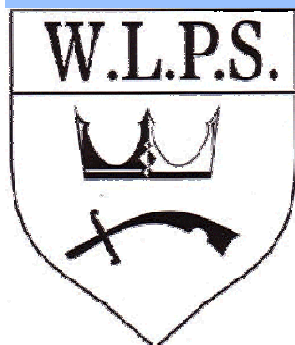


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The Woodham Ley News

Book Week

This week the children have taken part in various different reading activities; including dressing up as book characters, 'drop everything and read' sessions and spelling bees. The Spelling Bee winners were Teddy in KS2 and Hannah in KS1. The fancy dress winners were: Kayleigh as Little Pig (Rec), George From George's Marvellous Medicine (yr. 1), Megan as a Golden Ticket (yr2), Harry as Mr Blueberry (yr. 3), Darcey as Annie (yr4), Lennon as the Boy in the Dress (yr5), Joshua as Jack Sparrow (yr6). Miss Cooper won Best dressed Teacher and Mrs Barrett for best Strut!! Well done to all competitors.

On Monday, we held the annual reading breakfast and I would like to thank you all for your attendance. It really was lovely seeing so many adults and children sharing the love of reading with each other, over a croissant or two. I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rayner and her colleagues at the Co-op who donated the delicious croissants.

The children have also been travelling to different classrooms this week, to be read to by various members of staff. One of the great things about it was that there was a range of year groups in each room and there was a variety of books being read. I've heard lots of children telling their friends that they have been inspired by these sessions and are now going to buy the book that they have been listening to. I would like to thank Mrs Hopkins for organising Book Week this year.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the children in Yr3, 4, 5 and 6 who took part in the cross-country competition on Monday. All the children did very well with the majority beating their last year's place. Some overcame personal targets and managed to complete the course without stopping. A particular well done to Grace and Holly who came 2nd and 5th respectively. Grace will now go on to represent the Castle point School Sports Partnership.

My thanks to Mrs Grayland for working with the team over the past several months and helping them to improve their standards. Running club will continue every Monday and our focus is now on sprinting and athletic events as we prepare for the District Sports competition.

Football Matches against Robert Drake & Wyburns School

On the 29th Feb the Woodham ley Football team played Robert Drake School and lost 2-0. We put up a great fight, particularly in the second half when we played some good football and defended really well. The defenders were strong with the Keeper making some great saves. The attackers created a few chances, but were not able to score. Midfield played very well running up and down and passing the ball through.

On the 2nd March the Team played and beat Wyburns School 3-1. Robbie scored a great hat trick. We played some good football and created some good chances. Unfortunately we conceded one unlucky own goal. We moved the ball well spreading the pitch and played some dangerous through balls. Man of the Match was Zakk for an outstanding performance in Goal for both games. The team was made up of Zakk, Byron, Josh, Callum, Harrison, Billy, Ellis, Kieran, Mason, Robbie & Daniel (report by Byron).

Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that our new parent governor is Mrs Jenny Brett. Parent Governors hold an important role as your voice on the Governing Body, so if you have any comments or concerns to raise, please do speak with the Parent Representatives.

Sainsbury's Sports mark

We are very Pleased to announce that the school has recently been awarded the Bronze award. This is a fantastic achievement and shows that we are committed to developing and improving sport and competition in our School.



Attendance League

Well done to Matisse Class for winning the Attendance League this week.

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	99.33%	7
Picasso	96.67%	1
Matisse	100%	4
Monet	97.93%	1
Hockney	98.57%	5
Goldsworthy	95.33%	2
Dali	98.33%	2
Whole school % since the start of the year	96.36%	Lead Class Matisse

Diary dates

7th March	Yr. 3 & 4 trip to British Museum
8th March	Yr. 5 Gifted & Talented at Appleton after School Last day of Book Fair
11th March	School Disco
18th March	Sport Relief Day
22nd March	Year 5 & 6 trip to Colchester Castle all day Road Safety talk with Reception children and parents 9-12pm Gemma's Farm in to see Tots and KS1
24th March	Last day of Term
9th-13th May	SATS's Week
5th-8th June	Yr. 6 Residential trip

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QUESTIONS FOR READING

Below you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child's reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read with your child. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate. Happy Reading !!

Questions to ask before you read

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

Questions to ask during the reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
- As you read, what are you wondering about?
- Can you put what you've just read in your own words?

Questions to ask after reading

- Can you remember the title?
- In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?
- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved?
- What happened because of the problem?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?
- Can you retell the story in order?
- If you were _____, how would you have felt?
- What is the most interesting situation in the story?
- Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?
- Why did you like this book?