



If at first you don't succeed, try, try again Bramble finally made it through the hoop on Sports Day!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have almost made it to the end of the academic year that has been September 2020 to July 2021 and what a year it has been!

I am enormously proud of all that we have achieved together despite the relentless challenges. The children and young people with the support of parents and carers have kept us all going. We are amazed by the children's determination, resilience and their considerable achievements. We so appreciate how you have supported their remote learning during periods of lockdown and also how willing you have been to work with us and remain connected throughout the year.

We will wave off year 11 and 13 students who are off to college with a clutch of qualifications under their arms. They are ready to move on and deserve to be confident in themselves in their new settings. Other year 11s and year 12s are staying with us for longer to form two Post 16 classes in September. All of our current Year 6 children are remaining with us for their secondary education and they will be joined with some new year 7 starters in September.

The Woodside Team, which includes our admin/premises teams, catering and cleaning associates and the therapy team have collaborated remarkably and worked consistently hard this year. We say goodbye to Mrs Freeburn, Mrs Childs, Mrs Bagnall, Ms Dixon and Miss Woodhead; thank you all sincerely for your contributions to Woodside. Miss Wilson who has served at the school for over 20 years now has decided to retire knowing that she has changed countless children's lives with her dedication and attention to detail.

I would like to pay tribute to our Executive Head Teacher Madelaine Caplin who is taking on a different role within LSEAT and from September will no longer be so directly involved with us. Madelaine has led Woodside with determination, kindness, clarity and an unrelenting commitment to achieving the very best for children and young people. She has generously shared her wisdom and expertise with leaders so that we can take on the mantle of leading Woodside to excellence. Madelaine has kindly made a personal donation of plants for us all to enjoy. These will be located in the concrete planters at the front of the school and will welcome everyone in.

We could not achieve any of the above without you, your child and your support. Thank you for being on this journey with us and for being a part of this wonderful community which is Woodside.

With best wishes for a great, healthy and safe summer break.

Kathryn Freame Head of School



Staff recently participated in the One Trust Roadshow and One Trust All Staff meeting. It is exciting to be part of a forward-thinking organisation like LSEAT which is clearly striving to break new ground for children and young people.

Secondary teacher, Mr Mason is the Woodside representative on the LSEAT Climate Change task and finish group. In terms of impact, we also received some very pleasing and prompt feedback from a local resident which demonstrated how our presence within our community really makes a difference and reads as follows:

Hi All at Woodside Academy,

Last year I passed your school and was blown away by the lovely poppies you had made & had outside for us all to see.

I have passed again recently and I saw all the lovely painted stones they are such pretty colours. At the weekend as I passed again I looked at the stones and they cheered me up, but then I saw this amazing recycling display, well that really made me smile! It's brilliant. I'm sure it will remind lots of people to recycle their rubbish.

Well done to all the children, young people and staff at Woodside Academy.

Thank you for making me smile.

Mr Mason: Plastic pollution is a vast problem that has been growing for years. Pupils learn about it on the news, documentaries with David Attenborough, visiting the seaside, local rivers and lakes. Our pupils and future generations will be the ones burdened by the consequences of inaction. They shall have to live in a world of plastic pollution far beyond what is happening today if more is not done right now. Colossal changes are needed in our thinking, attitudes and approaches as well as within our government and society as a whole. Whilst it can at times feel impossible to make a real difference, Woodside pupils wanted to do more and with the support of the school council, promoted both within our Academy and our community, the importance of recycling plastic by taking part in our Recycle Themed Week.

Pupils from EYFS to KS4/5 learned that our homes, local area and amazing planet are all one and the same; interconnected and working together. Together we collaboratively created robots out of recycled plastic as part of our outside display to let others in our school and community know where we stand when it comes to combatting plastic pollution. Our message to everyone is 'Recycle' and this is displayed at the front of the school.



We are proud to say Woodside Academy, staff and students, now have a dedicated plastic waste recycling system in place. With plastic recycle bins created by the students for all our key areas around the school and collected with the help of the school council for recycling.

But recycling is just the tip of the iceberg. With the help of the school council, we need to be smart in our future choices and school purchases and reuse plastics whenever we can, for practical uses and arts and crafts. We can reduce our use of plastics by saying no to single use plastics. **Together we can make a difference.**

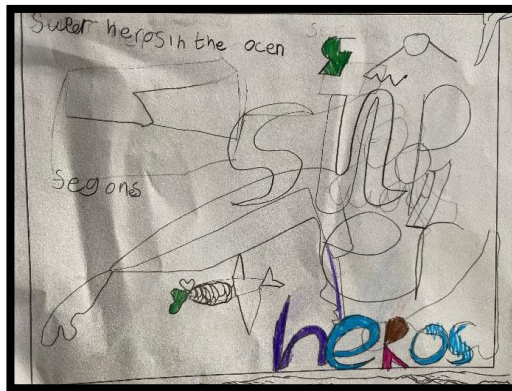
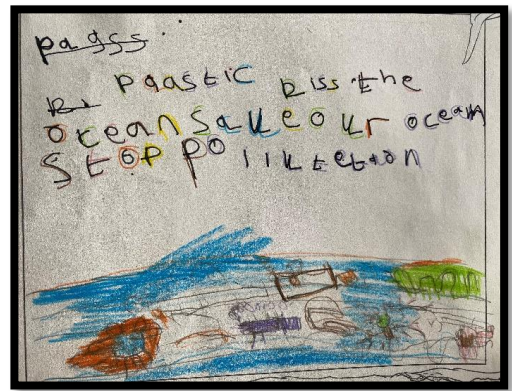
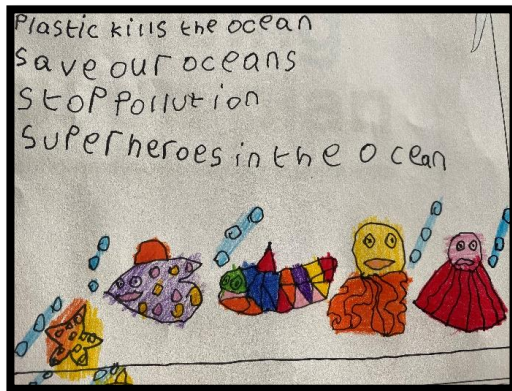
Key Stage 4

Creative Offer Activities

KS4 pupils took the opportunity to take part in various enrichment activities over the course of the year to develop skills and to enhance learning outside of the curriculum. These activities include:-

Marine Conservation Society

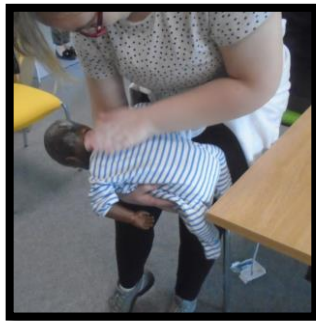
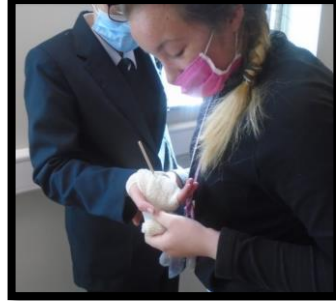
An online presentation with the Marine Conservation Society. The Society is a charity whose aim is raise awareness through fun activities the important part the ocean plays in our lives and moreover the underwater superheroes. To reinforce learning, students produced a poster to share what they had learned.



KS4 First Aid Training

All KS4 students took part in basic first aid training. They learnt how to administer CPR, how to apply dressings / bandages to different injuries and how to tie a sling. They had great fun in training whilst learning a valuable life skill.

KS4 First Aid Training Cont /



Transition to College

Students who are moving on to college next academic year were able to visit local colleges for example, Shooters Hill Campus and Bexley College. At Bexley College the students were able to take part in some taster activities to get a feel for what they will be experiencing when they start college in September. The aim of these transition sessions was to let the students get a feel for college life and to get to know their tutor. It was also beneficial to meet up with old friends who have moved on from Woodside Academy.



Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 have had an exciting year of challenges, opportunities and stimulating learning. Pupils have learnt through the Woodside holistic curriculum, which has provided rich opportunities for cross curricular learning. The ability to master Google Classroom and produce high quality work during home learning is a positive step during a difficult time. It has been rousing to read some of the pupil's exceptional writing and observe a lot of spectacular artworks, recently contributing to an amazing display to showcase the whole world.

Pupils learnt music from the London Symphony Orchestra, learnt how to support the environment through DT, develop awareness of themselves and others through E-safety and RSE lessons. Sports day and outdoor adventure week showcased how key stage 3 were able to successfully collaborate together. The opportunities to outside the classroom were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The pupils have been able to showcase their cooking skills through making foods from different cultures as well as completing science experiments to build their understanding of different topics.

As we move into the new year, the focus for Key Stage 3 will be on high quality reading opportunities for all pupils, developing opportunities for learning outside of the classroom, and continuing to develop the pupils' access to the RSE curriculum.

We would like to wish the pupils progressing into Key stage 4 good luck as they continue on their journey through the school and welcome the new pupils moving up from primary or joining the school.



Key Stage 2

KS2 explored the theme 'Minibeasts,' throughout this term. Classes enjoyed visiting wild area and looking for minibeasts as well as creating habitats for them to live in. Pupils have learned not only about caring for wild life but also for the environment.

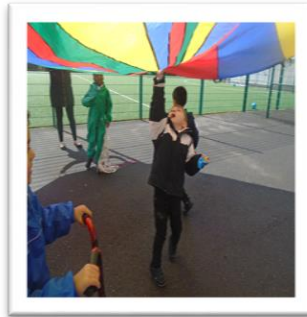
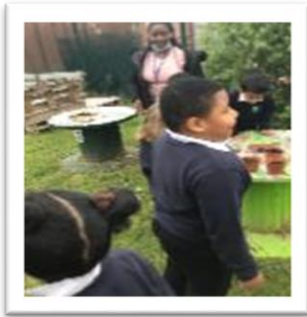
Our focus for next term will be on developing further practical maths opportunities both inside and outside the classroom to develop enthusiasm for solving mathematical problems in a variety of different contexts.



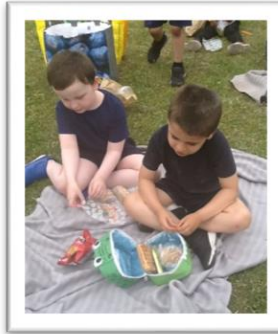
EYFS and KS1

It has been a busy year for EYFS and KS1. We started the academic year of 2019 – 2020 with only one class of reception children, based at Belmont whilst the building work was being completed, and now at the end of July 2021 we have grown as a department to have 27 children from Reception through to Year 2.

The children have become more confident with their communication and routines throughout the year and now enjoy their daily visits to the wild garden, 'big playground' and sensory garden, as well as using their outdoor classroom on a daily basis.



In June, we had a Teddy Bear's picnic outside in the field. We had so much fun eating outdoors, playing games and rolling down the grassy slopes.



We recently held our first ever EYFS and KS1 sports day at Woodside, and the children enjoyed themselves. Activities such as the parachute, obstacle course tunnel, and of course, bubbles were accessed by all children.



We are looking forward to welcoming new EYFS and KS1 children into our department in September. We will also have a brand new sensory circuit room, soft play and OMI room and a library in our EYFS and KS1 corridor.

Sports Day

Despite the British weather, we managed to hold a Sports Day for all our key stages. Each one was very different to suit the needs of our students. Early years enjoyed parachute games, bubbles and tug of war (a big hit). The older students enjoyed team building activities.

The focus for Sports Days has always been participation and enjoyment and some events offer a chance for an element of competition, especially for staff! Two of the events were run by our older students, including btec sport group - those students are a credit to themselves, their families and the school. We look forward to welcoming back the parents and carers, who will be able to join in too next year!

Early Years – 30.06.21



KS2 – 05.07.21



Bramble – 07.07.21



KS3 – 07.07.21

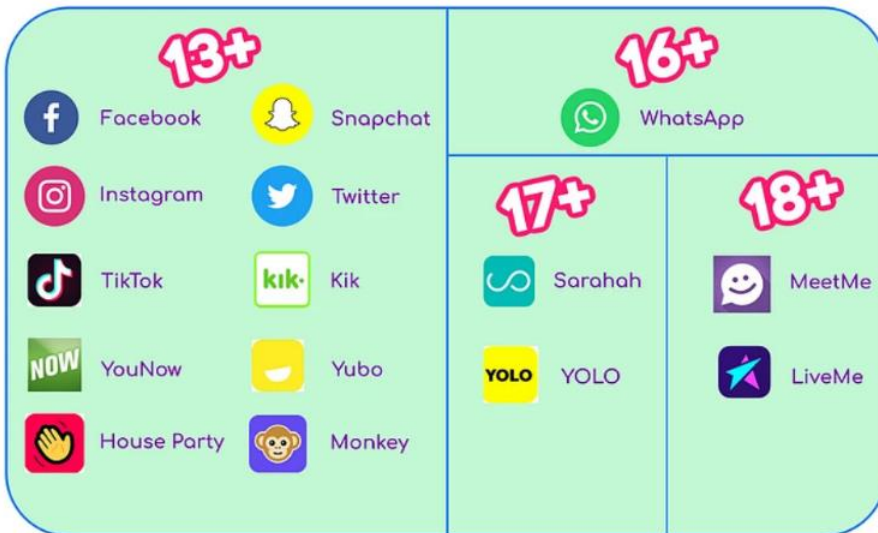


KS4/5 – 07.07.21



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Online Safety tips for parents



Social media apps have age restrictions, it is a parent's responsibility to make sure they only have access to apps that are age appropriate.

Keeping your child safe online:

- It a parent's **responsibility** to keep your child safe online at home.

*As they get older 8 out of 10 teens spend most of their time online chatting to friends on social media or in games**

*Source: [In their own words: The digital lives of schoolchildren - Cybersurvey 2019](#)

- Make sure you and your child know how to **block abusive comments and report content** that worries them (see below).
- Teach them to **respect others online and think about comments before they post them** and discuss how easily comments made online can be misinterpreted.
- If your child, or someone else sends **threatening, abusive or offensive messages or images** via Whatsapp, Snapchat or any other social networking site, they could be **committing an offence**, and these need to be reported to the police either online (<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime>) or telephone **101**.
- Don't allow them to meet people in real life that they've only talked to online and **remind them that some people may not be who they say they are**.
- Set up **strong parental controls** on your internet connection and **any devices** that your child uses. For help on how to set these up visit: www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls

Sending threatening, abusive, offensive messages or images is a criminal offence.

Met Police 2021



Online resources for parents and carers

Parental controls advice:

- A set of guides highlighting safety features on popular social media services and messaging apps. www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools
- Support and information on what to do if you think your child is at risk online. www.childnet.com/parents-help

How to report harmful, offensive and abusive messages, images or content

- Advice for adults and young people on the reporting tools for popular games, apps and social media platforms. www.childnet.com/how-to-make-a-report
- **CEOP.** A police agency tackling child sexual abuse and online grooming, including an online reporting tool and advice and activities for parents and children. To make a report: www.ceop.police.uk
- Internet Watch Foundation. The IWF work to remove online images and videos of child sexual abuse. Their online reporting tool can be used to anonymously report criminal content of this kind. www.iwf.org.uk
- Advice on how to respond to harmful content online, this tool also allows you to query inadequate reporting responses from other services. www.reportharmfulcontent.com
- Hate crime and incidents and advice on how to report it in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. www.report-it.org.uk
- How to remove a nude image shared online: www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online
- Make a report to the police:
www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime or call 101



Please see below amended Woodside term dates for next year. These have been amended to reflect revised start of term dates in September and an additional day's school holiday on Monday 6th June, to offset the bank holiday the previous week for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These dates can also be viewed on the school website.

Woodside Academy Term Dates for 2021 to 2022

Term One

Primary Pupils return to school on 3rd September 2021
Secondary Pupils return to school on 10th September 2021
(Half term holiday – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021)

Term Two

Pupils return to school – Wednesday 3rd November to Friday 17th December 2021
(Christmas holiday – Monday 20th December to Friday 1st January 2022)

Term Three

Pupils return to school – Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022
(Half term holiday – Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022)

Term Four

Pupils return to school – Tuesday 22nd February 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022
(Easter holiday – Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022)

Term Five

Pupils return to school – Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022
(Half term holiday – Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June 2022)

Term Six

Pupils return to school – Tuesday 7th June to Friday 22nd July 2022

School Closed for INSET days

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 21st February 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

Pupil Progress Review Day

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 (pupils + parent/carers in by appointment only)



Woodside Academy 2021/2022

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 Holidays (School closed)

 Bank Holiday (School closed)

 Primary start of term
 Secondary start of term

 Teacher Training Day
 (School closed to pupils)

 Progress Review Day
 (Ducks open offices in by appointment only)



Keeping Children Safe

If you're worried that anyone under the age of 18 might need help, or is being neglected or hurt, you must tell someone.

Call Children's Services at the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 3045 5440 and speak to a social worker. If you're worried you'll be put in a difficult position, you can speak to them anonymously. The opening hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

if it's out of hours, call 020 8303 7777 or 020 8303 7171

drop in and see us at Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT

If you are a parent and you have concerns about your child's mental health,

Bexley CAMHS: 0203 260 5200 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

During weekends, evenings and bank holidays emergency support is available from the following services

The urgent advice/crisis line CAMHS : 0800 330 8590

Child Line: 0800 11111

Samaritans: 08457 909090

*We welcome communication from parents and carers, please see guidance sheet attached - **Communication between home and school (v2) May 2021***

Information and Helpline Numbers

[Bexley Coronavirus Helpline](#) London Borough of Bexley has setup a helpline for vulnerable residents who may need help, advice, and support linked to the coronavirus. Tel - 0203 045 5398

NSPCC Internet Safety - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

You can also visit our School website for more information - <http://www.woodside.bexley.sch.uk//>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>



Pupil Covid testing/reporting procedures

Secondary/P16 pupils should:

- Over the summer holidays, continue Covid home testing twice a week and report results via the NHS Link.
- Escort your child to school for onsite testing prior to the September start date.

Should you obtain a positive LFD result, or have Covid symptoms you should:

- Immediately book a PCR test for clarification of result.
- Advise close contacts to self-isolate.

Testing is voluntary for secondary pupils and staff. Please do follow the above guidance to ensure that we comply with the Government guidance. Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone safe.

Dates for Diary

- Primary Pupils return to school on Friday, 3rd September.
- Secondary Pupils return to school on Friday, 10th September. The DFE require students to be tested twice, 3 to 5 days apart prior to returning to school. Testing will be carried out on the following dates and times:

	KS3	KS4	P16
Test 1	Friday 3.9.21 @ 9.30 to 11.30	Monday 6.9.21 @ 9.30 to 11.30	Monday 6.9.21 @ 1pm
Test 2	Wednesday 8.9.21 @ 9.30 to 11.30	Thursday 9.9.21 @ 9.30 to 11.30	Thursday 9.9.21 @ 1pm

We will be in touch to confirm arrangements in early September.



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