



A note from the Headteacher...

We have enjoyed some fantastic enrichment activities over the past fortnight: the Year 5 Space Centre trip was superb and incredibly informative to our fascinated pupils. Year 8 have also enjoyed their trip to the Houses of Parliament this week, during some interesting political times. I am not sure they are any better informed on what Brexit means, but they certainly felt the weighty atmosphere of one of the busiest political days in recent memory. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor, Miss Doidge and the teams who organised and ran these trips. Thank you also to Miss Philpotts, who secured a performance and anti-bullying workshop with boy band New King's Order earlier this week. What a great way to communicate Anti-Bullying Week's key messages!

S Bond

Attendance

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

Attendance for the week 06/11/18 – 09/11/18

Year 5 – 94.4% Year 6 – 88.2%
Year 7 – 89.1% Year 8 – 88.9%
Whole School – 90.2%
Whole School Target – 95%

Positives

9,300 Positives were awarded with Year 7 being the top performing year group with 3,070 Positives.

Top groups:

5CB – 421 Positives
6CP – 521 Positives
7DA – 775 Positives
8JB – 599 Positives

Important Dates

November 2018

28th Nov: Yr.6 trip to The Black Country Museum

December 2018

6th Dec: Tea & Teach (Barclays) School Hall
3.15pm

7th Dec: Yr.7 trip to Sea Life Centre

10th-13th Dec: Yr.7 Residential Malvern trip

11th Dec: Arts Evening, School 6pm



12th Dec – Ice Skating reward trip
21st Dec – Autumn Term ends
24th Dec-7th Jan 2019: Holiday
8th Jan – Back to School

No Drop

Offs!

This is a further request that parents/carers in cars **DO NOT use the school drive to drop-off and pick-up pupils**. We have had a number of near-misses on the drive and on the main road, our emergency services access has been blocked and there has been damage caused to parked cars. We request once again: **please park on the roadside** and allow your children to walk the last few metres into the building.



School Uniform

A reminder to parents that pupils should not be wearing nose or eyebrow piercings to school, our policy states to wear no more than a watch and one pair of stud earrings.

Anti-bullying Week

Congratulations to all of the Woodfield pupils who have worked really hard this week to embrace our theme of anti-bullying across school and the wider community. The week kicked off with a bang when New Kings Order visited us to highlight some of the issues faced by young people today and gave a fantastic performance of their current songs. Year 8 followed that up on Wednesday by investigating and researching topics such as 'How does bullying differ from friendship fall outs?', cyberbullying and the effects of bullying on mental health. Years 5, 6 and 7 have all been taking part

in some activities based around anti-bullying with their form teacher. Pupils should now all be confident of where to go and who to speak to should they experience any type of bullying.
#stopbullying

Remember Me...

On Thursday 8th November 2018, the Music Pyramid group commemorated the end of World War I.

A number of our students sang along with the other First and Middle schools, songs that would have been sung a hundred years ago, 'Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye', 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and contemporary songs like 'Last Kiss' and 'Remember me'.

The Last Post was sounded and silence fell in St. Stephen's Church and with bowed heads prayers for those lost and wounded and for world peace were said.

Many thanks to those students who took part and to Mrs. D. Sheffield for giving up her free time to support us.

J. Williams.



Year 5 Trip to the Space Centre

Year 5 blasted off to the Space Centre in Leicester last Friday. They spent the day exploring our solar system and the universe in a hands-on way and got to see Science in action. For many pupils the highlight of the day was the planetarium show where we got up close and personal with some of the stars and constellations in our night sky. Pupils were also able to climb the 147 steps to the top of the rocket tower and see a real rocket. The day ended with a quick trip to the space shop and a look at the strange objects that have fallen to Earth in the past. The pupil behaviour was exceptional and member of the Space Centre Team commented on how polite our pupils were.



Year 8 Trip to the Houses of Parliament

A really fantastic trip, despite the traffic jams and poorly pupils! We all loved visiting The House of Lords and got to learn some fascinating facts about the history of The Palace of Westminster and those who have walked its corridors over the last 1000 years. The pupils behaved impeccably as they wandered round hoping to catch a glimpse of Theresa May or hoping for a prime spot on the BBC News.

Finally, the highlight of our visit was our very own 'Wednesday Question Time' with Rachel Maclean, the Redditch MP, after our workshop. The children discussed some issues very close to their hearts and we look forward to hearing what the government have to say.

Thank you as always to our staff who give up their time to ensure pupils get to enjoy these amazing experiences.
Miss Doidge.



'Magic Breakfast'

Breakfast is known to be the most important meal of the day – so why do so many school age children not eat it? At Woodfield we are committed to ensuring all pupils have a healthy breakfast to start the day.

On the 3rd December we will be launching our "Magic breakfast" in collaboration with the National Schools Breakfast Programme. Our current before school provision will be changing to incorporate dedicated childcare from 7.45am – 8.15am for £2 per pupil, per day (payable on the day or via the school office weekly). At 8.15am we will be serving a FREE breakfast – not only to these pupils – but we will be opening the doors to any pupil who would like a free breakfast. Cereal and squash will be on offer to around 40 pupils each day. In order to ensure no pupil misses out and ALL pupils benefit, free bagels will be available on the playground every day from 8.30am to help boost energy levels prior to starting Lesson 1.

For any more information please email the school office quoting "Magic breakfast".

Mrs C Instan

