



Dear Woodside Families,

Welcome to the first Woodside Way of 2020 and Happy New Year to all of you.

We have had a very busy start to the term and I must commend our wonderful staff for their team work and efforts in ensuring that we were ready to receive the children and young people last Tuesday. There were several changes to classes and rooms and we are now all enjoying more space. In addition, we have installed some new technology in some classrooms and replaced the carpets with more practical and brighter vinyl in the primary department. We now have some amazing views across the Thames and local area which all of the children can begin to enjoy as we have moved the library to the top floor.

We took the opportunity at the beginning of the new year to launch our new school values. These were finalised by the senior students in weekly votes led by school council representatives in each class. The new Woodside Academy values are **Trust, Honesty, Kindness, Respect, Independence, Positivity and Achievement**. We will be recognising and celebrating the children and young people who reflect these weekly in classes, assemblies and by certificate. Class teams and the amazing mid-day play leader team will be nominating the values champions each week. Do come along to some of the parent and carer events this term, it will be a great opportunity for you to see and enjoy the new space we now have.

Have a good weekend.

Kathryn Freame

Girls Club

The last week of term, Girls Club held a Christmas pamper party to celebrate Christmas in style. The girls had a great time choosing the different varnish colours and glitters. They sat perfectly still at the nail bar while receiving their beauty treatments and all left club feeling extra special.



Help The Homeless Appeal

The homeless appeal was a great success and the donations were thankfully received by the 999 Deptford Homeless Shelter. We would like to thank Woodside parent, Yasmin Theobald, for her initiative in helping this fantastic cause. Once again thank you to all who donated and collaborated to make this appeal a success.





The Sikh Toy Appeal

Woodside would like to say a massive thank you to the 'Sikh Toy Appeal' a charity that runs across the country. A local resident who volunteers for this fantastic cause nominated Woodside Academy to be eligible for donations. We are very thankful to have received such a generous donation of toys and games. These will be put to good use for our children to enjoy.



Painted Pebbles

Many thanks to everyone in Woodside School for painting their glorious pebbles for our outdoor pebble feature. This picture gives you an idea of what the pebble feature will look like when the stones are arranged outside the school next term. Thanks to all the children and staff who painted a pebble as they look absolutely fantastic! Also, thanks to the whole school on behalf of the wild birds in our school grounds. They will appreciate how you all made recycled bird feeders this term.

Debbie Colyer. Poplar Class KS3





Post 16 Science

Post 16 students are aware of the problems and dangers of plastic to our planet. Plastic waste takes up approximately 20% of a modern landfill and can take hundreds of years to break down.

In Science with Mrs Beresford, they are experimenting with Bio-Plastic. They will be learning about bio-based and biodegradable bioplastics. These will biodegrade under certain environmental conditions. These materials are suitable for disposable items, such as packaging, drink bottles, single-use food containers and cutlery. They are more sustainable because they save fossil fuel resources and, if disposed of appropriately, support further plant growth.



Wouldn't change a thing

Woodside pupil, Ellen has been chosen as one of the 2020 Ambassadors for "Wouldn't change a thing" a charity organisation that is raising much needed Down's Syndrome awareness. Ellen will attend an event this year to help make negative perceptions of people with Down's Syndrome a thing of the past. <https://www.wouldntchangeathing.org/>





Shrek The Musical at the Bob Hope Theatre Eltham

A former Woodside student who is now studying their Level 3 UAL qualification at the Miskin Theatre Dartford, after achieving their level 2 with Distinction, will be playing one of the three little pigs in this production of Shrek- The Musical.

There are many performances available over the Easter Holidays that can easily be booked online and there is a relaxed performance at 2.30pm on Monday 13th April 2020.

Parents will need to contact the theatre directly on 02088503702 for the relaxed performance. Currently for the relaxed performance the tickets are £12 under the early bird scheme but if booked later will be £14. For the other performances tickets range from £12 - £16 depending on what time you book.

SHREK - THE MUSICAL

9th - 18th April 2020

Evening Performances at 7.45pm

Saturday Matinees at 2.30pm

RELAXED PERFORMANCE ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL AT 2.30PM

This is perfect for anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed performance environment including those with an autism spectrum condition or learning disability

Please note leaflets for this event have gone home with pupils this week.



Diary Dates

27.1.2020 at 3:15pm - Year 11/12 Parents/carers/pupil, **Post 16 2020/21 information meeting**

10.2.2020 at 9am - Parents/carers **Coffee Morning "Trauma & Attachment"**

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"**



All Together Achieving



At Woodside Academy, we value *trust*, *honesty* and *kindness* from all.



We *respect* ourselves and each other in all that we do.



We strive for *independence* in our learning and our leisure time to live safe and happy lives



We face challenges by being *positive* and believing that we can overcome them

All together better; all together we will *ACHIEVE* great things!