

Current House Point Totals (re-set at half-term):

Cheetahs

1st

69

Lions

52

Panthers

80

Tigers

31

FEBRUARY

We hope you all had a great half-term and have come back refreshed. The children told us all their news and have settled back in well to their learning. This half-term is another busy one. We have exciting fortnight of Science to look forward to including visitors, along with other experiences taking place, for example, The Lion King visit for Year 6. Don't forget to check the key dates at the end of the newsletter.

RESULTS OF CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

We had a lovely letter from Stephen McPartland, Member of Parliament for Stevenage. Please see below,

“Thank you for encouraging your pupils to take part in the Creative Writing Competition I held in Stevenage late last year. There was a massive response and I have now read all of the fantastic entries.

I do apologise for the delay in announcing the results, but the General Election, meant I could not undertake any Parliamentary activity. Consequently, the results had to be placed on hold.

I am pleased to now announce the overall winners of the competition across the constituency of Stevenage are:

Keystage 1 – The Leys – Pupil in Year 2

Lower Keystage 2 - Longmeadow – Pupil in Year 4

Upper Keystage 2 - Lodge Farm – Pupil in Year 5

These children will receive the attached “Overall Winners” basket of House of Commons stationary. Each school, also has their own winner and will receive a “Winner per school” House of Commons pen. The winner in **Woolenwick Juniors is Toby**. Every child that took part, will also receive the attached certificate.”



YEAR 6 VISIT TO HATFIELD HOUSE

Year 6 had a fabulous time at Hatfield House earlier this month. After learning about the Tudor reign, they were able to apply their knowledge when they met the infamous Henry VIII in the Old palace. They walked the grounds that all Tudor royal children would have walked and even found where the great Oak that Elizabeth I was sat under when she learnt that she would be queen of England.



BLAST CLUB

Welcome back to all the children after the February half-term break.

A couple of reminders:

- Please can parents please refrain from using mobile phones when dropping off/picking up your children.
- Parents may use the Junior car park for drop offs before 8.00am. After this time please park on road outside school.

Easter Holiday - Booking forms will be available from Monday 2nd March.

FURTHER ADVICE FROM HCC – RE: CORONA VIRUS

Please find below further advice which has been sent to us by Hertfordshire County Council and put together by their Public Health Team about the coronavirus.

Statement for parents and carers

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about returning trips to Italy over half term in light of the recent measures put in place by the Italian Authorities on Coronavirus.

We would like to assure you that there is no cause for concern, none of the school trips run by Hertfordshire schools were within the ten towns which the Italian Authorities have put on quarantine measures and Hertfordshire residents remain at low risk.

If you have returned from the quarantines towns and develop flu like symptoms, please stay at home, avoid contact with other people and call NHS111.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly like door handles and lift buttons is also sensible.

Please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date advice.

Reminder of hygiene practices at home and at school

Reinforce and practice universal hygiene measures that we **all** should do (but often don't) for **all** respiratory infections like colds etc. It is highly probable that the method of spread is the same as colds, flu and other coronaviruses: droplets.

- Hygiene measures are:
 1. **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it:** Sneeze into disposable tissues "Catch it", dispose of them "Bin it" and then wash hands with warm soap and water or use hand sanitiser gel if it is not possible to wash ("kill it".) Posters reinforcing this have been displayed around the school.
 2. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or hand gel as a second best if it is not available
 3. Avoid touching your face unless you've just washed your hands
 4. Ensure surfaces which get droplets on them from coughs and sneezes are cleaned with ordinary detergents regularly if people are showing symptoms of colds and flu (eg handles, worktops) (see cleaning advice below.)

At this stage there is **no need** for any further local measures. We should all be doing this **all the time** especially during cold and 'flu season to disrupt spread of those.

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



Well done to Klara from Year 3. She participated in Turtles gala swimming club competition and won bronze medal in the hardest butterfly style! She was also the youngest child participating.



Congratulations to Emily, Year 6, for achieving a distinction in her recent Grade 3 devising Drama examination, with an incredible 97%!



STEVENAGE WALKING FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 2ND MAY – SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020

The Active & Safer Travel Team are working in partnership with Stevenage Borough Council, The Ramblers & Tracks Autism to promote the Annual Stevenage Festival to be held at Fairlands Valley Lakes from Saturday 2nd May to Sunday 10th May 2020.

To find out more about the schedule of the week's events visit: <https://swf.nhrg.org.uk/>

The Family Trail will again include activities for the whole family to enjoy on Saturday 2nd May 2020. It will feature a geocache trail for all ages to enjoy with prizes for taking part, Rex the fire dog will be making an appearance along with the Fire Service and Police and many other side shows.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Applications for the 6th series of Junior Bake Off are now open; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 - 15 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2020, but applications close on Sunday 5th April 2020.

Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

SCHOOL AND BRITISH VALUES

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

<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.

FINAL MESSAGE

Thank you for all of your ongoing support. Last half-term you will be aware that Ofsted visited and they are still in the process of finalising the report which will be shared when it is complete. We were expected under a brand new vigorous framework which many schools across the country are yet to experience.

Please make a note of all the key dates and we look forward to welcoming you to the school on Parents' Consultation Evenings. More details on this will follow nearer the time, but you may wish to know that on the evening we will have laptops available so that you can take part in a parent/staff survey.

Kind regards,

G Hawkins

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

[KEY DATES LISTED OVERLEAF](#)



KEY DATES

MARCH

Mon 2nd March – Fri 13th March	Science Fortnight In-school events taking place each day for the children
Monday 2nd March	Bird of Prey Visit for whole school
Wednesday 4th March	Year 6 Trip to The Lion King, London
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day Pyjama/Onesie/Favourite Book Character Day – Come to school dressed in either a onesie/pyjamas or your favourite character from a book. Children will need to bring their favourite storybook with them to share We would love a donation of £2 per child if possible. These will go towards books for our library.
Thurs 5th March - Weds 11th March	Book Fair Book Fair open in the Hall after school each day. For all book purchases made the school gets a percentage of the sales to help purchase more books. More details to follow.
Wednesday 25th March	Non-Uniform Day - ‘Wear What You Want Day’ In exchange for wearing your own clothes children will need to bring in an Easter Egg each for the in-school only Easter Extravaganza event. (Local supermarkets currently have eggs on offer for £1 at the moment.)
Friday 27th March	Workshops with PCSO - keeping safe
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Eggstravaganza (in-school event)
Tuesday 31st March 4.00-6.30pm <i>and</i> Wednesday 1st April 5.30-8.00pm	Parents’ Consultation Evenings <i>More information will be sent out nearer the time.</i>
Thursday 2nd April	Stevenage Dance Festival
Friday 3rd April	School finishes at 1.30pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April INSET Day – Monday 20th April Back to school – Tuesday 21st April