



# Woodhouse Academy

Autumn 1  
2016

Newsletter

## Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is currently at **97.41%**  
We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support this half-term.

### Our Bushcraft trip by Isabelle Mottram 5D

As I was packing, I was getting excited but also nervous. When I started saying goodbye to my family, I got butterflies in my tummy!

The coach trip there was really fun. Everybody couldn't wait to get there – even the teachers! On the way, we saw lots of fields with horses and cows and then just lots and lots of woods and forest. When we reached the forest with our camp in, we got really excited.

We had to walk a long way to get to camp. We walked over a rocky path and a muddy bank. We started by playing a game called 'Predator'. Then we were put into our tribes and we cooked lamb kebabs over a fire. After that, we made up a show for the 'Tribe's Got Talent' competition. My favourite part of that was when I was a dancer in my tribe's show. That night we played 'Capture the Lantern' in the dark – if we got caught we had to go back to the start.



There were lots of fun games like '21', 'Predator', 'Capture the Flag' and 'Sardines'. My favourite game was 'Capture the Flag' – it was so funny because I kept getting caught by the others and having to go all the way back to the start.

The food was delicious. While we were there we had fresh fruit and biscuits, a cooked breakfast, pancakes, kebabs, rice, salmon, pasta Bolognese, pizza – and lots of cake!

### Enrichment Day 2016

On 13th October we held our PSHE Enrichment Day. Year 5 and 6 had sessions around the theme of 'Staying Safe and Health' while Years 7 & 8 had sessions around the theme of 'Your Future'.



Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including a climbing wall, eating healthily, road and fire safety, learning to relax and Tabata training.

Year 7 and 8 meanwhile learned about the importance of safety on the internet, wrote their own CV and heard from some local entrepreneurs about setting up in business.

Pupils were enthusiastic about the day, with their willingness and their positive attitude helping to contribute to its success. Well done Woodhouse.



### Shoebox Appeal

Once again we are supporting the shoebox appeal. The final date for bringing boxes to school is Friday 18th November. Let's see if we can beat last years' number of boxes which was 140.

### Prefects

We would just like to thank our new prefects, head boy and head girl who are managing their new roles within school admirably—keep up the good work.

### Dyslexia Awareness Week (Week beginning Mon 3rd Oct)

A team of 5 year 8 pupils (Sarah Wood, Sarah Poole, Scott Mellor, Mark Rigby and Josh Stewart) planned and delivered two key stage assemblies, which aimed to help pupils understand what dyslexia is, how it feels to be dyslexic but also to highlight that it need not get in the way of success. They talked about many famous people who are dyslexic but have gone on to do great things. Our own fabulous team of five are shining examples of young people who have learnt to deal with their dyslexia and not let it get in the way of their success. We are incredibly proud of them, not only for standing in front of the whole school to talk about their dyslexia but also for their wonderful contribution to our school and for the successes they have already achieved in their own lives.

### Amazing Fund Raisers!

We would like to congratulate both Molly Poole and Corey Pointon on the fantastic fund raising they have embarked on over the past couple of months.

Molly has cycled nearly 1000 miles and raised well over £10,000 for Greyhound Gap, while Corey has run 5 miles (the furthest he's ever run) to raise money for his friend Josh who has cystic fibrosis. Congratulations to the pair of you; you are an inspiration to us all.



### Digital Parenting Magazine

Please take a look at this on the website—it can be found under School Life, Parent Information, On-line Safety. It's definitely worth a read.

### Term Dates 2016/17

#### Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School Opens
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October -</b>	
<b>Friday 28<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Half-term</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School Opens
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas

#### Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Opens
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February-</b>	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half-term</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes for Easter

#### Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May-</b>	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Closed to Pupils</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>School Closes for the Summer</b>

### Date for the Diary

Tuesday 1st November—Tempest Photography  
 Thursday 3rd November—Themed lunch—Bonfire Night  
 Friday 11th November—Y6 to see Alice Through the Looking Glass  
 Monday 21st November—Y8 to see Miss Siagon at BHS  
 Tuesday 29th November—Y7 & 8 Sports Hall Athletics  
 Thursday 1st December—Y5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics  
 Wednesday 7th December—Carol concert @ St. Lawrence's  
 Monday 12th December—KS2 Magic Show  
 Tuesday 13th December—KS2 Magic Show  
 Wednesday 14th December—Christmas lunch

### Term Dates 2017/18

#### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 5th September	School Opens
<b>Monday 23rd October -</b>	
<b>Friday 27th October</b>	<b>Half-term</b>
Monday 30th October	School Opens
Tuesday 19th December	School Closes for Christmas

#### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January	School Opens
<b>Monday 19th February-</b>	
<b>Friday 23rd February</b>	<b>Half-term</b>
Monday 26th February	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 27th February	School Opens
Thursday 29th March	School Closes for Easter

#### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April	School Opens
<b>Monday 7th May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 28th May-</b>	
<b>Friday 1st June</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
<b>Monday 4th June</b>	<b>School Closed to Pupils</b>
Tuesday 5th June	School Opens
<b>Friday 20th July</b>	<b>School Closes for the Summer</b>

### Principal's Blog & Woodhouse App

Don't forget to check out the weekly Principal's Blog on the website where Mrs Butler gives a brief overview of the past week's activities and highlights some events for the forthcoming week.

**App:** you can download the Woodhouse app by going to your play store, downloading school spider and selecting our school .

### Staffordshire County Council—Stay Connected

Staffordshire County Council have launched a new 'Stay Connected' service which will provide you with alerts, updates and bulletins about, among other things:

- School closure, admissions, and school transport
- Parent's guide to learning and careers
- Bus service charges
- Severe weather alerts
- Major road improvements planned by the county council

In order to receive these alerts, please visit their website and sign up to the service at:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Customer-Alerts](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Customer-Alerts)

### PSHE

We have been discussing 'courage' this half-term during our PSHE and circle time, and have picked one pupil from each form to win an award for showing exceptional courage in a situation. The winners are:

#### Key Stage 2

William Hindmarch  
 Matthew Chadwick  
 Levi Garwood  
 Katie Poole  
 Jamie Simpson  
 Evie Brandall  
 Ellie Davies  
 Danny Cooper  
 Jessica Holdcroft

#### Key Stage 3

Kieran Lamb  
 Molly Poole  
 Corey Potts  
 Isabel Platt  
 Isabelle Lally  
 Josh Tansley  
 Mark Rigby  
 Lucy Sargeant

## Sporting News

### Y7 & 8 Netball

The year 7 & 8 netball teams have both made an impressive start to their league campaigns this autumn. The year 7 team are unbeaten at the district satellite league hosted by St. Edwards, securing wins over Churnet View, Painsley, St. Edwards and drawing against Moorside. The year 8's have also enjoyed success, gaining wins over Moorside, James Bateman and Churnet View. Well done girls!



### Tag Rugby Leadership Festival

On Tuesday 18th October 2016, 8 Manifold and 8 Trent hosted a tag rugby festival at Woodhouse Academy. They coached year 4 pupils from Oxhey, Kingsfield, Moor First and Knypersley First School. For some of the year 4's it was their first time playing tag rugby and they really enjoyed the afternoon. All of the year 8 leaders were fantastic role models for our school and did a great job in teaching the younger children. Well done.



### Football

#### Year 5 & 6

Towards the end of September Mr Merali took a year 5 and 6 football team to Moorside High School to compete in a 7-a-side football tournament on a mini AstroTurf pitch. There were 7 other schools that took part and Woodhouse came out on top, winning all of their matches in the group stage and then triumphing in the final against St.Lukes Primary school 2-1. All participants really enjoyed taking part and everyone received a winner's medal and certificate. The team, consisting of Emerson Boardman, Oliver Johnson, Harvey Kelsall, Owen Seabridge, Bobbi Allen, Jake Maydew (c), Jack Doorbar (GK), Thomas Sherwin, Bradley Dale, Joe Lally and Adam Mellor, are now through to the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Level Three School Games Satellite event taking place at St.Georges Park on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We wish them the best of luck!

#### Year 7

The year 7 football team, captained by Harvey Washington, have made a good start to the new football season with wins against St.Edwards and James Bateman. The team suffered a valiant loss against Endon; it was an exciting match but unfortunately Woodhouse did not get the rub of the green, a strong performance nonetheless.

#### Year 8

The year 8 team football team, captained by Jack Craddock, seem to be saving their best results until after the half season break it seems! The team have suffered 3 defeats and managed a draw against James Bateman. We hope to see some more improved results when the season recommences in February.

### Cross Country

Well done to the cross country team, who have competed strongly in 5 meetings this half-term. A special mention to Jake Barker who won all his races for the Y7 boys and is now district champion! A fantastic achievement. We are awaiting the team results, so there will be even more great news to come after half-term!

