



The Woodside Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through February and the Spring term. We have all very much enjoyed the new space which is available in the school. The library is now located on the top floor which means that all children can take regular visits and enjoy the views we now have across the Thames.

It was lovely to welcome in our youngest pupils from Buttercup class who now have a programme of regular visits to the main school to help them prepare to move over here in September. Across the school this week, there has been a heavy focus on pupil safety, both personal and online safety. We try to make the most of every opportunity to reinforce safety messages with the children throughout the school day and in specific lessons.

We are also encouraging everyone to look after their wellbeing and mental health and have trained mental health first aiders for the pupils and the staff. They are; Miss Hookway, Mrs Busby and Mrs Knight. Linked to how much nature can support our wellbeing, it is Outdoor Learning Week on our return to school after the break and so please be ready to send in some old trainers or wellies and a waterproof coat if notified by teachers.

We are saying farewell to Mr Sparrow today as he embarks on his travels. He will be missed by all but we are looking forward to receiving some postcards from around the world.

With best wishes for a relaxed half term.

Kathryn Freame

Under 14 Boys Football Team

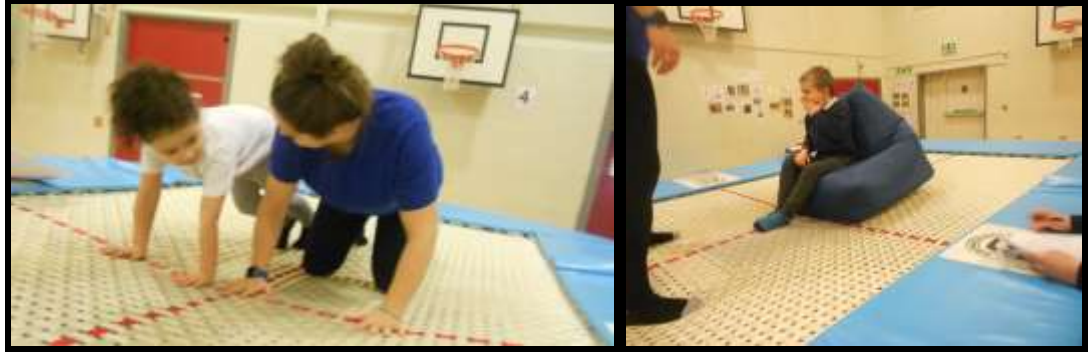
On Wednesday 5th February the U14 boys football team went to the South London Special League in Kidbrooke. They played four games against Glebe, Drumbeat, Kings Oak and fellow LSEC school Endeavour Academy. The team drew the first two games and won the next two games. Harry scored two goals and Asher and Malakhi also scored one goal each. Other team members James, Ben and Ted played a vital role in goal and defence. The team finished joint first with Kings Oak. The boys were a credit to themselves and the academy. Very well done. **Mrs Leadbetter**





Buttercup Class - Rebound Therapy

This week, our EYFS class; Buttercup Class enjoyed their very first Rebound therapy session focussing on the basic movements of trampolining. This included being able to sit, lay and show enjoyment in being bounced and rocked on the trampoline with the support of an adult. They coped fantastically with the change of setting, they loved the freedom of the sports hall and enjoyed the use of the school minibus. We look forward to our next session after half term and working towards the children gaining their first certificate.



Lizzie Bea Workshop

Beech had a wonderful workshop with the delightful Lizzie Bea. The session consisted of warming up with a few stretches, a discussion about the stone age; followed by acting out different scenarios. We used our bodies, to make movements for how the Stone age people would hunt gigantic Woolly Mammoths or vicious Sabre toothed tigers. We looked at the movements of lighting fire, collecting food, painting in a cave and other daily tasks. The children had a wonderful time and although found it difficult, as many felt out of their comfort zones, all managed to participate and enjoy the session. We were fortunate enough to end the session by having Lizzie Bea sing to us 'Good morning Baltimore' from the production Hairspray she will be starring in.





Bexley Fire Station

This week, Independent Living Class visited Bexley Fire Station as part of our Unit on 'Keeping Safe'. The Firefighters were really impressed at how much the students knew about fire safety.

We were lucky enough to all have a go at spraying the hose and we watched them use cutters and spreaders to remove a car door!



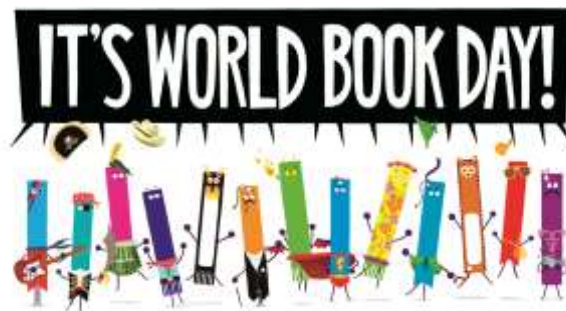
World Book Day

This year, World Book Day falls on Thursday the 5th of March.

Thursday is a really busy day for Woodside's young people. We have visits to Bexley College, Post 16 working off site at the Good Life Centre, swimming lessons and an Under 16's girls' football match.

We have therefore decided to postpone our celebrations until the following day- Friday, 6th of March. The theme of the day will be 'Share a Story' and we shall be finding lots of creative ways to make sure each of us shares a story on the day. As is becoming traditional, children and adults will be invited to dress up as a character from a book.

We are all working hard to promote a love of reading and this will be a lovely opportunity to share enjoyment, have fun and make some memories.





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Diary Dates

- *Half Term* (School Closed) – Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – **Pupils return Monday 24th February.**

06.03.2020 – World Book Day

10.03.2020 – Full day '**Sensory Processing Workshop**' details to follow. Led by specialist occupational therapist.

17.3.2020 at **9am** Parents/carers **Coffee Morning "Bexley Voice"**

01.04.2020 - Woodside Academy Parents evening - 3.30 - 6.00pm

02.04.2020 - Buttercup Class parent consultations - 1.00 - 2.30pm

- *Easter Holiday* – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020 – **Pupils return Monday 20th April.**
- *May Day Bank Holiday* - Friday 8th May (School Closed)
- *Half Term* (School Closed) – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – **Pupils return Monday 1st June.**
- *Training Day* – Monday 20th July (School Closed)
- *Training Day* – **Tuesday 21st July (School Closed)**

