

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th October 2017 – No. 3 Parent/Carer Partnership

It's been another jam packed fortnight with the children working hard on all areas of the curriculum whilst also focussing on the Grandparent's Assembly performance. Most of our year 6 children are currently enjoying themselves at PGL where they will experience outdoor and adventurous activities and also learn to work as a team whilst building their resilience. Non-PGL children are enjoying a range of activities at school and working on a project that will be shared shortly. We also received a visit from a medal winning Paralympian, Tim Prendergast, who carried out a whole school assembly on his ability to persevere, build resilience and achieve his goals. He then worked further in year 6.

A little note from Miss Kingston

As this is the last newsletter to go out before Gary Hawkins starts as Headteacher, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everybody for their support whilst I have been Acting Headteacher. The staff at Woolenwick Junior School are fantastic and work brilliantly as a team to bring the very best learning experience to the children whilst also providing nurture and care. Thank you to the parents who have offered kind words and who work so well alongside us. Finally a massive thank you to the children who have been really enjoyable and have impressed me no end. I have really enjoyed my time as Acting Head but I am ready to pass the baton to Mr Hawkins. He is very lucky to be Headteacher for such a lovely bunch!

Grandparents Assembly

The children performed beautifully to their grandparents and there were smiles all round. A lovely way to end the week whilst the sun shone! It was great to see so many grandparents/special visitors on the day; we hope they enjoyed it!

Emails

We are trying to be friendlier to the environment so are send more letters by email. Please make sure you check your junk folder as well as your inbox in case our letters get sent there.

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

Well done to the following children for being in the Gold Book for the last week:

Kindness -

Leni (3M), Cameron (3O), Poppy (4O), Isaac (4S), William (5E), Leyton (5P), Lois (6A), Luke (6D)

Presentation -

Tatty (3M), Ada (3O), Harry (4O), Holly (4S), Gemma (5E), Bharathi (5P), Emma (6A), Ruby (6D)

Growth Mindset -

Jack (3M), Osayamen (3O), Marni-Lei (4O), Jack (4S), Lucy (5E), Hazel (5P), Rebecca (6A), Brooke (6D)

HOUSE RESULTS

We still haven't had a house point result as Grandparents Assembly took place at this time.

The attendance award will be shared in this box – the house with the highest percentage for attendance earns 25 extra house points!

CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

In class, we have been reading the book Holes by Louis Sachar. In my opinion, it has been extremely enjoyable and we have made predictions. Recently we visited Crucial Crew and learnt about hazards, electricity, dangers and First Aid. We all learnt lots and had bucket-loads of fun. During English, we have been busy writing persuasive letters to many cartoon characters including Tom and Jerry.

Class/Sharing Assemblies

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend Class/Sharing Assemblies on **Monday afternoons** at 2.45pm. This term we would like to invite you into the classroom after so you can look at the class learning environment and also your child's learning. This will be instead of tea/coffee with the teacher but you will have the opportunity to have a talk with both them and the teaching assistant of the class.

Dates for Class/Sharing Assemblies are:

18 th September	Opal class	25 th September	Sapphire class
9 th October	Moonstone class	16 th October	Emerald class
6 th November	Amethyst class	13 th November	Onyx class
20 th November	Diamond class	27 th November	Pearl class

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are pleased to report that we raised £167 for the Macmillan nurses at our coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success by either donating cake or attending. Extra special thanks to those who managed to do both. It was lovely to have all our tables full of visitors and also to have the opportunity to show visitors around school and see the children learning.

Christmas time – PANTO TIME – “Oh no it isn’t!”

This year we will be taking all of the children to see the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, at the Gordon Craig Theatre on Thursday 14th December for the 10am performance. A letter has now been sent out asking for a contribution of £10.50 to be paid to secure a seat for your child. As a school we have been able to obtain a special discount price due to early booking so we must receive all payments **by October half term** to secure this discounted price. Payment can be made on-line via SchoolComms, or sent in to school in a named envelope via the Class Teacher. Spare copies of the letter are available from the office if required. If your child is not attending, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Individual Photos

The photographers will be visiting us on Friday 3rd November to take individual photos.

Parent/Carer Consultation – change of date

Apologies, the date for Parents Evening is Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. Not the 8th November as previously.

KEY AUTUMN DATES

Please find below a list of the significant dates for this term.

27 th September	Athlete mentor in to see year 6 and host a Parent Workshop
29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning and tour of the school, 10.30am
6 th October	Grandparents' Assembly (PM)
9 th October	Y6 to PGL
3 rd November	Individual photos
7 th November	Parent Consultations (1545 – 1815)
9 th November	Parent Consultations (1800 – 2000)
13 th November	Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations
12 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (6.00 pm)
13 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (1.00 pm)
14 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (5.00pm)
14 th December	Pantomime
19 th December	Last day of school – 1.30pm finish

TERM DATES

School Year 2017/18	
Autumn Term	
Occasional day	Wednesday 30 th August 2017
Occasional day	Thursday 31 st August 2017
Inset day	Friday 1 st September 2017
Inset day	Monday 4 th September 2017
Children return	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Half term - Children finish	Friday 20th October 2017
Children return	Monday 30th October 2017
Christmas Holiday - Children finish	Tuesday 19th December 2017
Spring Term	
Inset day	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018
Inset day	Thursday 4 th January 2018
Children return	Friday 5th January 2018
Half term - Children finish	Friday 9th February 2018
Children return	Monday 19th February 2018
Easter Holiday – Children finish	Thursday 29th March 2018
Summer Term	
Inset day	Monday 16 th April 2018
Children return	Tuesday 17th April 2018
Half term - Children finish	Friday 25th May 2018
Occasional day	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer Holiday – Children finish	Tuesday 24th July 2019
Occasional day	Wednesday 25 th July 2018
Occasional day	Thursday 26 th July 2018
Occasional day	Friday 27 th July 2018

All Hertfordshire term dates are posted on the web at
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdatesarn/schlfe/termdates>