

Woodthorpe Primary School

Headteacher: Mr James McGann
Chair of Governors: Mrs Amanda Atkins

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

Friday 11th March 2022

Over the past few years our community has really pulled together and last week was no exception. With less than a day's notice, we were given the opportunity to support children and families in Ukraine. We were completely overwhelmed by the contributions and generosity from everyone. Thank you, we are humbled by your support.

World Book Day was fantastic last week - the children all looked amazing in their costumes / outfits. Next week we will be holding our book fair in the KS1 hall where children will be able to use their money off vouchers.



The Book Fair Returns!

We are delighted to share that the ever popular school book fair is returning to Woodthorpe on Wednesday the 16th March. We will be opening the fair at the following times for our families to browse and purchase:

Wednesday 16th March-Monday 21st March

Before school: 8:25-8:40am

After school: 3:15-3:35pm

For every book purchased at the fair, the school receives a number of rewards to redeem against books to replenish our library. Our December book fair enabled us to buy over 100 new books for school!

As a reminder, you can also use your £1 World Book Day voucher to redeem against books priced at £2.99 or above.

The fair will be based in the key stage 1 hall and we can't wait to see you there!



Comic Relief 2022

Next Friday (18th March) is red nose day! We are inviting children to come to school dressed in something red and families can bring a donation into school if they wish. Within school, we will be thinking about who benefits from the money we raise, as well as raising a smile in the name of charity! To help raise funds, we will be selling a selection of Comic Relief 2022 wrist bands (£1) and noses (£1.50) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. The Comic Relief merchandise will be available on a first come, first served basis, we will be selling from the KS1 Hall each day at the same times as the school book fair (please see above).

We look forward to seeing you there!



Nursery

Pancake Day

As you all know, we love cooking and trying new foods in Nursery! Pancake Day was the perfect opportunity for us to learn some new skills and get involved with lots of pancake-related play. We spent time reading lots of lovely stories, such as Mr Wolf's Pancakes and had an amazing time flipping tasty treats in our very own Crêpe House. Our favourite part of the week was when we made our own delicious pancakes. We chose our favourite toppings and decorated them before enjoying them for our morning snack. Well done to all of our amazing Nursery chefs!



World Book Day

We had a fantastic World Book Day in Nursery! Our costumes were wonderful and we loved spending time looking at each other's outfits. We spent the day reading and celebrating our love of books. We took part in a whole-school art project and even went to our very first assembly (which we were superstars for!)

Our favourite part of the day was when the Year 4 children came down to read some stories with us. Some of us got to see our big brothers and sisters which was really lovely, but all of us enjoyed spending time with the older children. It was a brilliant experience which we hope to do again really soon!



Shoutouts

We would like to give our special shoutouts to Oliver and his big brother Thomas! We have been so excited for Oliver to turn 3 so that he could join our Nursery class and the time has finally arrived. Oliver is a wonderful person with a really special personality, just like his brother, and we have had such fun getting to know him. We couldn't be any prouder of Thomas and how brilliant he has been looking after Oliver and teaching him all about Nursery. Well done to both of you!

Reception

All aboard the maths bus

In our outdoor area we love making vehicles! Reception have really enjoyed being on a bus this week. They have worked together to count how many passengers are on the bus and what would happen if more passengers joined or got off. Reception were amazing at recording what was happening in fantastic number sentences to show the ever changing bus!



Litter Picking

Recently in Reception we have been thinking about how beautiful our world is and why we need to look after it! Having learnt so much about caring for our planet, we decided to take action and help in our school. We worked as a team to go on a litter pick around our school site. We worked together to hunt for any litter that shouldn't be there and carefully used our litter pickers and gloves to dispose of it correctly.



World Book Day 2022!

For World Book Day 2022, the whole school focussed on a book called 'Under the Same Sky'. We loved reading the book and enjoyed admiring the beautiful illustrations. We worked as a team to create some beautiful birds to add to a whole school canvas in the same style as the illustrator. On World Book Day, we had the best time dressing up in our animal amazing outfits to link in with our book. We enjoyed telling our friends all about our outfits and the books we love, sharing stories, making bookmarks and playing some special quizzes about books too. A real highlight of World Book Day was a special visit from Year 5 who came down to read us all some stories. Reception were amazing at listening to a story read by the older children. Happy World Book Day!



Shout outs - Cygnets

Amelia R - For your fantastic effort and how confident you are becoming. It is lovely to see how keen you are to join in, particularly during our maths session. Well done Amelia, we are so proud of you!

Bryan - For how hard you have been trying in phonics, particularly with your writing. You have worked so hard on your letter formation. What a superstar - well done Bryan!

Shout outs - Goslings

Mason - For being a fantastic role model in Goslings each and every day! You brighten up our classroom with your huge smile, super effort and being such a good friend. We are very proud of you!

Milo - For your amazing maths work! You have blown us away with your quick recall of facts and writing some fantastic number sentences all by yourself. Well done Milo!

Year 1

Kingfisher- Forest School

To kick start the first week back, we went to the forest for the afternoon with Mrs Banham. The children started off by reading the story 'Superworm'. They then had to find the characters within our forest, they were hidden very well! Next, the children had to find their own minibeasts! Have a look at the pictures below to see what we found.



Hummingbird - Science - Will it float?

As part of our 'Everyday Materials' topic, we carried out an investigation to find out the properties of different materials. We decided to group the materials based on their ability to float. First, we predicted which materials would float before conducting the experiment! We were very interested to discover that the shape and width of a material can alter its ability to float!



Kingfisher- Dream Jars

On Thursday the 3rd of March it was World Book Day. The children came into school dressed as different animals.

Throughout the day, we took part in a variety of different activities, including the masked reader! When asked what our favourite activity was our response was making dream jars. We had a look at the story 'The BFG' and then made our own magical dream jars.



Hummingbird - World Book Day - Year 4 Reading

To celebrate World Book Day, we went on a magical adventure to Year 4, to take part in a shared read. We loved meeting the Year 4 children and enjoyed listening to them read. Some of us are already counting down the years until we can join Year 4, we loved it so much!



Shout Outs – Kingfisher

Owen- I am so impressed by the progress you have made this year. Recently, your English work has blown me away. You are becoming so much more independent and even up-leveilling your work when you think it needs it!

Emily- For your dedication in both phonics interventions and phonics lessons. You have become so much more confident and I can see this in your work. Well done Emily!

Shout Outs - Hummingbird

To lovely Molly,

Well done for becoming the **first ever** Woodthorpe pupil to receive a gold behaviour award! We are SO happy for you!

From a very proud Hummingbird class



Year 2

Animal Collages

Last week, Year 2 really enjoyed creating their own flamingos and toucans using a collage technique. They worked with a partner and thought carefully about what materials and colours they would use. We were really impressed with the completed animals.



Alexander Calder- Paper Sculpture

Year 2 loved creating 3D sculptures starting with a flat piece of paper. We used our cutting skills to fold and bend the paper into interesting shapes, inspired by the sculptor Alexander Calder. We also used different collage techniques to decorate our sculptures before hanging them from a mobile.



World Book Day- Under the Same Sky

What a wonderful day we had last Thursday when we celebrated World Book Day 2022 by dressing up as different animals. Our animals linked with our school-wide story 'Under the Same Sky' which embraces individuality and being unique whilst sharing our one world. A particular highlight of the day was sharing our stories with Year 6 children who came to listen to us and read to us too- thank you Year 6, we loved it!



Shout outs - Finch

Emma - you are such a wonderful member of Finch class. I am so impressed with how hard you are working in all lessons. You are becoming much more independent, especially in your writing. Keep this up! You're a superstar!

Wilfred - you have made us so proud this week with how hard you have been trying with your letter writing. You are listening so carefully and making great improvements.

Shout outs - Robin

Aden- Your enthusiasm for learning is infectious and I am so proud of your contributions to class discussions this week. Not only this but you have also produced some incredible writing; including some tricky similes and repetition- well done Aden!

Annie- Thank you for being a ray of sunshine in our class. You make me smile every day with your wonderful work ethic and your caring personality- keep it up :)

Year 3

If you go down to the woods today...

Go down to the Woodthorpe Primary School woods if you dare!! There has been rumours by many witnesses that some cheeky grizzly bears have been causing chaos in our school forest! In our English lessons we are going to write a news report to inform locals about this shocking news!



Science the Functions of a plant.

In Science this week we have been looking at the various functions of a plant. We made this into an experiment lesson by acting out the various functions of a plant. We then added our videos into seesaw to create our QR codes.



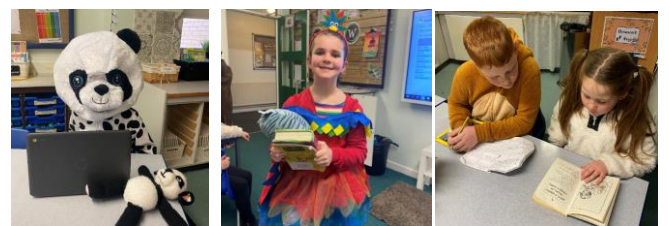
TT-Rockstar Legends

This half term Year 3's have been working really hard on their times tables - especially on TT-Rockstars. Tom, Junior and Ben have been working their socks off in Woodpecker class and have amazingly earned a 'Rock Legend' title. Who's going to be next?



World Book Day - Year 5 Reading

To celebrate World Book Day, we had the amazing opportunity to pair read with the Year 5's. It was so lovely to be able to listen and read to a different year groups and celebrate our love for reading throughout school. Everybody's animal outfits were fantastic! What a wonderful day!



Shout Outs - Woodpecker

Ben - Another shout out to Ben this week (you super star) for being the first person in Woodpecker class to reach silver on our reading chart. What a fantastic achievement, keep inspiring people with your love of reading!

Esmee - You have been working so hard on your handwriting for weeks on end and it is now looking beautiful. I am so proud of you, keep up this brilliant hard work Esmee!!

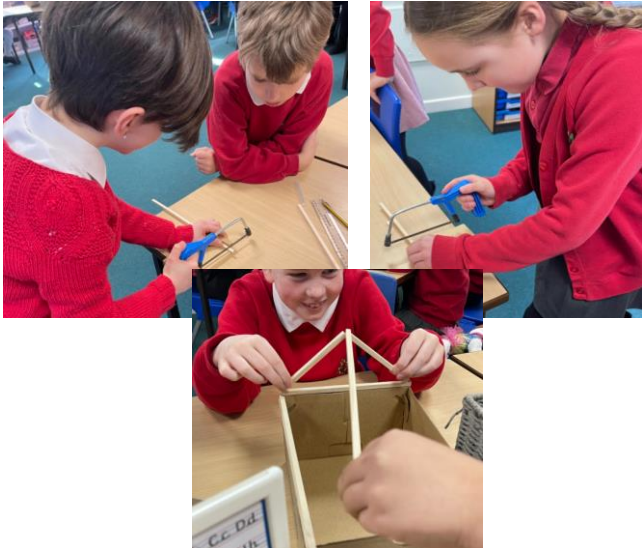
Shout Outs - Magpie

Lucy - Miss Morley and I are so proud of you Lucy for your outstanding Maths over the past two weeks. You are trying incredibly hard with your maths challenges and answering them in full detail well done Lucy.

Year 4

DT- Building Viking Longhouses

This week, Year 4 have been working in small groups to construct our very own Viking longhouses! As part of this, we have learnt how to build extremely strong structures using triangle shapes and we have accurately measured our wood! We were even given the opportunity to use a saw in order to make sure our wooden structures were cut to the right size!



PE - Tennis

Year 4 have just begun their next sport in PE - Tennis! We were super excited to start a different sport and were eager to get outside and get started. Although we first started out by making sure our positions were correct and that we could receive and return the ball correctly, we soon had the rackets out to practise returning the ball.



World Book Day

Year 4 absolutely adored celebrating World Book Day! We loved coming into school dressed as different animals and we were blown away with the effort that people made with their costumes. We were given the opportunity during the day to read with both Year 1 and Nursery children and we loved sharing our love for reading with other children in school. Our favourite part of the day was decoding which teachers were each masked reading and we were really proud as a year group about how accurate some of our guesses were!



Shout outs- Owl

A huge well done this week to Alfie G! We have been blown away with your dedication with Lexia this week! You have been working so hard to improve your handwriting and your reading, keep being a superstar!

A massive shout out to Eden. You are such a fantastic, positive role model to everybody around you and it is so lovely to see you always so willing to help and support your peers. We are incredibly proud of you!

Shout outs- Osprey

Ryley has been an absolute superstar in our class this week! You have been so focussed on your learning in English and Maths; you have been improving everyday! You have also been working so hard in your Lexia to make good progress. We are so proud of you! Well done Ryley!

Evie N has been a fantastic role model to Osprey class. You are always so keen to help others, including the teachers. Evie, I am so impressed with all that you do and you are making great progress in all your learning. Well done Evie!

Year 5

PSHE - informed decisions



Year 5 have been working alongside Jigsaw Jez and our mindful cat to discover the risks associated with smoking and alcohol.

International Women's Day

Year 5 loved celebrating international women's day on the 8th March. We discussed women who were inspirational to us and celebrated how far we have come throughout history.



Tiana- I am inspired by Millie Bright as she is an amazing footballer and I wish to be like her when I am older.

Natalie- I am inspired by Rosa Parks because she taught me to stand up for what I believe in.

Harvey - I am inspired by Mary Seacole as she helped people no matter who they were.

World book Day

Year 5 had an amazing day celebrating world book day. We read to the reception children as well as Year 3. It was so lovely to support the younger children with their reading as well as share our expertise.



Shout outs - Kites

Carter - I have been blown away with your determination this week. It has been fantastic to see your smiling face back in school this week. Keep up the incredible work, I am so proud of you!

Shout outs - Falcons

Mason H - I have been so impressed with your attitude towards your learning and your determination to succeed; especially in your guided reading work. Well-done Mason you're a superstar!

Year 6

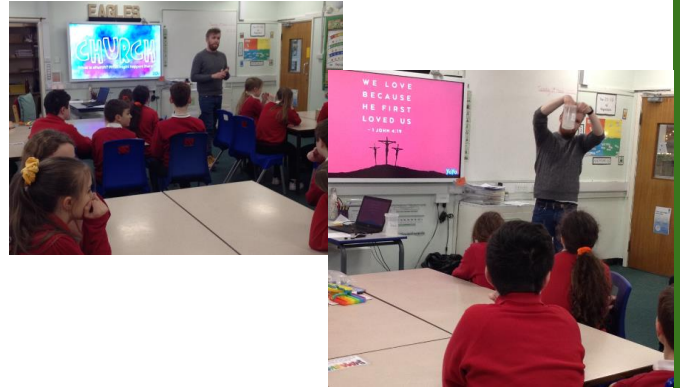
Anyone for Tennis?

This term in PE, we are developing our tennis skills. We have been enjoying playing doubles and improving our communication strategies with our partner.



Christianity

We have been fortunate to have YoYo return to explain what Christianity is, their key beliefs and we were amazed by the magic trick which symbolised God's grace.



World Book Day

Thank you for all of your help with the amazing costumes Year 6 had created for World Book Day. We were gripped by our 'Masked Reader' competition and we thoroughly enjoyed our paired reading with other classes.



Shout outs - Eagles

Charlotte - I have been so impressed recently with your determination to succeed in everything you do. You always apply yourself in lessons and you are a brilliant member of our class. Thank you and keep up the hard work!

Shout outs - Hawk

William - I am really impressed by the progress you have made in guided reading. Your determination and perseverance are remarkable and I am really proud of you for applying yourself in every lesson. Well done and keep it up!

Shout outs - Harrier

William - I have been delighted with your attitude towards learning. You have grown in confidence and you are supporting your answers with a good level of understanding. I am really proud of how you are progressing - keep up the hard work!

Diary Dates

11th March - 13th March	Robinwood residential (Y5/6)
16 th -21 st March	Book Fair
18 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd & 23 rd March	Parent/teacher meetings
8 th April	Break up for Easter

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

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

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) 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.





CRAFT FAYRE

GOLDEN JUBILEE

SATURDAY **12** MARCH

10:00AM TO 1:00PM

CAKES - CRAFT STALLS - JEWELLERY
TEA & COFFEE - GIFT IDEAS - CARDS
KIDS CRAFTS & more!

**ST JAMES THE DEACON CHURCH
WOODTHORPE, YORK**



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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