



# Woodhouse Academy

**Spring 2  
2017**

**Newsletter**

## **Attendance: 97.14%**

Our whole school attendance is currently at 97.14%

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support throughout the year with attendance.

**We hope you've now all got to grips with our new phone number—01782 973600**

### **Inspiring Young Women**

On Friday 3rd March, 25 of our year 8 girls attended an event at Staffordshire University called 'Inspiring Young Women'. They had the opportunity to listen to local women who have been successful in their careers, look around the campus and discuss their ideas regarding the future. Let's hope all of them will be encouraged to apply to colleges and universities when they complete their schooling. Can I also say a big thank you for the exemplary behaviour displayed on the day. Well done girls. Mrs Farr

### **Comic Relief**

Friday 24th March was Comic Relief day which is the charity represented by KS3 at Woodhouse. In order to show their team work skills to raise money, forms competed with each other to complete as many laps of the school field as possible in exchange for donations from friends and family. The winning forms from each year group were 5d, 6m, 7m and 8m and these were rewarded during the whole school assembly. In total £700 was raised by pupils through the fun run, non uniform day donations and the staff sweepstake. Well done Woodhouse.

### **A Bright Young Star**

On Friday 24th March, Woodhouse Academy was delighted to have Lily-Mae McLaren representing the school at the Town Mayor's charity concert with the Biddulph & District Youth orchestra. She performed two pieces, 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square' and 'The Holy City' on the tenor horn with piano accompaniment. The Mayor was delighted and Lily-Mae has been asked to join the BDYO as they were so impressed.

### **Staff Changes**

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Allen, who has been with us for a staggering 26 years, and Mrs Whiteley, both will be sorely missed. Dr Simha will be replacing Mrs Allen until the end of the summer term, when Miss Putt (soon to be Mrs Baddeley) will then join us. Mr Mason, who has been covering for Mrs Whiteley in her absence, will also be with us until the end of the summer term.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thurs 27th April @6pm	English parent forum
Mon 1st May	May Day—sch closed
Tues 2nd May @6pm	Italy trip meeting
Mon 4th May	Sch closed due to elections
Mon 8th -Thurs 11th May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 15th & Tues 16th May	Y5 bikability
Tues 16th— Tues 23rd May	Italy trip
Fri 26th May	Y8 girls HPV
Mon 29th May—Fri 3rd June	Half Term
Mon 5th June	Inset—sch closed
Thurs 8th June	Team photos
Mon 19th—Fri 23rd June	Barcelona trip
Mon 19th & Tues 20th June	Y6 bikeability
Tues 20th June	Y8 & Y4 'bump up day'
Mon 26th—Fri 30th June	Y6 Standon Bowers
Tues 4th July (pm)	Track events sports day
Thurs 6th July	Reserve track events
Mon 17th July	Y5 reward trip
Tues 18th July	Y6 reward trip
Thurs 20th July	KS3 reward trip
Fri 21st July	End of term



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Palin who has stepped down from running the puppet club after 8 years.

Clive Mark—Easter offer

**Buy any 3 items and get the cheapest FREE—offer ends Saturday 22nd April.**



### Reward Certificates

Our value this term has been 'Responsibility'. The winners are:

#### KS2:

Roxy Taylor (5c), James Williamson (5d), Lucas Ford-Rowley (5m), George Anthony (5t), Lucy Eardley (6f), Daniel Slack (6m), Brydie Cornwell (6w), Morgan Dickenson (6r) & Teddy Bainbridge (6K).

#### KS3:

Seth Bailey (7c), Rhys Gower (7d), Max Barclay (7m), Sam Hartless (7t), Caitlin Ashley (8c), Elisha Timbey (8d), Freya Astbury-Leese (8m), Callum Harrop (8t), Peter Crawley (8c)

### KS2 Winners



### KS3 Winners



**Big Bang Fair** - On 15<sup>th</sup> March, Y7 pupils attended the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. Pupils were treated to hundreds of hands-on



STEM activities, workshops and stage shows. Very popular were the digital classroom microscope, the aeva workshop, the nano simbox workshop, the madla, the bubblestrings and the giant drawing machines.

The children also had the chance to speak to professional engineers and scientists who had volunteered their time to inspire the next generation. The venue was huge and we were amongst the thousands of visitors who came that day. This was fantastic opportunity for Y7's to experiment science in a different way.



### British Science Week at Woodhouse 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March

We began preparing for science week on the Friday before the actual event, with some classes researching the topic of "Changes" and producing pictures and writing for our assembly.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr Bell ran the British Science Week assembly. He showed a Powerpoint presentation of the work done by pupils and talked about the significance of changes such as global warming. He also informed pupils of the activities we would be doing during the week.

In lessons, pupils were invited to demonstrate some science to their peers. As always, coke and Mentos was a popular experiment, but we also saw bouncing eggs, tornadoes in bottles, crystals, non-Newtonian fluids, slime and many more!

On the Wednesday Y7 went to visit the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham.

We ran two competitions in school – a poster competition on the themes of "Changes" and a photo competition on the theme of "Technicians". The prizes for these internal competitions have been awarded in the end of term assembly today.

There is still time for pupils to enter the British Science Week photo competition – see the British Science Week website for details.

**Easter Bingo**— Wow—what a lot of Easter eggs, thank you to everyone who donated—it was like Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory here last Friday!  
 The inaugural event of the Woodhouse Association was a great success. Parents, children and staff really got into the bingo spiri. Some, not to mention any names (Mrs Carney) even had their first experience of playing bingo! Enough chocolate might be being consumed over the next couple of days to sink a battle ship. An amazing £442.70 was raised and we are raffling off the remaining eggs within school.  
 A huge thank you to the following parents: Mrs Millington, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Parr, Mrs Newman, Mrs Tavenor, Mrs Brandall, Mrs Porter, Mrs Nightingale, Mrs Malbon, Mrs Worth, Mrs Tavenor & Mrs Booth.



**Y5 & 6 Netball Team**—Well done to the Y5 & 6 netball teams this season. We have had over 60 pupils from both year groups representing Woodhouse Academy. The girls competed against James Bate-man, Churnet View and St Edwards. They played with great team spirit. **A special mention to the 5B team, who are district champions!** Well done girls!  
 Year 5A – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Year 5B –**District Winners!**  
 Year 6A – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Year 6B – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Year 7 & 8 Netball Team**  
 Well done to the Y7 & 8 netball teams this season. The girls competed strongly against the other 7 schools in the district. For the Y7’s it was the first time that they had competed against the local high schools. Most of the Y8 team have been playing together since Y5 and have gone from strength to strength. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment over the last four years. A fantastic season. Well done!  
 Year 7A – League 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Tournament – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Year 8A – League 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Tournament – 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Orienteering Team**  
 On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 26 pupils represented the school at the Staffordshire Schools Orienteering Competition at Central Forest Park. All pupils performed well and enjoyed the event. **A special mention goes to Max Barclay and Seth Bailey who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position!**

**District Swimming Gala**  
 On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, pupils from all years took part in the district swimming gala at Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre. Many of the pupils compete for BASC, outside of school and had been training hard for the event. All pupils performed strongly against strong opposition.  
**U11 – Staffordshire Moorlands District Winners!**

After School PE clubs to start w/c 24th April

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS</b>	Lunch time 1:15pm – 1:45 pm	Cricket Y5 & 6 	Rounders Y5 & 6 	Cricket Y7 & 8 	Rounders Y7 & 8 	Handball Y5 & 6 
	After school 3:35pm – 4:35 pm			Athletics Y7 & 8 	Athletics Y5 & 6 	