

# Woodthorpe Primary School

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*Our school is a happy, exciting and caring community in which each child thrives.*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Well, we have made it to the Easter holidays and what a busy term we have had! Just seeing this week's newsletter has made me smile. For the past two weeks, Woodthorpe has been gripped by chick fever. Our four fluffy hatchlings have captured the hearts of everybody and each class within school has taken it in turns to provide the love and care they need. The chicks have now flown the Woodthorpe nest to join their friends on a free range farm.

We have also had the return of popular school trips and visits, a band performance and whole school sporting competitions – wow! Spending time in classrooms is great to see our curriculum come to life and our newsletter really captures these special moments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for their continued support and to wish everybody a very safe and happy Easter. The comments that we have received following the release of our inspection report have been truly heart-warming and appreciated by all staff within school.

We look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Youth Parliament



Some of our year 5 children were recently invited to York High School to take part in the Youth Parliament. This was a really special moment for our school, as pupils from across the South Bank MAT discussed a number of important and current issues, from life post-lockdown to racism and gender equality. Our children were the most incredible ambassadors for Woodthorpe and demonstrated true respect and understanding when talking to their peers and members of the local council. Upon returning to Woodthorpe, the children have also completed a whole school assembly, where our children loved hearing all about the fascinating day! Well done everybody – we are very proud of you!

## Mr Crilley's Rock Squad!

This week we were treated to our termly band assembly! The newly formed group were absolutely incredible, performing hits by Coldplay and 90s rockers, Smash Mouth! The drums, guitar and vocals were pitch perfect and the performance had the school absolutely captivated.

Thank you to Mr Crilley and the school band for showcasing your talents and showing what is possible with practice and putting your mind to something – true rock stars in the making! If any families are interested in the school band or music tuition, please speak to a member of our admin team.



## Nursery

### Wonderful Clay Play

*“Transformative materials empower children to make change. Today, clay. Tomorrow, the world.”*

Welcome to our new favourite area - the clay table! We have had the most amazing time developing an initial relationship with clay and becoming confident to explore and use it during play. We are naturally inquisitive, full of questions about the world around us and have a drive to investigate how things work. The benefits of clay are endless and it has been a brilliant way of channelling our enthusiasm for scientific discovery. We have experimented with wet and dry clay; investigated its properties and explored new possibilities too. We can't wait to make this a part of our continuous provision and be able to use and develop our skills with this special resource each and every day!



### Cuddles with the chicks

When our eggs hatched, we discovered that there were some baby chicks inside! We were so happy about this and couldn't wait to spend some time with our new little friends. We sat in a big circle and all had the chance to hold and cuddle the chicks. It was a magical experience and one that we will definitely treasure forever.



### Shoutouts

We would like to give a huge shoutout to all of the Ducklings as we come to the end of another term. The children have absolutely blown us away with their kindness, curiosity and courage. You have learnt new things and made new friends and we feel so very lucky to be a part of your learning journey. After the Easter holidays, we will welcome some new friends into our Class Family and we know that you are all going to be such lovely friends. Well done everyone!

## Reception

### Easter

Reception have enjoyed learning about Easter and joining in with lots of Easter activities. Inside, we have enjoyed painting and decorating eggs as well as making our own Easter cards. Outside, we have had fun being the Easter Bunny and hiding eggs around our outdoor area as well as having egg and spoon races with our friends.



### Palaeontologists!

Reception have loved exploring all things dinosaurs the last couple of weeks. We have taken on the role of palaeontologists and explored dinosaur eggs, bones and fossils. Just like palaeontologists, we have carefully explored our discoveries and excavated fossils and bones with great care! We used our super knowledge to figure out which dinosaurs the items belonged to from a very, very long time ago!



### Our Spring Chickens!

Reception have absolutely loved watching our eggs hatch into the fluffiest and most adorable little chicks. It has been a truly wonderful experience to witness and we were all so excited when we were finally able to hold our newest friends. Reception were fantastic at following the rules on how to hold our chicks correctly and each and every child was so sensible, gentle and careful. It was such a special experience, well done Reception!



### Shout outs - Cygnets

William - For trying so hard with your writing, it is lovely to see your determination to write your name all by yourself and how much you are enjoying practising your writing every day. Well done William!

Isabela - For being such a kind and caring member of Cygnets class. You are always looking out for friends and helping out where you can. You are a credit to Cygnets class and we are lucky to have you - well done!

### Shout outs - Goslings

Arthur - For your amazing writing all about dinosaurs. You have been amazing at remembering all your sounds and have really taken your time to form your letters well. Great job Arthur!

Isaac - For your enthusiasm and amazing fact sharing about everything you know about the world we live in! You have blown us away with all the knowledge you know and have confidently shared it with your friends. Well done Isaac!

# Year 1

## Kingfisher- Shadow puppets

In Science we continued our topic of seasonal changes and had a look at how the length of day varies. To do this we created shadow puppets and took them outside, we used our observational skills to look at the shadows and discussed how this may change depending on what time of day it is. Have a look at some of our shadow puppets!



## Hummingbird - Bumblebee Mobiles

In our forest school session, we discovered how to make models using natural materials. We decided to make our very own bee mobile! We used pine cones for the bee's body, sticks for the mobile stand and yellow string for the bee's stripes! We then had great fun taking our new, little bee friends on an adventure around our school forest.



## Our Spring Chicks!

We have had the most magical two weeks in Year 1, witnessing the arrival of the chicks! We have loved becoming chick champions, learning how to provide the best possible care to the chicks. It was such a special time creating such lovely friendships with the chicks!



## Shout outs - Kingfisher

**Daniel-** For your amazing Maths! In assessment week you blew me away with your understanding of knowledge on everything we have learnt in maths this term, well done!

**April-** For your enthusiasm in class, you always go above and beyond with a smile on your face! You have so much love and care for other people, you truly are a special member of Kingfisher class!

## Shout outs - Hummingbird

**Matthew** - For showing such love and care when handling the chicks. It was so lovely to see the chicks feel so safe and secure when you looked after them! They always fell asleep in your arms!

**Logan** - For your impressive reading! It is always a delight listening to your different characters' voices!

## Year 2

### Fashion through the decades...



What a week we have had learning about how fashion has changed not only in our lifetime but also in recent decades too. We couldn't believe some of the clothes that people used to wear: from legwarmers to shell suits to hippy inspired floral dresses- we've seen it all!



### Happy Easter!

Year 2 were certainly in the Easter spirit when we went to visit the chicks. It was lovely watching everyone hold and be so gentle with our fluffy additions and we loved learning about the lifecycle of a hen.



### Inter-house Competition- Send and Return



Congratulations to Sycamore house who went undefeated in our regular inter-house competition this week. We put our sending skills to the test and ensured we worked hard as a team to complete our activity and score points for our house. There were many bonus points handed out for excellent sportsmanship too!



### Shout outs - Finch

**Mason** - for constantly trying your absolute best! You are so enthusiastic in all lessons and always make me smile. Keep it up - you're a real star!

**Izzy B** - for your incredible story last week! Your vocabulary and ideas were amazing and it was an absolute pleasure to read. You should be super proud.

### Shout outs - Robins

**Charlie-** for continuously bringing a smile to my face. You are working so incredibly hard and I am very very proud of you. Never stop being you!

**Darcie R-** for contributing your ideas to class discussions; it has been wonderful to see your confidence grow week by week, you should be very proud of yourself as I certainly am.

## Year 3

### Art - Kandinsky Trees

We are nearly coming to the end of our 'colour' topic in our art sessions. To show off all the skills we have learnt this half term we have created large pieces of artwork using our painting and printing skills. We are excited to see the final product.



### Thank you to our heroes!

In our first news last week, we looked at an article about Royal Mail making stamps of heroes who helped us during the COVID pandemic. We then thought about who has also helped us during these challenging times and made our own stamps. Here's hoping Royal Mail will like them.



### Chicktastic!

Year 3 have loved visiting and cleaning out our chicks over the past two weeks. It all started from our First News in Guided Reading, where we learnt about an artist who draws hens/chickens for a living. From then on we have loved caring, holding and finding out more about our chicks every day and was sad to see them go back to their new home.



### Shout outs - Woodpeckers

**Angus** - for creating such a beautiful, factual piece of writing based on our inspirational black woman - Joan Amertrading. You were so brave to stand up in front of the whole school and read out all of your researched facts.

**Isabella** - For showing such amazing attitude and behaviour every single day! You are getting so close to being the first Woodpecker to get gold!!!! Keep it up Isabella!

### Shout outs - Magpies

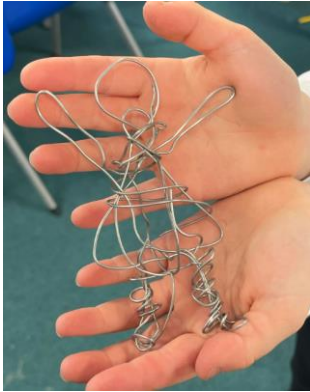
**Louie**- for working independently in both Literacy and Maths this week. I am incredibly proud of you and how you took on the various challenges and answered them in great detail.

**Maizy**- For your outstanding Anthony Joshua writing this week. Maizy you always take the advice on board and this was really evident in your writing this week. Keep shining, superstar!

## Year 4

### Quentin Blake Modroc Sculptures

This week, Year 4 have loved completing our Art, sculpture topic using modroc! We created mood boards to research about modroc and different Quentin Blake inspired images before then covering a wire structure and painting it! We are incredibly proud of our final products.



### Science- Water Cycles in a Bag

In science this week, we have created our very own water cycles in bags. We loved learning about the cycle of evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection and it has also helped us consolidate our understanding of how water can change states!



### Meeting the Chicks

Year 4 have adored visiting and looking after the chicks that we had in our school last week! We found it so exciting to see each day how many had hatched and to then watch them get fluffier each day. We adored getting the opportunity to hold them as well. Some of us were lucky enough to learn how to clean them out to make sure that their environment is safe and healthy for them!



### Shout outs - Owl!

A huge shout out to Jules! You have blown us away with your art skills this week. You have been able to craft and shape the wire incredibly and we are really proud of the effort and determination that you have included in your learning this week.

A massive well done to Reuben! You have blown us away with the facts and knowledge that you have incorporated into your biography on a famous sports person this week and we are incredibly proud of you!

### Shout outs - Osprey

Megan - You have been super, as always, trying your very best in all that you do! I am always so impressed at how much you challenge yourself and the pride that you take in your work. Your behaviour is amazing and you are a great member of Osprey class!

Ronnie - I'm so proud of the efforts you are putting in to improve your learning. You have been a super reader and you have been making improvements in your handwriting. I'm also super impressed with your resilience in your maths learning. Well done Ronnie!

## Year 5

### Chick visiting

Year 5 have spent some egg-tastic time with Woodthorpe's newest additions - baby chicks! We loved watching their journey from egg to chick and we even got the opportunity to hold and care for them.



### Land yacht building

This week year 5 have begun the task of planning and constructing their very own land yachts. The children have been very busy measuring and cutting the pieces required for their yacht with extreme precision. Later this week, a race will be held to declare the winning yacht.



### Inter-house tennis competition

Year 5 have had an intense tennis competition to crown the winning house as tennis champion of Woodthorpe! It was a very close and dramatic finish as each player put their serving and returning skills to the test. Well done to everyone who took part, there was some fantastic sportsmanship displayed by all.



### Shout outs - Kites

Natalie- for your constant determination and dedication to strive for success. You arrive every morning with a smile on your face and a positive attitude. You are such an imperative member of our class and we would be lost without you! Thank you for all your hard work.

### Shout outs - Falcons

James - I have been so impressed with your engagement and confidence in class this last week. You have contributed to more class discussions and challenged yourself to work as independently as possible. Well done James; keep up the hard work!



## Year 6

### Roots to Success

We were lucky to have York St John University come in for a workshop all about our futures. We enjoyed learning about the different educational routes we can take and what students may need to have during their time at university



### Chicks

Year 6 loved visiting the chick maternity ward where we had lots of cuddles with the new additions to Woodthorpe. The chicks were so fluffy and soft that we fell in love instantly, especially when they decided to take a nap in our hands.



### Eden Camp

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Eden Camp where we were able to gain a further understanding about WW2. Year 6 impressed us with their enthusiasm for the topic and they were able to share the knowledge that they had recently learnt. One of our favourite moments of the trip was walking through 'The Blitz' street: houses were badly bombed; rubble was strewn everywhere; the fire service were attempting to put out the fire; and smoke filled the air around us. It was a harrowing moment which allowed the children to appreciate what happened during The Blitz.



### Shout outs - Eagles

Eva - Miss Orrell and I were so proud of how well you tackled your assessments and the amazing results you achieved, Well done for working so hard and showcasing how amazing you really are - keep it up Eva!

### Shout outs - Hawk

Ryder - Your attitude during our mock SATs was exemplary. You have worked really hard and checked your work carefully. Your hard work paid off as you increased all your scores by 5-10 marks! Well done and keep it up - I am extremely proud of you.

### Shout outs - Harrier

Miley - I have been extremely impressed with how hard you are trying with your maths work. You managed to increase your last score by an astonishing 21 marks! Your determination and perseverance has not gone unnoticed - I am very proud of you.

### Diary Dates

8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Return back to school after Easter
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs

### PE Kit expectations

Sport is a core value at Woodthorpe and our PE lessons are a really important part of our curriculum. Please make sure your child is ready to join in, by ensuring they have the correct PE kit with them. Our PE kit consists of the following items:

- Plain, white t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Dark coloured jumper and jogging bottoms

For safety reasons, hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Your child will be asked to wear spare kit if theirs isn't in line with our school expectations.

Pictured are examples of our kits for warmer and cooler weather throughout the year.

If you have any questions about PE kit, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school office.



### Woodthorpe wrap-around care

We are delighted to be able to offer full wraparound support for our families. This starts from 7.50am and continues until 5:45pm daily. Our offer includes care for all of our children, from nursery to year 6. *Nursery pupils must book wraparound care sessions through the nursery as, due to the childcare funding, they receive, the charges are different.*

**Breakfast Club:** (7.50-8.50am) **£4/session £3/siblings.** Children have a wide range of breakfasts and also have the chance to play games with their friends or take part in a morning physical activity to really help wake them up.

**After School Club** (3.15-5.45pm) **£8/session £7/sibling.** At after school club, children start the session by having a snack and completing a 'circle' activity. From this, pupils then have the option to complete activities with their friends, take part in physical activities or relax with a book or film.

**If you are interested in our wrap-around care options, please pop into the office and ask for our wraparound care administrator, Caroline Young.**

### Childminders

Within our local area there is also a number of Ofsted registered childminders, a full list of these are available via the YorOK website: <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Childcare/childcare.htm>

The school also holds an up-to-date list of local childminders who are able to offer 15 and 30 hours care, please contact the school directly for this information.

### Handling Anger in the Family

Monday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 4 weeks starting 7th March, online via Zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)

Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 4 weeks starting 8th March at

Clifton Children's Centre, Kingsway North YO30 6JA For flyer click [here](#)

### Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years:

Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30pm for 5 weeks starting 9th March online via zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)



### **Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years:**

Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm for 5 weeks  
starting 8th March at  
Archbishop of York's Junior School, Copmanthorpe Lane,  
Bishopthorpe YO23 2QT  
For flyer click [here](#)

To book a place or for further information please contact:  
Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259 email [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk)  
or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

We also offer Reconnect, a 5 session couple to couple mentoring service, focusing on relationship skills to help you strengthen your couple relationship. For details contact Emma at [emmamarshall@fmy.org.uk](mailto:emmamarshall@fmy.org.uk)

### **Support Via the Pupil Premium**

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances. If you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, we will be able to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc... Please email our school office ([admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy)) or call in person to discuss 01904 806464. **You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:**

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### **Digital Parenting**

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share the following website – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>  
For further information and support, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.



# EASTER EGG HUNT

Follow the map to find the Easter posters.  
Count the eggs and write down the letter to  
work out the secret message.

Bring your answers on Easter Sunday  
between 10am - 2 pm.

We will be outside Moorcroft Road shops.  
All correct entries will receive an egg.

**Maps will be available to Print or collect from McColls from the  
9th April.  
Enjoy!**



# Big Moments of summer fun!



Join us at: Dringhouses CC

Sessions will run: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May for 8 weeks

Session timings: 18:00-19:00

For any questions  
please email: [jennifer-rooke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennifer-rooke@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sign up today at**

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre



**Woodthorpe**  
**Lets have a right**



**ROYAL KNEES UP**

**Sunday 5th June**

**1pm onwards on your street**



Invite your neighbours and plan your own day. Invite neighbours from other streets, have fun.



**Please welcome and include everyone**

**The bigger the better**

Share your photos on the day



*The community celebration for  
HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

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