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Dear Woodslee Families,

Headteacher's Message



What a busy and wonderful year 2022 has been. Our children have demonstrated such incredible tenacity in their learning, our Woodslee Christmas week has been a wonderful celebration of Woodslee life and there is a real sense of community spirit as we approach the festive period.

A huge thank you and well done to you, our Woodslee families. You have supported our team, we now have 92% of families using Scopay; communication has really improved, our attendance has been above National despite the sickness bugs and respiratory illnesses and you have worked so hard on making sure that your child is ready for learning with a full tummy, water in their water bottle and on time.

Thank you, for your kindness towards our exhausted staff, your astounding donations for our fundraising endeavours and your dedication to helping us help your child by attending meetings, daily home reading and maths practice. I have never been prouder as a headteacher or member of this community.

Thank you to our teaching staff, office staff, site team and our volunteers and students. Everyone deserves a good break and rest and I hope that you all have time to make precious memories with your family members. A big thank you to our parent helpers who have supported us this term- Little Acorns, Better Together Coffee Morning and our PTA activities have been remarkable this term and we thank you for your support. You are real Woodslee Wonders!

Well done to the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award this half term: Lillie- Mae Y1, Alice Y3, Ryan Y2, Sophia Y1, Daisy Y5, Oliver YR, Amelia Y1, Zak Y3, George Y1, Tate Y1, Sophia Y3, Emma Y3, Emily Y2, Theo Y3, Evelyn Y3, Jack Y3, Molly Y5, Eleanor Y5.

We welcome Mr Brandon Prescott to Year 5 in the New Year. Miss Kelly will support Mr Prescott for the first two weeks of January 2023 before she begins her maternity leave. Mr Prescott will be with Year 5 from 5th January 2023.

Mr Marshall will be working in Birch Class as part of his student placement in the Spring Term. He has really enjoyed his time with Year 3. Miss Kirkby continues to work with Year 6 for the Spring Term.

Congratulations to the Gadsby family- they have won a free day of Squirrel Club in the holidays- Squirrel Club is available during all half term holidays including the Christmas break, so if you wish for your child to attend, please give Mr Carrington a call to book a place: 07808248555.

[Important Dates for your diaries:](#)

All calendar events across the year can be found [here](#) and on our [Term Dates website page](#) scroll to the bottom of the page and just click on 'Academic Events Calendar.' Changes to events have been highlighted in yellow.

We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8:50am. Wednesday 4th January 2023 is an INSET day- children do not come into school on this day.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break. Please look after yourselves and each other.



Susannah McShane

Headteacher

Apple Class



This half term Apple Class has enjoyed learning about animals and Autumn. Apple class have been reading '*Flashlight*' by Lizi Boyd; their reading has inspired their investigation skills as they have learnt about nocturnal animals and minibeasts in our outdoor learning environment.



We have been making animals and minibeasts in the playdough and creative areas; making enclosures in the construction area. At Forest Schools we have been on minibeast hunts, explored the habitats of different creatures as well as making bird feeders.

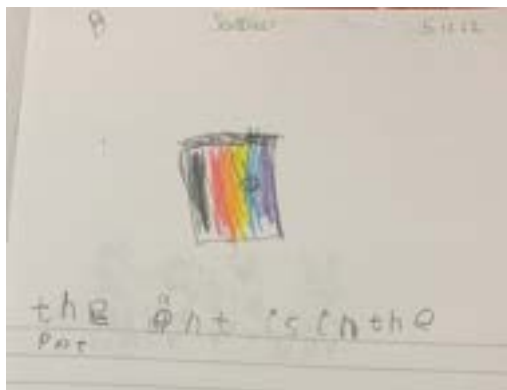
We have been practising our counting, subitising and recognising numbers.

Apple Class enjoyed 'toasting' marshmallows when the weather got colder



Blossom Class

Blossom class has been reading 'I'm Going To Eat This Ant' by Chris Taylor-Ballesteros. We have written our own stories, been on sound hunts and played rhyming games. We have been enjoying progressing and developing our mark making skills this half term, using whiteboards, paper, sand, mud, shaving foam and paint.



Both Apple and Blossom class have thoroughly enjoyed taking on the role of a vet in the roleplay areas in the classrooms. Blossom class got to practise their vet skills on our 'Pets as Therapy' dog Bruno.



Early Years have enjoyed making a range of foods this half term from apple crumble made with apples we picked off our apple trees to fruit caterpillar kebabs in maths. The children counted the pieces of fruit and looked at sequential language such as first, second, third, after, then, next and finally.





Willow Class

Wow! What a fantastic term we have had in Year 1!

It has been a busy term for us, and we are all settling into Year 1 so well.

We learnt all about Christmas and Christingle in our RE lessons and made our very own Christingles to share our learning about this special time of year



For our Geography topic of coasts, we have been exploring our local area and finding out about maps and the importance of where we live; did you know that the Wirral is a peninsular?



We enjoyed our afternoon with the Park Rangers in Dibbinsdale; we learnt all about the different types of trees and even planted our own trees that we can watch grow into mighty oaks as we ourselves continue on our journey towards mighty oaks at school.

In maths we have been on shape hunts around our classroom and found lots of 2D and 3D shapes and the names of them all.





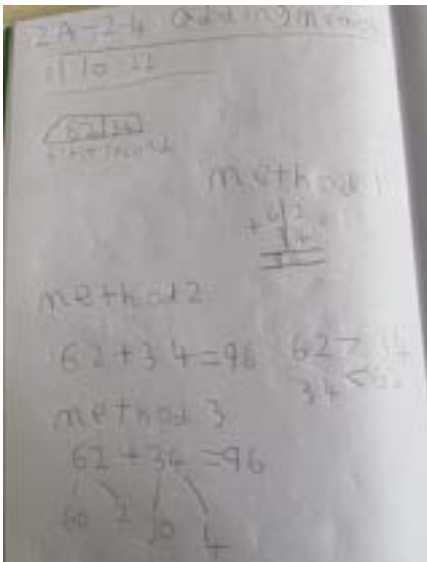
Our Science topic has been plants this term; we have learnt about the different parts of a flower and created our own flower study.



Well done Year 1 on such a wonderful attitude to your learning, I can't wait to see what 2023 brings for us on our learning journey.

Cherry Class

Year 2 has made an excellent start to the academic year and it has been a pleasure having them back in school!



In Maths we have been focusing on place value and addition. Children have learnt that there are many ways to work out an addition question, and have developed an autonomy over their own preferred methods.



We have delved into the world of trolls by reading *Troll Swap* by Leigh Hodgkinson. Year 2 have worked incredibly hard to include question marks, expanded noun phrases and coordination in their writing!

We have blossomed as artists this half-term, and have been developing our use of rulers to draw buildings. We know that buildings are not flat, and we must draw the roofs and sides. Look at this fantastic example of perspective!

Children have shown a real interest in our History topic, 'Why do we wear a poppy?' We've really enjoyed being detectives looking for clues in sources to find out about the past.

We have been very busy in Science and have even planted our own bean plants! Our observation logs showed that bean seeds do in fact need both water and sun to grow. We particularly loved acting out the life cycle of a plant!



Rowan Class



It's been a busy and brilliant half term for Year 3. On the 1st December the Elf arrived, bringing with him a Christmas tree for the children to decorate. They chose the name 'Toby Jingle' for him and he wrote to tell them he likes it very much! The festive spirit has been alive in Year 3 with advent calendars, Christmas poems and Christmas singing going on every day in the classroom.



We were very proud of M and W as they entertained us in the Piano Showcase concert.

They certainly wowed us with their expertise as they played delightfully in front of the whole school.



Once again, we welcomed our amazing parents into school to join us for our Love of Learning event. They got straight to work as they joined their children for a PE and a maths lesson. I think their children taught them a few things they didn't know already!



In science, our focus has been 'Light'. To their delight, children experimented with torches to find out how to make shadows and how to change their size and shape. They demonstrated a good understanding of the terms *opaque*, *transparent* and *translucent* and learnt that light travels in straight lines.

The children are absolutely loving maths at the moment and are working hard to learn their times tables. They play lots of games (such as 'pairs' and TTRockstars) to help transfer tables from short term to long term memory. As a reward for their hard work, children earned a well deserved trip to the park, which they thoroughly enjoyed. What a cracking half term, Rowan class. Enjoy your Christmas break!



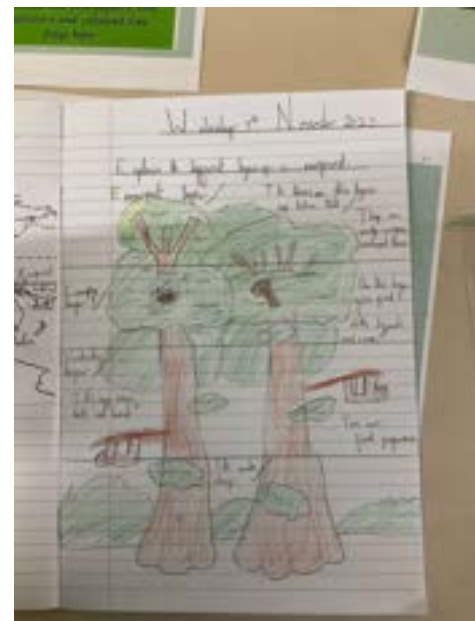
Birch Class

This term, Birch class has worked incredibly hard. Birch Class have loved learning about the Amazon Rainforest in Geography and can confidently discuss the various layers of the Rainforest and what animals you might find there!



In English, they have been creating traditional tales through studying 'The Lost Happy Endings.' They loved planning and creating their very own Christmas themed stories and published them proudly on the laptops.

In maths, our upper Ks2 children have learned about long multiplication using different methods such as the grid method, using estimation and the traditional formal column method. Whilst others have been revisiting two and three multiplication facts and finding the value of two digit numbers. Birch Class thoroughly enjoy maths lessons as they enjoy using concrete manipulatives to find their answer.



In science, we have been looking at light and its many sources as well as exploring rocks and fossils. They used our outdoor classroom to dig for fossils and investigate different types of soil.



During our social and communication lessons the children have been loving playing uno and Top Trumps! They have enjoyed creative role play through games and building tents together to promote team building and listening.



This term the children have baked cakes and biscuits weekly and also cooked and tasted spicy foods. We have some professional bakers in Birch who have a real talent and passion for baking which has been lovely to see!

It had been an incredibly busy half term indeed, but one filled with progress, laughter and lots of learning! Have a wonderful, restful Christmas break!



Hazel Class

Hazel class have had an incredible start to the year, promoting the Coop Values in all aspects of school life.

In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of place value and this has enabled them to round, compare and add four digit numbers using a variety of materials and methods to explain their workings out. Year 4 have loved reading 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne in English, writing expanded noun phrases to describe different parts of the story using the illustrations to help them. The children put themselves in the role of Hannah, the main character, writing diary entries about her exciting adventures with the 'colossal,



friendly giant'. They have practised writing in first and third person, using fronted adverbials and emotive language to make their writing more interesting.

Hazel class loved learning all about series and parallel circuits in science and they can name and explain how different components work together in a complete circuit. They had lots of fun hunting for electrical and non electrical appliances around the academy. The children can confidently make simple circuits of their own and even created their own switches to turn the

light bulbs off and on again!



This half-term, the children have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons through a range of primary and secondary sources. They began the topic by organising historical events chronologically from the Stone Age to the present day. Year 4 learned about the seven kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon Britain and how they were ruled. We studied the four claimants to the throne after the death of King Edward, debating which claimant we considered to be the most suitable candidate. The children were very surprised to discover that Harold Godwinson was crowned King, recognising him as the father of Magnus in our class novel 'Anglo-Saxon Boy'. From here, we used parts of the Bayeux Tapestry to unpick the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066.



In RE, Hazel class has been learning the story of Rama and Sita as part of our topic on Hinduism. Good conquering evil was the moral of the story and this led us on to learning all about the festival of light 'Diwali'. The children really enjoyed learning all about what happens during each of the five days of the religious festival and made comparisons between celebrations across different religions. We ended our topic by creating our

own Rangoli patterns and making diya lamps ready to light on Monday 24th October in celebration of this amazing festival!

Our PE topic has been health and fitness and year 4 has been completing a variety of different exercises and activities to improve their fitness, develop their understanding of what it means to be healthy. In PSHE, year 4 have learned that it isn't just our bodies that need to be kept healthy and they understand that looking after our mental health is important too. We have discussed how to cope with different changes that we experience throughout our lives and together, we have developed a classroom fuelled by positivity! Keep up the great work year 4, I am so proud of you and so lucky to be your teacher! Bring on the next half-term!



Holly Class

This term, Holly class has worked tirelessly. They have performed *'The Nativity'* in Bromborough Evangelical Church as well as winning medals as part of their PE with Coop Bebington. Their dedication to their learning has been outstanding and I am very proud of each and every one of them.

In English, they have been creating traditional tales through studying *'The Lost Happy Endings'* in English and a retelling of *'Hansel and Gretel'* in Reading Response. We have used drama, description and speech to develop mood and atmosphere within our writing. Finally, we created our own versions of *'The Lost Happy Endings'* in a special book which we shared with the Year 2 children.

In maths, we have learned about long multiplication using different methods such as grid method, using estimation and the traditional formal column method. The pupils persevered and managed to build their skills as they practised. We have recently moved on to division using the bus stop method and after lots of practice, the children are progressing well.

In science, we have the opportunity to revisit a previously taught topic *'Rocks and Fossils'*. The pupils looked at the three main types of rocks and created their own edible rocks. We moved towards recognising how fossils are formed and the different types of fossils. This concluded with a look at the different geological periods and a study of the Cretaceous period.

In Design Technology with Miss Greetham this term, Holly class have enjoyed exploring different structures and making their own bridges. They have learnt about the different types of bridge

structure such as Arch, Truss and Beam and applied the knowledge to their designs. They used both spaghetti and lollipop sticks to help them create their structures.

In PE, we were lucky to have Mrs Newman in from Coop Bebington to teach us two new sports this term - Boccia and New Age Kurling. These sports required team-work, strategy and good hand-eye coordination. We even managed to win some medals during our tournament with Coop Academy Portland! Well done, Holly Class.

Finally, we had our final violin sessions with Mrs Jones who has been working with us for the past 3 terms. It has been a delight to see how the children have built on their Year 4 violin skills, add to their repertoire and develop their technical skills. We really enjoyed our performance as well. We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Jones for all her hard work over the past 3 terms. I think you will agree that Y5 have worked tirelessly this term and the Y5 team have been incredibly impressed. We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



Oak Class

Oak class has had a busy term leading up to Christmas. From learning about the conservation status of a range of endangered animals in our class text, *'Can We Save The Tiger?'* to exploring what is needed to make circuits work in Science, Year 6 have been extremely busy developing their knowledge and definitely deserve their Christmas break!

Through our Reading Response, the children have been reading some of the origin stories of the characters from the classic book, *'The Jungle Book'*. Katherine Rundell's text, *'Into the Jungle'* has provided a rich and varied language base through which our pupils have been able to develop their comprehension knowledge. Linked to this, in Geography we have been studying all about biomes and where they are in the world. Our pupils have researched the habitats of a range of creatures, looking at how they have had to adapt to their biome and how.

Year 6 has been learning all about Hinduism in RE. They have been able to reflect on how Hindus celebrate key events such as Diwali and the Sacred Thread Ceremony and understand the links between this and celebrations we may also celebrate.

In PE, we have been incredibly lucky to have 'The LFC Foundation' for a second term; this time, we focused on basketball. The children have been fantastic when learning how to

dribble and pass the ball and have loved participating in numerous team games to develop their team work skills. The children have also enjoyed getting involved with our 'Empowering Women' sessions during Acorn Time. A big thank you to the foundation for expanding our minds!

During our PSHE sessions, we have been looking at how the energy we use and the choices we make can have an impact on global warming. The children have been extremely reflective about what changes they can make to make our world a better place. We have also looked at how to keep our bodies healthy and hygienic as we get older.

Overall, we have thoroughly enjoyed our first term as Mighty Oaks! I can't wait to see what else we get up to in the next term as we continue to grow and learn. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

