

Woodfield Word

14/15
Issue 7

Friday 19th
December 2014

A note from the Headteacher...

Woodfield Academy has remained action-packed right up until the end of term. Our Christmas production of Scrooge was very well received by packed audiences of parents and children. Far from a 'traditional' retelling of the story, it was packed to the brim with clever humour and the performances of a stellar cast were truly memorable. We are grateful to everyone involved for putting together such a polished production. I took the opportunity to visit our Year 7 and 8 children at the Malvern Outdoor Education Centre and it was brilliant to see everyone (quite literally) throwing themselves into the activities and conquering fears and challenges along the way. Whether they were jumping off high platforms, abseiling down cliff faces or walking further than they had ever done before, I know that all had exciting tales to tell at the end of a very physical week!

Back in school, we have celebrated our children's hard work and achievement with significant rewards and many have been able to enjoy cinema and pantomime experiences, whilst others have earned rewards issued in our Awards Assemblies. Challenge Day this week has been a great success, but we have also been able to stop and reflect during our WWI Centenary-inspired 'Coffee and Carols' morning. Thank you to everyone who shared the event with us!

Sadly, we say a number of farewells to staff at the end of this term: Ms Theakston, our Head of DT and Mrs Evans, our School Business Manager, both move on to pastures new and we wish them every success and happiness for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Ellis, who has supported us in Year 6 this term.

This holiday period is often very busy for families, but I hope that everyone linked to the school is able to find some time to 'relax and recharge' after a busy term. All that remains is for me to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best of health and happiness for the 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 08/12/14 - 12/12/14

Year 5 - 95.2% Year 6 - 94.5%

Year 7 - 93.2% Year 8 - 89.7%

Whole School - 93.3%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 6CS who achieved the highest attendance this week with 98.9%

Important Dates

5th January

TED

6th January

Spring Term Starts

23rd January

Y6 Trip to Cadbury World



AGM

The Governing Body Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 8pm in the Community Room at Woodfield Academy.

Parents are welcome to attend.

KS3 Malvern Trip

Pupils from KS3 have enjoyed a four day residential trip to Malvern this week.

The pupils worked together and achieved individual goals. It was an excellent week away with lots of new experiences and activities and has been enjoyed by all.

FOW Christmas Craft Fayre

Many, many thanks from FOW to all who supported the Christmas fayre by selling raffle tickets, donating items or attending the fayre last Friday.

It was a lovely atmosphere and a very successful event. We managed to raise close to £1800 which is a fantastic amount for our first Christmas event.

Gold Membership

Tuesday 9th December saw around 200 Woodfielders walk from school to the Kingfisher Centre to visit Redditch Vue cinema for a free movie screening. The trip was organised as a reward for the children who joined our 'Gold Membership' club.

To become a Gold member pupils have to:-

- * achieve 96% attendance or more;
- * get NO white behaviour slips for a whole term.



Children in Year 5 and 6 watched 'Nativity 3', whilst our Key Stage 3 pupils watched 'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1'.

It really was a pleasure to see so many children rewarded for their successes in school. Staff who attended were impressed by the number of children selected, and cinema staff commented on how well behaved they were throughout.



All records are re-set to zero from January, and ALL Woodfield pupils have the chance to earn the same reward at the end of the Spring Term.

Thank you to those who made the morning so enjoyable – and here's to even greater numbers walking up in March!

Mrs Willshaw

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