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A note from the Headteacher...

What a fortnight it has been! I can testify that there is no 'wind down' at Woodfield prior to Christmas, but there have been plenty of events that have added a seasonal flavour to life at the academy. Feedback from audiences who attended pupils' production of 'Beauty and the Beast' was incredible, with nothing but praise for our children, who have been working on this project since the summer term, squeezing rehearsals into any spare window of time possible. The pantomime was amazing and our gratitude goes out to all of the pupils involved, with special thanks to Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr Schofield, Miss Moss, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Curtis, who brought everything together.

Our Christmas Fayre on Friday was a great success and the bustling crowds of pupils and parents dug deep to play games and make Christmas purchases, all in the aid of Friends of Woodfield. Combined with all of our festive FOW activities, we have raised over £1600! Our Coffee and Carols event was well attended by parents on Wednesday and I would like to thank you all again for taking time out to relax and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We hope to have had a similar effect on shoppers in the Kingfisher Centre yesterday, when our singers and stall-holders arrived to support the Barclays Community Christmas Party. Many thanks go out to Miss Williams for these musical feasts. You can also read about our pantomime trip, live 'blast off' viewing and trip to Malvern below.

Over the last two weeks we have rewarded those children whose attendance and schoolwork have been exemplary, with our Gold members' cinema trip and the extended lunch for those who have received Outstanding awards. On the subject of schoolwork, you will also have received your child's SPI report this week and I hope that the letter enclosed with that document, from Mrs Guest, clarifies our (still relatively new) reporting process.

Our Malvern residential has once again been a fabulous success. I understand there was plenty of mud and would like to thank Miss Anslow, Mr Newton, Mr Khawaja and Mrs Dean for providing our children with yet more memorable experiences.

Sadly, we say farewell to several colleagues at the end of this term. We wish Mrs O'Sullivan, Miss Klatt and Mr Duggan all the very best for the future and thank them for all they have done for Woodfield. We look forward to welcoming Miss Davies and Mr O'Brian (English), Mr Hodgkinson (IT Assistant), Mr Hanks (Pastoral Assistant) and Mrs Oakley (LSA) in the new year.

Finally, at the end of a busy term, as we look forward to spending time with friends and loved ones, I would like to wish all of you, the pupils, parents, staff and Governors of Woodfield Academy a very peaceful Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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 07/12/15—11/12/15

Year 5 - 95.6% Year 6 - 95.5%

Year 7 - 95.4% Year 8 - 92.2%

Whole School - 94.8%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 5CC who achieved 98.8%, the highest attendance this week.

Important Dates

4th Jan Spring Term Starts (TED)
5th Jan Pupils return to school
5th Feb Non-School Uniform



Happy Holidays!

Jack and the Beanstalk



On Monday 14th December some lucky members of Year 5 and 6 walked up to the Palace theatre to partake in a Christmas tradition of watching a pantomime. This year we saw the production of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children thought it was a wonderful experience, with lots of laughter had by all. Halfway through we had some delicious ice cream and then watched Jack defeat the giant. It was brilliant!

Basil Ilyas 6RB

Malvern

A big thank you to all Year 7 and 8 pupils who took to the hills, trees and rock faces in Malvern this week. There were many challenges, not only physical ones, that pupils were up against but all learnt something about themselves and their abilities whilst away. Even though there was little sleep there were many stories and precious memories made which will be with the pupils for a long time.

Special thanks go to Mr. Newton, Mr. Khawaja and Mrs Dean for giving up their valuable time away from their families and making the week such a pleasure. Miss Anslow

Bloodwise

Leukaemia research has changed its name to Bloodwise. This encompasses ALL cancers of the blood. Used postage stamps are being collected which are sent to Great Ormond Street to help raise funds for cancer patients there.

Please hand any used postage stamps to your class teacher or Mrs Dufrane. Thank you

A Time to Reflect and Celebrate



On Wednesday 16th December we held a 'Coffee and Carols' event. This is our third year and as with the previous two years was well attended and supported – thank you. It is good to take time out of a busy school life and give some thought to the reasons behind Christmas. Students across Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 took part whether it be singing, rapping or as an instrumentalist. All the Year 5's had the opportunity to play their recorders – and what a sound.

The following morning a group of singers sang traditional as well as contemporary carols in Barclays Bank. Many thanks to those who stood in the doorways and gave us support.

Both events were enjoyable as well as successful and we hope to repeat them next year.

May I say a big thank you to all those students who took part in these events – it was good working with you.

Miss Williams

School Uniform, Sale and Lost Property

Please ensure that all uniform (including coats) are labelled.

Second-hand sale: ties second-hand £3, blazers £5-£7 (depending on condition). Mrs Dufrane.

Lost property will be disposed of on the first Friday of the Spring Term (8th January 2016).

Thank you from Barclays Bank

Thank you to Miss Williams and the school choir, and Mrs Edwards and her helpers who made this years Barclays community party a success. The money raised (still being counted) will be matched £4£ by Barclays Bank and donated to friends of Woodfield and Redditch First Responders.

A big thank you also to Mr Schofield and Friends of Woodfield for providing Christmas music in between the carols and ensuring everything and everyone got to town safely.

Also to everyone who has donated raffle and tombola presents, staff and students, Boots, The Perfume Shop, Clintons, Mrs Willis, M&S to name but a few.



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Trip to ThinkTank

Science centres around the country played host to thousands of excited schoolchildren eagerly awaiting the countdown to astronaut Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station. We were fortunate to be able to take a group of our KS3 pupils to ThinkTank Birmingham to witness the historic launch on their gigantic screen. What they saw was the greatest demonstration of human courage and dedication, which no doubt will leave a lasting impression with our pupils for many years to come.

They also enjoyed a fun filled day of space themed science activities including building rockets, launching astronauts, learned about life aboard the ISS and toured around the universe in a spectacular Planetarium show.

