

**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY**

Spring Term

Begins - 04/01/17 to
10/02/17

Half Term - 13/02/17 to
17/02/17

2nd half spring term

Begins - 20/02/17 to
31/03/17

09/01/17 (9:15 - 10:15)

**Parents information
sharing session : New
Assessment Tool –
PIVATS 5**

09/02/17 (4:00 - 5:30)

**Years 9 & 10 Options
Evening**

28/02/17 (9:00 - 10:00)

**Parent Information
Sharing Session**

23/03/17 (3:45 - 6:00)

Parents' Evening



Woodside News



DECEMBER 2016

Message from the Head -

This term has been a very busy one and time has flown by but the children have achieved many things, both in their learning and in extra-curricular activities. This newsletter gives a flavour of some of the learning and other activities which have taken place during this term. As always, all the children continue to be such a credit to the school.

It has been very pleasing getting to meet so many of you in school during various events and meetings such as: the Meet the Teacher afternoon; Parents' evening; Information Sharing Morning; the 6th Form Open Evening and our various Christmas performances. We want to provide as many opportunities as possible for staff and parents to meet to work together to enable your child to make good progress within the school. Thank you to all parents / carers who have attended Christmas performances and have been so appreciative of the effort that pupils and staff have made to make these productions a success.

Thank you also to all parents / carers for helping us to maintain our levels of attendance, during this term 33 pupils have achieved 100% attendance record. I hope that during the next term we will see more pupils attending school every day. The staff and governors of the school wish all pupils and parents/carers a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. Donna Lockett

REMEMBER - Our new website is now live and can be found at www.woodside.bexley.sch.uk.

ADVERSE WEATHER

Bexley School's Open Check website is used by Bexley Council so that schools can report their decision to close to a central source and therefore parents/carers are informed of a school closure as soon as a decision has been made. Should we have extreme weather conditions and Woodside School is forced to close, this information is reported immediately to the following website so that parents/carers are kept fully informed.

<http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>

Please help us to keep in contact with you!



If you change your contact details, please don't forget to let the school know. We may need to contact you in an emergency!!!

Thank you



KS4 Art group

Josh T

I have been using my own ideas to make my BTec Artwork look realistic. This artwork is part of my final piece for Unit 1.

I used the graphic tablet to draw my character Jhon to learn a new technique and to make it look Japanese.



Chloe E



This year I joined the art group in Year 11.

I started my Unit 1 Exploring 2D. My observational drawing skills have got better and I've explored different materials making pictures of R2D2. I really enjoyed making my collage - it is my favourite piece of artwork.

Sunny F

I joined the art group this September and now we are in December!

I really like this option. I think it is the best option in the school.

One of my favourite drawings that I have created was my landscape chalk drawing at night with the moon and mountains and lake.



Molly R



My clay giraffe, Gerald, is my favourite piece of artwork because I like working with clay most of all.

Amy L

This year I have finished my mixed-media unit by making a Fluffy cat collage and developed my sewing skills making a cat teddy bear. I've now started Unit 8 and made a surface relief bear out of Modroc.



Ayse S



Ayse has worked very hard, this term, completing Unit 8: Surface relief and has just finished creating her 3D Fine Art shoe



KS4 CONSTRUCTION GROUP

The Construction group have been covering four units focusing on safe moving and handling in the workplace, developing their bricklaying and decorating skills, also producing a timber product.

The skills that have been covered include wallpapering, drilling and fixing, painting and wood work with an emphasis on health and safety. Some students have shown a natural talent for laying bricks to the point where their enthusiasm for the trade has allowed the teacher and TA's to really challenge their skills by setting more advanced simulated projects. One such example was the construction of a rough-ringed semi-circular arch; this was safely and meticulously completed in a team by Alfie W and TJ . Both students demonstrated safe working, excellent communication skills to share the responsibility of loading materials and a high level of hand to eye co-ordination to build the model to a very good



The Year 12's were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to do bag packing at the Asda store in Belvedere. Working in small groups, the teams were able to communicate with members of the public and assist them as they went about their shopping . The class collected just over £50 and the money raised has been donated to a charity of the students' choosing.



Here Alfie and TJ used a semi-circular timber turning piece to form the arch.



Alfie is laying the second ring of bricks to form the arch



The brickwork was half round jointed by TJ and Alfie and the work area is cleaned and tools tidied away. Both work safely attired in the correct Personal Protective Work wear and followed a safe system of work.

An excellent piece of work, well done Alfie and TJ



Ellis, Joseph, Dominic and Callum are laying bricks working towards their Developing Bricklaying Skills Btec



Jack Petchey Award

Our winners for the autumn term were:

September - Callum P (HRR)

October - Sophie C (Hospitality)

November - Charlie W (P16)

On Friday 16th December we participated in Christmas Jumper day and hosted a whole school Christmas lunch.



KS4 Hospitality and Catering.



What is Hospitality and Catering?

This year KS4 students have had the opportunity to study BTEC Hospitality and Catering for the first time.



Our group has been learning how to plan healthy meals and how to cook dishes from scratch. We have also been finding out how to use lots of different kitchen equipment safely.

Each lesson, we have to follow the **4C's**. These are rules that must be followed in the kitchen. They stand for **cross contamination, cleaning, chilling and cooking**. This ensures that food is prepared and cooked safely and hygienically.



We are also studying the Jamie Oliver Home Cooking Skills Level one course.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



As part of the course we have also worked with the Post 16 students to raise money for charity.

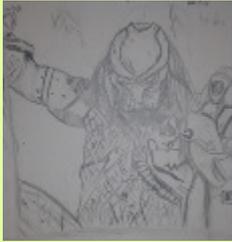
On the 3rd October we helped to raise £242 for the Macmillan Charity by holding a coffee morning. We worked as a team by making cakes, fruit crumbles and biscuits to sell.

We will be holding similar events throughout the year.

THE HOSPITALITY AND CATERING GROUP.



KS4 Art group



Joe C

This year was so tough choosing my favourite piece of art because all the work is really good. I like my Predator drawing because it shows how well my drawing skills have developed.

William W



William has been using some fantastic mark making techniques whilst developing his ideas.

Class CY7

CY7 have settled well into life as Secondary School students have and made some excellent progress this term. They have enjoyed the additional Music workshops that have been provided for them by both Bird College and the London Symphony Orchestra. One student in particular, has improved his attention skills because he has to listen carefully so that he can begin playing his instrument at the correct place in a piece of music being played by the whole group. He also enjoyed conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.



The class have also been busy working together to design and make a collage which is on display on the Erith site, in the reception area.

All of CY7 can spell many more words now than they could in September. Last week, most of the students achieved 100% accuracy in their test. One student in particular has consistently achieved 100% accuracy in her weekly spelling tests.





Kieran and Lewis made the journey to Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea FC to visit the Digital Careers

Show. They were able to visit the stands and speak to exhibitors and explore the different options that are open to them in order to progress into their chosen career of IT.

CLASS H5

The whole group have produced some exceptional art work including designing their own chocolate wrappers for ITC lessons. In their Art lessons they have built a colourful cocoa tree.

The writing and Maths skills of all the class have improved this term and students are now able to check and redraft their work.

KS3

It has been an extremely busy but successful term for KS3.

The students have produced some excellent work in English based on the stories of Pandora's Box and A Christmas Carol. They have developed their maths' skills through practical activities, paired and independent work.

In the international curriculum the students have studied the topic "Living Together", which has developed their sense of community and understanding of rights and responsibilities. Our second topic was "Chocolate", learning about the history of chocolate, the cacao tree which only grows in tropical regions and fair trade, as well as tasting different types of chocolate, which was their favourite task! The students have also made templates from wood, which they used to make moulds using specialist machinery. The moulds have been used to make chocolate Christmas shapes, which the students will be taking home.



After school clubs will continue the week beginning 9th January 2017

CLASS C6

C6 have had a really busy term with lots of learning and new experiences.

During our topic on 'Who am I?' the children enjoyed learning about their body and making self-portraits. They especially enjoyed using a mirror to draw their facial features

We have particularly enjoyed our topic on 'Celebrations' where we have learnt about Diwali, weddings, Hanukah and Christmas. The children have worked very hard and produced some excellent writing and art work.



KS4 BTEC SPORT & LEISURE GROUP



On Tuesday the 22nd November, the Btec Sport and Leisure class were asked to host a goalball tournament by the borough's School Games organiser.

Goalball is a Paralympic sport played by the visually impaired, so the students playing had to wear blindfolds and listen out for a ball with a bell in it. Students from Bexleyheath Academy attended as did two junior classes from Woodside. The Btec students had been practising how to run a sports activity as part of their Btec studies and prior to the tournament the class had discussed ways to adapt the rules to make it easier for the younger students to play.

The students were outstanding, showed good organisations and leadership skills.

Mrs J Leadbetter and Mrs S Sullivan

Every week the sport and leisure group go swimming as part of their Btec sport and leisure studies. They are also able to study what a job in the industry would involve. Both swimming instructors have commented on the excellent progress the class have made.

Mrs J Leadbetter

SCHOOL COUNCIL



The school underwent an election process to elect a team of school council members; the potential candidates submitted individual manifestos which were put to a whole school vote. The election was very well supported with lots of students turning out to cast their votes.

The outcome saw the election of 9 school council members; Jessica (Head), Dominic (Deputy), Molly K, Asher, Ross, Anthony B, Joseph P, Sam O, Sophie C.

We have since been holding meetings to discuss duties, rotas and the provision of custom items to include ties, badges and hi-vis so that the elected members are prominent amongst the school community. The duty rota will be begin in the second week of January.



We play badminton every week as part of one of our Btec units. Our knowledge of the rules has improved and our skill in the game is improving weekly.

We finish each session with an 'ultimate Champion' contest and the winner gets awarded with a trophy to display on their desk for the following week.



SPORT & LEISURE GROUP



Science in KS4

This term pupils in KS4 have been learning an aspect of biology. The module is about cells, genetics, inheritance and modification. The pupils have carried out a series of modelling and role play to enhance their learning.



Making models of DNA and chromosomes



Modelling cells and using the microscope to look at cells



Role play - how does the nervous system work?

Natural selection - which beak (scissors, tweezers, spoon or bulldog clips) is the best for getting food to enable birds to survive?



Extracting DNA from kiwi



What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet :)



Did You Know?

- * That tinsel was once made of real silver! It was invented in Germany in 1610.
- * If you received all the gifts from the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" you would have 364 presents.