



Two of our Key Stage 3 students have worked well today selling blue and Yellow Ribbons to raise money for the Ukraine Relief Fund. Staff and students are happy with their ribbons.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now two-thirds of the way through the school year and I think it is fair to say that this term has been productive, despite the impact of the pandemic in the first half of the term.

The children and the staff team have worked incredibly hard and deserve a good rest and I am sure that you do too. Hopefully the break from the school routine for a couple of weeks will be refreshing for everybody. We also say thank you and goodbye to Ms Langridge and Ms Tobin who are both moving on to new adventures.

Throughout this term, and in our efforts to continuously improve the provision here at Woodside, we have been shining the spotlight on Reading, Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion, (EDI) and the PSHE and RSE curriculum across the whole school. (PSHE= Personal, Social, Health and Emotional, RSE= Relationships and Sex education).

It was good to welcome many of you to parents' & carers' evening this week. Hopefully you may have seen some of the developments around the school, such as the flag tree which represents nationalities within our school community, on prominent display. This has promoted pride amongst children and staff, and has significantly increased discussion, sharing of information, and raised appreciation of other countries and cultures. All classes have cultural calendars, bespoke to the class grouping, so that a range of festivals from different faiths and beliefs are observed and celebrated. 'Diverse but Equal' posters are displayed around school to reinforce positive messages to all, and we ensure that a range of multicultural and diverse books and toys are on offer in classes and libraries. Classes displaying words of welcome in languages spoken by children in their class foster challenge and reinforce our school values and EDI objectives. The staff team are also trying to broaden their greetings so that we can better celebrate and acknowledge the many first languages spoken at home by the children and young people of Woodside.

Local Community Governor Dr Debbie Potts visited Woodside in March. She comments in her report; 'I was pleased to see that the leadership team are making EDI a priority and was impressed by some of the initiatives they are already taking in this area. This includes the recent appointment of an EDI lead among the teaching staff, taking account of how diversity is represented in displays, resources and activities, and including pupils and staff in the development of the academy's ethos. The Chair of trustees, Denise James-Mason, also made a visit and has commented on the children's excellent conduct and approach to learning.'

As you know, Woodside Academy is part of the London South East Academies Trust, LSEAT. As part of our ongoing commitment to working together as a family of schools under our 'One Trust' umbrella, our school email addresses are changing from 22nd April 2022. The new email address for the school will be: office@woodside.lseat.org.uk. A reminder will be sent out next term.

Thank you for your generosity in support of humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Two full minibuses of much needed items were sent to the LSEAT depot. Funds raised today will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal <https://www.dec.org.uk/>.

It is World Autism Acceptance Week this week, until 3rd April. We try hard to space out our fundraisers in school and this is especially important at the moment. Therefore, we will be celebrating autism, promoting acceptance and fundraising to 'create a society that works for autistic people' in a dedicated week during the summer term. In the meantime, here is Harley with Ms Medcalf to remind us all of how proud we can be.



Plenty of ideas can be found here <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2022>

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Easter. Children and young people return for the summer term on Tuesday 19th April.

Kathryn Freame
Head Teacher

Look what Mrs Freame found on her car this morning! She will have to get better at parking at Woodside!



Post 16 student Mia caught lots of staff and students out today with an elite range of prank props

EYFS and Key Stage 1

In Snowdrop class we have been sharing some stories about friendship using our reading buddy toys. We have read 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as well as a variety of online Big Cat books and Bag books.



One of our favourite stories is 'Please Mr Panda'. We enjoyed using the puppets and props to help us to tell the story and learnt how to say 'please' using sign language.

Mr Panda offered doughnuts to his friends in the story which inspired us to create our own doughnuts using different materials and printing techniques. We even used doughnuts to improve our maths skills by counting the number of sprinkles that we put on top of them. Our classroom is beginning to look like a bakery thanks to our amazing creative skills. Anyone for a doughnut?

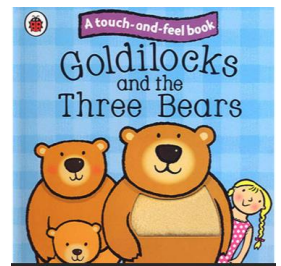
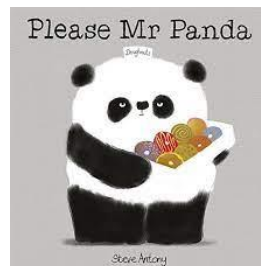
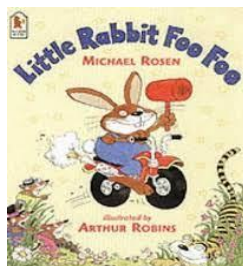
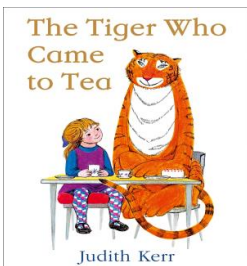
EYFS and Key Stage 1 continued ...



A very polite tiger came to tea in Buttercup and Daisy class! We shared the cucumber sandwiches and the carrot cakes we made in the morning. We enjoyed reading the story and joining in with re-telling it, maybe he will come to tea again!



Some of our favourite books have been:



Key Stage 2

The theme for KS2 this term has been friendship, we have been discussing how we can show kindness to others. We hope that during parents evening you will be able to see some of our ideas in our friendship tree display we have created in the KS2 corridor.

During this term there have been many events for KS2 to share together such as World Book Day. WBD gave us an opportunity to discuss and explore our favourite stories. We focused on books by Michael Rosen and some of us have been writing and performing our own poetry from the poetry book 'A Great Big Cuddle.' Classes visited our wild area to find characters related to stories by Michael Rosen.



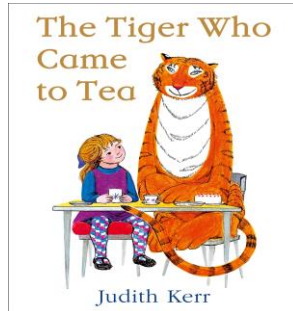
In the World Book Day bookmark competition, there were some very creative entries across all the classes. Karan won the story 'Superworm' with his colourful bookmark designed around different stories created by Michael Rosen.

Key Stage 2

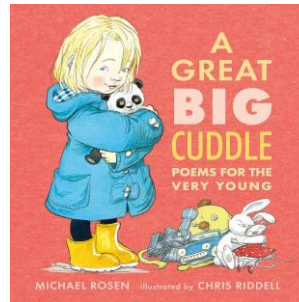
During Red Nose Day, KS2 took part in the Nose and Spoon race. We practised balancing red noses on a spoon and raced each other to the finish line.



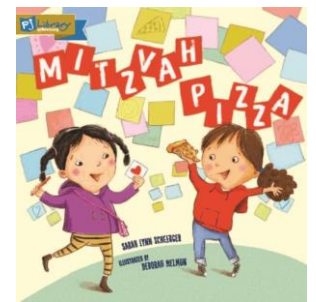
Our favourite books have been:



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



A Great Big Cuddle (poetry)



Mitzvah Pizza

Key Stage 3

This half term, the pupils have been learning about friendship throughout the holistic curriculum. This has allowed all pupils chances to showcase our school values, in particular that we are caring and kind. These values are also a feature of E-safety, which we have been learning about this half term. There have been some exciting events, including World Book Day, where our pupils were invited to dress as their favourite book characters, as well as Red Nose Day and Friendship week, which have engaged pupils with a range of different activities and helped to raise awareness and money.

Here are some photos which show the wonderful learning we have been completing this half term:

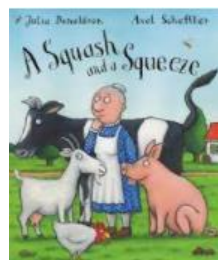


Reading opportunities have been high through opportunities to read with other pupils or classes, visits to the school library as well as using quality texts to support learning. Great stories have helped to inspire some fantastic writing this half term, including from our key author Judith Kerr.

In maths, KS3 has been developing our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying properties, patterns, similarities and differences. KS3 has been learning outside the classroom and engaging in practical maths by measuring lengths, weight and volume.

In science this half term, KS3 has been learning about hearing. The practical lessons have involved making vibrations, playing different instruments and investigating the ear defenders and string telephones. It has been a lot of fun. This has linked well to music and DT projects. KS3 have also had a chance to learn about some inspirational women through history, including Florence Nightingale, Rosa Parks and Greta Thunberg, and have been learning about the origins of Buddhism in RE.

Some of our favourite books that we have been enjoying reading in class and learning about have included:



14-19



Thinking about the people of Ukraine

Woodside Academy 14-19 phase demonstrated their support for the people in Ukraine by making and displaying an array of sunflowers to the front of the school. As part of our ongoing re-cycling initiative, bottoms of plastic bottles were painted and adapted to make the sunflowers, which I am sure you will agree, make quite a statement.



The painting ...



The planting ...



The pleasing end result

14-19 Phase RE Drop Down Day



On the 10th March, the 14-19 Phase held their termly RE drop down day; the focus of this term's event was Islam. Teachers across the phase came off their usual timetable to plan and deliver a range of creative, interactive and meaningful activities to enhance the students understanding of Islam. The day included tasting and cooking traditional foods, The Five Pillars of Islam and EID. The end of the day was reserved for student's feedback; from this it was evident that the day had been a success and that all students had the opportunity to take part in the variety of activities.



Btec Sport Class - Trip to Danson Park



On Thursday 24th March the Btec Sport class went to Danson Park to try some orienteering. Using and understanding how to turn a map, they were able to navigate round sections of the park looking for 'orienteering posts'.

The group travelled on public transport and practised their independent skills at the park café. We are now planning our next outing.

Mrs Leadbetter and Mrs Giles

Congratulations on winning the class giveaway!

As part of a recent World Book Day giveaway held by Give a Book, we are pleased to report that we have been nominated by Bag Books (<http://www.bagbooks.org/>), to receive 20 copies of Clare and her Captain by Michael Morpurgo. We are thankful for the nomination, and we know that the children will enjoy their new books!



Bikeability Course – Term Time Cycle Training Opportunity for Years 6-13

We are pleased to inform you that the London Borough of Bexley, Traffic and Road Safety Service have agreed to arrange a Bikeability Level 1/2 course to be delivered to pupils during school time, during the weeks of 25th April and 9th May 2022.

The course aims to provide Levels 1, 2 and 3 training to children who are **competent cyclists** i.e. able to ride a bike well unaided (can take one hand off the handlebar to signal, look behind etc., without wobbling).

Please see attached letter for further information.

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The Woodside Way

Traffic and Road Safety Services

Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7AT
Tel: 020 8303 7777 or Direct Line as relevant
Fax: 020 3045 5899
www.bexley.gov.uk

Direct Dial 020 3045 5753

Date As Postmark



LONDON BOROUGH OF
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To Year 6 parents and carers
Woodside School

Dear Parent/ Carer

Term-time Cycle Training

I am pleased to inform you that the school has arranged a Bikeability Level 1/2 course to be delivered to pupils during school time during the weeks of:

April 25th and May 9th

The course aims to provide Levels 1 and 2 and 3 training to children who are **competent cyclists** i.e. able to ride a bike well unaided (can take one hand of the handlebar to signal, look behind etc., without wobbling). Most of the training will take place on quiet, risk assessed, public roads. They will not gain experience of riding on busier roads, nor in heavy traffic. It therefore remains your responsibility to decide if your child may ride on the road unaccompanied after completing the course.

The course has been planned to ensure that it meets guidance on COVID measures currently in place. We assess the children and their bikes in the playground before taking them on the road.

It is important your child has a roadworthy bicycle of the correct size. If, in the instructor's opinion, the bicycle is not roadworthy or is the wrong size, your child may not be allowed to take part in the course. All bikes **MUST** have two working brakes. The school may also be able to supply bikes and helmets for those who need them.

Trainees must wear an approved cycling helmet (not full-face) and should also wear appropriate clothing suitable for cycling and the weather conditions (cold/warm/wet!). We would also recommend a high visibility waistcoat/top if you have one.

Although the London Borough of Bexley holds an insurance policy covering third-party claims, it is not a personal accident scheme. The Council will not be liable for any accident or injury to a child, or loss/damage to property, except in cases resulting from negligence by the Council.

To request a place for your child please complete the online web form as soon as possible at

<http://bexley.gov.uk/cyclingform>

Places are limited and allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Applications should ideally be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the course. You may **ONLY** book a place for your own child. Places will be confirmed by The Road Safety Team via email.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please call 020 8303 7777 and ask to speak to The Road Safety Team.

Yours faithfully

Road Safety Team

Listening to you, working for you



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Bexley's Easter Holiday Activities & Food Programme

Between Monday 4 and Friday 15 April

A free easter holiday club programme in Bexley for school age children and young people from Reception to Year 11, who are in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals.

www.bexley.gov.uk/holiday-activities-food-programme

#HAF2022



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As part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, Bexley is providing free enjoyable activities and healthy food to school age children and young people from Reception to Year 11, who are in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals.

Bexley's Easter HAF Programme will offer children and young people lots of exciting ways for keeping active, being creative and trying something new during the easter holidays.

Between Monday 4 and Friday 15 April, eligible children and young people will be able to attend free places at different holiday schemes across Bexley. A number of paid for places will also be available for those not eligible for the free places.

The programme will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, food making activities, arts and crafts, and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop new skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

To see the easter holiday programme for Bexley and book places, please visit

www.bexley.gov.uk/holiday-activities-food-programme



If you would like the information in this document in a different format, please call 020 8303 7777 and ask for Communications/Graphics. The reference to quote is: 607876/2.22



Woodside Academy Term Dates for 2021 to 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 Thursday 21st July 2022



Woodside Academy 2021/2022

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Holidays (School closed)

Teacher Training Day (School closed to pupils)

Bank Holiday (School closed)

Progress Review Day (Pupils+parent/cares in by appointment only)

Primary start of term

Secondary start of term



Woodside Academy 2022/23



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- Holidays (School closed)
- Teacher Training Day (School closed to pupils)

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- Half day at school



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>



Covid Testing/Guidance over Easter Break

We are currently awaiting new guidance on testing and will update you as soon as we have further information to share in the new term.

Dates for Diary

Monday 4 th – Monday 18 th April 2022	Easter Holiday
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 30 th May 2022 – Monday 6 th June 2022	Half Term break
Thursday 30 th June 2022 – a.m.	Sports Day EYFS/KS1
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Sports Day KS2
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Sports Day KS3
Thursday 7 th July 2022	Sports Day KS4/5
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Inset Day (staff only in school)