

Woolenwick Junior School



Newsletter: December 2019

Current House Point Totals:

Cheetahs

1st

1100

Lions

925

Panthers

1100

Tigers

1048

THANK YOUS!

We have come to the end of a fabulous first term and are now all ready for the Christmas Holidays! So many eventful things to report including a mouth-watering Christmas lunch, a spectacular pantomime, an outstanding school performance presented three times to the parents, the Christmas Fair and parties!

As we head towards the holidays, we would like to extend our gratitude to each and every one of you for helping out with reading, rehearsing, supporting your child with their homework, supplying costumes for plays and for all your help with fundraising.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our volunteer readers, kitchen staff and school governors for their continued support.

We wish you all seasons greetings and hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest with your families and loved ones. Looking forward to seeing all the children back and refreshed in January 2020!

FUNDRAISING



Thank you so much for your charitable support throughout this term. We raised £178.44 towards the Poppy Appeal and a staggering £384.07 for Children in Need. A fantastic effort from all involved! We have also sent hundreds of used stamps to UK Air Ambulance. Please continue to send these into the school office next year. We will also be taking your used Christmas and greetings cards.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas fair this year was a hugely successful event and we have many people to thank for this. Firstly, a massive thank you to all the 'Friends of Woolenwick Junior School' who worked so hard behind the scenes, including decorating the Dining Room, and on the day of the fair. Thanks also go to the children for devising and running their own stalls in class. There were some brilliant games including 'Guess the weight of the cake', 'Plinko' and 'Throw santa down the chimney'!

We were also thrilled to be able to install our very own 'Santa's Grotto, which the children were delighted with. Finally, thanks to all our stall holders from outside of school who were able to offer some fantastic gifts for children and adults alike. We raised £1360 from the Christmas Disco and Christmas Fair. Thank you everyone!

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Well done to the hard-work of all our children this term. They have managed to combine together working hard, being adaptable and having fun. They all appeared to have a great time in the run-up to the Christmas Disco and Fair, and put lots of effort into their class stalls, as well as dressing up for Christmas Dinner Day! We hope you all get a good rest over the holidays and come back with even more enthusiasm and energy!

Topaz class making and combining their bunting!



RAFFLE PRIZES

Thank you for all your support this year with the Christmas raffle ticket sales. This is a great fundraiser for the school and at the final count we raised £959.00. The raffle was drawn yesterday. There were over 35 prizes to give away, so again – thank you to all local individuals and businesses who contributed.

Congratulations to Aneesa, Year 3 for selling the most tickets! Her prize was a £25 Amazon gift voucher. Very well done!

- ❖ Raffle Draw First Prize £100 – won by parent of Year 4 pupil
- ❖ Most Money Raised by a Class on their Fair stall – Year 3 Ruby– Congratulations!

All prizes have now been distributed. Thank you for all your support in encouraging your children to sell tickets and your friends & family for buying!

'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST' PANTOMIME – GORDON CRAIG THEATRE

The children had a fantastic time at 'Beauty and The Beast' earlier this month. As usual there was lots of audience participation and two of our lucky Year 4 children even got to go on stage, with a goody bag prize! The children were brilliantly behaved both at the theatre and on the walk there and back. We have already booked to take the children again next year!

YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PLAY - 'I'M GONNA SHINE'

A huge well done to all the Year 3 and 4 children for an amazing Christmas Performance. Lots of the Year 4 children stepped out of their comfort zones to perform and they all did us proud. Also, a very big thank you to the children who stepped in to cover those who were unable to attend; learning their words as well as their own!

Finally, thank you parents for your support in finding costumes, helping with learning lines, singing songs and being a fabulous audience. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

CAROL SINGING AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OLD TOWN

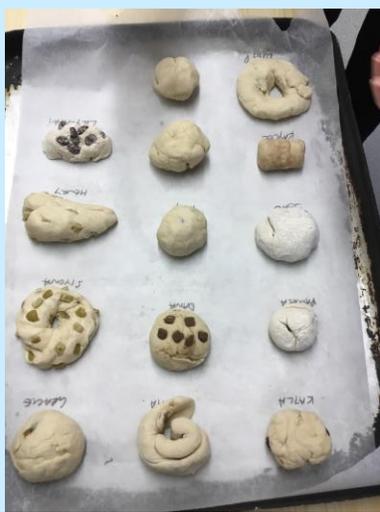
Reverend Ruth Carroll kindly invited us to hold our usual Christmas Carol assembly at Holy Trinity Church this year. We sang and rocked out to popular Christmas carols, listened to Christmas poems and readings as well as a wonderful talk by Reverend Ruth.

We had a lovely time and the children were a real credit to our school. We would like to give a special mention to the following children who read beautifully as part of the service: Cameron H-C, Grace B, Samuel R, Serena N, Denton T, Riana G, Paige S, Georgia R and Sophia B. Well done!

We would also like to thank Reverend Ruth and Mrs Kuffour for organising this special event. It was a wonderful way to kick off our Christmas celebrations in school.

YEAR 4 – BREADMAKING

Year 4 enjoyed making their own bread rolls this week. They had designed their own roll previously and then added their chosen ingredient. It was an excellent afternoon and their bread was very successful. Hopefully, some of you got to try some - others had eaten it before leaving school! Look at our before and after photos!



PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

We will be holding workshops for parents/carers to join us in the Spring Term to enable you to gain further insight into 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics'. These will be held from 2.45pm – 3.25pm on the following dates:

Monday 13th January – Year 5 parents/carers

Tuesday 14th January – Year 3 parents/carers

Thursday 16th January – Year 6 parents/carers

Friday 17th January – Year 4 parents/carers

To register to attend

You should have received an email with a link to book your place on the workshop for your child's year group. It is the same as the log-in for 'Parents Evening System'. You can access this system by logging in at: <https://woolenwick.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> You will need to ensure that you use exactly the correct title (Miss, Ms, Mrs etc) and email as the school have recorded on our records system. Any problems please email Miss Armstrong on admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk

Unfortunately, these workshops are only available on the times/dates given above. If you are unable to attend on this occasion but would like to receive further guidance on these useful online tools please visit the school website on or after 20th January 2020.

SCHOOL AND BRITISH VALUES

The value for the month of **January** will be **Faith**. For the remainder of the academic year the values look like this:

<u>January</u>	Faith	Aspirational, Ambitious, Enthusiastic, Determined
<u>February</u>	Friendship	Sociable, Caring, Tolerant, Good listener
<u>March</u>	Respect	Respectful, Mindful, Good listener, Good speaker
<u>April</u>	Politeness	Good speaker, Respectful
<u>May</u>	Quality	Determined, Resourceful, Hardworking,
<u>June</u>	Perseverance	Persevering, Resilient, Hard working
<u>July</u>	Self-Belief	Positive, Confident, Reflective, Aspirational

We will update you with each newsletter of the values for the month ahead. In the meantime, if you would like to share how your son/daughter has displayed these values at home or in their community please let us know by email: admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk.

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS – OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We love to help the children celebrate their outside achievements in the school newsletter.

Please send a photograph and a description of the event and we will endeavour to include this in our next newsletter. Remember - no success is too small! Email to Miss Armstrong: admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk

Cameron, Oliver and Osayamen from Year 5 did an amazing job raising money at Bunyan Baptist Church Christmas fair. They started off by completing a sponsored bike ride to raise the money needed to purchase items to sell. Then set up a festive stall selling their Christmas toys and cards raising a fabulous £40 for 'home start'. A charity who offer support to local families.



Both Symone and AJ were asked to be little helpers for the Mayor on Saturday at an event. Well done!



FINAL MESSAGE

Wishing all our children and their families a very happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2020 – a new decade!

With very best wishes,

Mr G Hawkins, Headteacher and all the Staff at Woolenwick Junior School

KEY DATES



Monday 6th January 2020	First day back to school
Monday 13th January 2020	Year 5 - 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' Workshops
Tuesday 14th January 2020	Year 3 - 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' Workshops
Thursday 16th January 2020	Year 6 - 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' Workshops
Friday 17th January 2020	Year 4 - 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' Workshops
Half-term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020
Easter Holiday	Friday 3rd April – Finish at 1.30pm Monday 6th April – Monday 20th April (<i>INSET Day</i>)
Tuesday 21st April 2020	Back to school
Wednesday 6th May 2020	Class Photographs