



**WOODLANDS PARK
SCHOOL**

The Woodlands Weekly

School Newsletter



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Note from the head

Our children in lower school have been undertaking mock phonics screening tests this week. As you will be aware, phonics is a method of teaching children to read and spell by teaching them the relationship between letters and sounds. The tests help us to establish the progress children are making against the Read, Write, Inc programme. All the children who undertook the tests coped really well, so well done! Throughout the school, we teach and promote reading, as it is such a crucial skill for children to grasp. Hearing your child read every night will help develop their reading skills and hearing you read to them is also important, no matter the child's age. If you are not doing so already, please try to give at least 10 minutes to this after school or in the evening each day. I know it's not easy, as a parent of three primary school children aged children myself, finding a quiet space and time alone with one child can be a challenge.

Mr Miles, Headteacher

Maidenhead Advertiser

We have heard that we are the Maidenhead Advertiser this week! Do buy a copy and read up about Joshua Reynold's visit. You will note we took the opportunity to raise with Joshua the concerns about SEND funding and the rising needs with SEND support in schools.

Extra-curricular clubs

Well done to those who have signed up for the extra-curricular club programme this term. It was lovely to see so many children

staying after 3.15pm this week and engaging with additional activities. There are still places in some of our clubs. Mr Miles and Mr Morgan would like to see a few more Year 1 – 3s at basketball club as we currently only have five children signed-up. All our clubs this term are free! Access sQuid for sign-up.

Young Voices Event

Our choir are busy preparing for the Young Voices Concert at Wembley Area on Monday 10th February. Young Voices is a program that organises children's choir concerts in the UK and around the world. The concerts are designed to inspire teamwork, artistic expression, and confidence in our children. We wish them all the best with their preparations and we have no doubt they will enjoy performing at an iconic venue!

Woody P Has Talent

Well done to all the children that auditioned for our talent show this week. The results will be shared in our celebration assembly next week and finalists will be performing in front of the school on Friday 7th February.



Photo: Dylan's talent audition

Punctuality

A reminder that children arriving after 9.20am are marked as absent from school. These absences

are marked as unauthorised and may be followed up the Education Welfare Officer if punctuality continues to be a concern. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.40am.

Primary Dance Festival

Information has been sent to Otters class (Year 5) for ordering spectator tickets for the Primary Dance Festival, which takes place on Wednesday 12th February. Please ensure you initially only purchase 1 ticket in line with the early bird rule. Additional tickets can be purchased from midday on the 23rd January.

School Uniform and P.E. kit

Please ensure children wear school shoes and the correct P.E. kit. We have seen an increase in trainers being worn on non-P.E. days and children wearing hoodies that are different colours or unblazoned with logos. If you are unsure about uniform, please check our school website.

Mental Health Support

If you are looking for help or guidance on supporting your child with their mental health, there is useful information on the following borough website pages. Do take the time to read through the information and follow the relevant links.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/community-and-living/public-health/mental-wellbeing/children-and-young-people-wellbeing>