



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year at Woodside Academy and are looking forward to the half term break.

The excellent team here including premises, office and class teams have worked incredibly hard to settle the children in and to ensure that all of the new hygiene routines are normalised so that every child can focus on their learning.

We say goodbye to Ms Manzo who is relocating back to Italy and Miss Thompson who is developing her career in a mainstream setting. We wish them every success. After half term, we are welcoming a number of support staff and a new teacher as the school will be opening a further EYFS-KS1 class in January 2021. We have extended the Woodside virtual tour and the new video will be uploaded onto the website shortly.

I want to thank you and all members of our school community for working together to keep us all as safe as possible. It continues to be vital that you please keep your child at home if they are unwell and inform the school of the reason for absence now that the local area is Tier 2 and the alert level is **High**. If you do have anyone in your household with a confirmed case of Covid please notify the school as soon as possible.

For those parents and carers who come to school on a daily basis, please continue to support the safety measures by arriving at specified times and by keeping at a safe distance when dropping off and collecting your child.

Best wishes for a safe and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to Woodside on **Wednesday 4th November**.

Kathryn Freame

KS4 Dodgeball



Year 11 challenged Post 16 to a game of dodgeball. It is a very popular game with Woodside students. Post 16 were convincing winners by six games to two and showed such sporting behaviour by making changes to give the Year 11's more of a chance. Year 11 in return were very graceful in defeat and it was agreed that for a rematch it would be fairer to mix the teams.

Mr Bramble's School Days



Here, Y3 and Y11 pupils are sharing my walk! So many classes, so little time. I have helped the students learn about taking turns and sharing.



I also like to help with a bit of yoga (downward dog).



I love the drawings that some students have done for me, they look fab on my office wall!



Mr Bramble

Post 16 Warrior Shields

This is Post 16's Warrior Shield display board showing how they identified different activities that helped them cope during lockdown.



Wellbeing Display Board

This is the Post 16 Wellbeing Display Board promoting kindness. Everyone put their own ideas onto a post-it for the display.



Flower and Plant Donations

Woodside Academy would like to say a very big thank you for this kind donation of plants and seeds for the schools planters. We welcome donations for the outside space at any time.



Acrostic Poems

Hawthorn class have been writing some acrostic poems about our school value, kindness.

Kindness is awesome
It is extraordinary
Never hit
Do make friends
Never say bad words
Even if you feel angry now
Stay together
Stay positive

-Ava

Kindness is friendship
It's always kind to share
Not being mean
Delighted friends
Never be mad
Even if they're unkind to you
Swearing is red behaviour
Show that you are a friend

-Frankie



School Council representatives

Key Stage 3, 4 and Post 16 classes have elected School Council representatives for their class this term and the first meeting will be taking place at the end of this week.

The School Council will be a way for the pupils to be involved in decision making about some aspects of school life, for them to have a space to talk about improvements that they think might be necessary and to be able to feedback to staff about their learning.

Where a class does not have a representative, staff supporting the School Council will be working with the Class Teacher to ensure we give the pupils a chance to express their opinions and for their voice to be considered also.

I am looking forward to working closely with the pupils and allowing them space to represent the pupil voice.

The School Council representatives for this year are:

Elm Class - Brooklyn
Beech Class - Rihanna
Hawthorn Class - Frankie
Cedar Class - Blu
Poplar Class - Reanna
Danson Class - Sinead
Lesnes Class - Tegan
Russell Class - Amy
Franks Class - Daniel
Martens Class - Mia
Post 16 - Connor



Christmas Design fundraiser

We have decided this year to try out a Christmas Design fundraiser. After half term, pupils will be given an opportunity to design a Christmas Card. The design will be sent home with an order form and details of how to place and pay for any orders. You will have the opportunity to buy their design in the form of a pack of Christmas Cards, a keyring, wrapping paper, fridge magnet, a postcard or gift labels. For every order, a small amount of money that you are asked to pay goes to the school so you will have the opportunity to use your child's design and the school will be raising funds. We will have some spare design forms so if you think you would like an extra one to place an order for a sibling please let the Office know and we can try to accommodate this. There will be no obligation to buy any of the products. However, if you do wish to, once you receive the design and order form you simply need to return it to us by the deadline stated on the accompanying letter.



Information and Helpline Numbers

- **Half term** – Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020
- **Inset day** – Monday 2nd November 2020, no children in school
- **Progress review day** – Tuesday 3rd November 2020, no children in school.
- **Children return to school Wednesday 4th November 2020**
- Date for the diary - Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday, 11th of December

[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//>

If you need to make contact with the school for any reason, then please call 01322 350123 or email office@bwf.education

Parent/ Carer Notice – Food Technology Fund

Polite reminder, to parents who have not yet contributed -

To enable Food Technology to continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for pupils to make and take home meals that they make in school, we are asking for a contribution towards the cost of the ingredients of £20 a term.

The payment for this should be paid through SIMS.

If your child currently receives free school meals, their ingredients will be paid for from the Pupil Premium budget and therefore you are not expected to make this payment.

