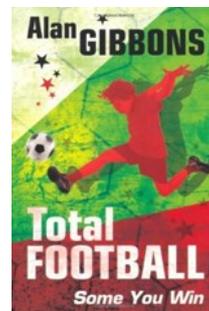
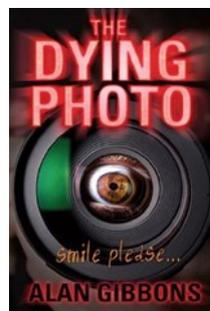
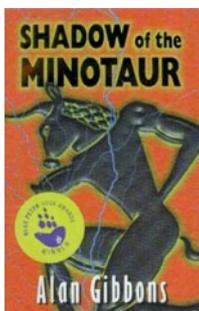
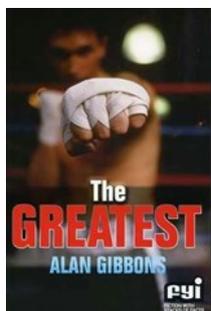
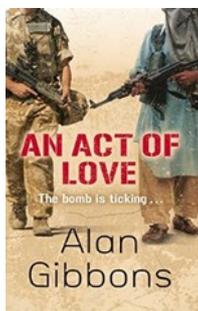
A former primary school teacher, Alan has written over 50 books and has won or been shortlisted for many prestigious awards. His books, which have been published all over the world, appeal to both boys and girls, from the reluctant to the most avid readers. Among those to have won awards is “Shadow of the Minotaur”, winner of Blue Peter Award “the book I couldn’t put down”. He has also been instrumental in Book Trust’s Writing Together Initiative and a key contributor at the QCA/National Literary Strategy ‘Writing Together’ conferences.

As we are committed to offering every opportunity to extend our pupils’ potential and confidence, we hope your child will value this experience of working alongside a ‘real’ author in a fun and creative way.

Pupils will have an opportunity to purchase books and have signed by the author, but this is not compulsory. Books will be priced at £6-£7.

<http://alangibbons.com/>

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/g/alan-gibbons/>



## Year 5 trip to Jorvik Viking Centre, York

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 5 went on a trip to York. We had to be at school for 6.45am so it was a very early start! It was a long coach trip, but we got there soon enough. When we arrived we went to the Viking museum and went on a ride. I

t had all the smells from the age of the Vikings, like a real street from all those years ago! We later went on an archaeological dig where we dug up some ground and saw what it would be like to be an archaeologist digging up remains of the Vikings. We went to the gift shop and had a walk around York. It was a fantastic day out and we all enjoyed it and learnt a lot. We came back at 8.00pm, tired and ready for bed!