



# Woodhouse Academy

Summer  
2017

Newsletter

## Attendance: 97.11%

Our whole school attendance is currently at 97.11%

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**

### Dates for the Diary

5th June	School closed to pupils
7th June	Woodhouse Has Got Talent @ 7pm
8th June	School closed due to general election
12th June	Tempest Photography—team photos
15th June	Y4 Parents/Carers Evening—6.30-7.30pm
15th June	Clive Mark in school from 3.30pm
19th-23rd June	A selection of Y7 to Barcelona
19th June	Y6 Bikeability
19th June	Y4 coffee morning (10-11am)
20th June	Y4 & Y8 bump up day
20th June	Y6 Bikeability
26th-30th June	Y6 Standon Bowers
3rd July	Field sports day (children only)
4th July	Track sports day (parents invited from 1pm)
5th July	Reserve field sports day
6th July	Reserve track sports day
11th July	Swimming gala @ BVLC
12th July	Y7 celebration afternoon (2.15pm)
13th July	Y6 celebration afternoon (2.15pm)
13th July	Y8 Leavers celebration (6.30pm)
14th July	Y5 celebration afternoon
17th July	Y5 end of year trip
18th July	Y6 end of year trip
20th July	Y7 & 8 end of year trip
21st July	Term end (3.35pm)

### KS3 & 3 Assemblies

Mrs McKeown & Miss Zakrzewski were thrilled to invite parents in to our celebration assemblies this half-term. The theme was respect and there was certainly a lot of it going round! It is always wonderful to watch, and be incredibly proud of our students receiving awards for such excellent behaviour and considered approaches. Well done to all of you. Next term's value is co-operation so we will be seeing our pupils helping each other, lending a hand, supporting and generally doing what they are good at.

The award winners are:

**KS2:** Sophie Hall (5d), Isabelle Carroll (5m), Aaron Belsham (5c), Jayden Gilbert (5t), Izaak Bestwick (5t), Sarah Whitehurst (6k), Riach Goodwin (6f), Luke Hopkinson (6mi), Teigan Court (6w) & Danielle Potts (6r).

**KS3:** Jessica Breed (7c), Sophie Baker (7d), Ruby Price (7m) Charlotte Nightingale (7t), Evie Siddorn (8c), Hayley Holford (8d), Freya Bainbridge (8m) & Holly Carr (8t).

### KS2 Winners



### KS3 Winners





### Clive Mark

Clive Mark will be in school selling uniform from 3.30pm on Thursday 15th June. They will also be at Biddulph High School on Saturday 24th June from 10-1pm.

They are holding their 'May Madness' sale—spend over £30 and get £3 off on non-school badged items only. Offer ends Wednesday 31st May.

### Transition Rep—by Freya Astbury-Leese (8m)

On our transition rep day we had the opportunity to have a tour of the High School and met the Principal who was very nice. We discussed how to make the transition smoother for everyone and met some of the students that we would be going to school with next year. At the meeting with the Principal we discussed any worries the students at Woodhouse had as well as answering questions. We found it very useful and had a really great time at the High School. I know everybody else will benefit from what we've found out.

### Transition Assembly/Information Hunt—by Harry Crellin (8m)

When the high school students arrived, we asked them important questions about how the school was run. This was really helpful for people who were anxious about staff & pupils at the school and how people would treat them. They re-assured us that we wouldn't get lost and that even if we did, a member of staff would help.

### Career Interview with Biddulph High School—by Jamerson Brown (8m)

I entered the room and I already felt like I belonged at the high school. The lady asked me, "What do you want to do when you are older?" I've always wanted to be an electrician and she told me that you have to be good at science and maths for that. After that, she wanted to know what my hobbies were so I told her I like motocross, I go to air cadets and enjoy acting.

### HipHop Assembly

Biddulph Pentecostal Church arranged for a hiphop band from the USA called RokSteady to perform for our students. During assembly, the lead singer/ rapper, Mark Sandiford (originally from Barbados), performed a short concert of 3 songs which got pupils on their feet and bouncing along! Following this, years 7 and 8 received a workshop from Mark who talked about hiphop music and its roots, and he also touched upon social issues that affect young people such as racism, gang violence and disillusionment. The main theme was showing pupils how music can be used for good and encouraged pupils to identify and nurture their own potential to be great in all walks of life, regardless of any barriers. Mark relayed his message with intersperses of songs, which our pupils were very happy to get involved in, notably Heather Richards and Maddie Frisby of 7C who performed as backing dancers for the group!

### Assembly Visit

We were so lucky to have received visitors recently from Slovakia to talk about their country and some of the traditions. Students were able to ask questions and learn about the different aspects of living in Slovakia. It was incredibly interesting and engaging and the pupils were fascinated. It was clearly evident that our guests truly love their country! A huge thanks to them and to our children for receiving them so well.

### Y6 SATs

A huge well done to our year 6 pupils who completed their SATs between 8th- 12th May. Pupils were treated to a breakfast and juice each morning before their English and maths exams as well as a motivational speech from the Deputy Head, Mrs Farr. It was a long week for year 6; the exams took place over 4 mornings and ranged from 45 minute papers to 1 hour papers. To celebrate their hard work, after the tests pupils were due to have a rounders tournament on the field but unfortunately, the rain made an appearance. However, pupils still got to enjoy some games inside.

### Junior Police Cadets

10 pupils at Woodhouse Academy passed out as fully fledged junior police cadets last week. They had followed a programme that included learning how to record events accurately in a police notebook, what to do at the scene of an accident, forensics and communication. On Monday, parents came into school and saw the children presented with their Junior cadet badges, t-shirts and caps.



### Police Cadets—by Joe Peach (7m)

I learnt how to use radios, do forensics and much more. I thought it was really fun and boosted my self-confidence. I also really enjoyed learning about foot and finger prints.

### Set 7.2 English have ...

... been getting on the political band wagon whilst practising their letter writing skills at the same time! They have all been writing to Theresa May about their concerns with regard to the changes to school funding.

**Projects**

In spite of the lack of funding, we still have to run a programme of maintenance and refurbishment of our school buildings. Work has started on a project to mend the roofs of the tower block and hall – scaffolding is rapidly growing everywhere!

Since our bid for money to refurbish our lower science lab (not changed since it was fitted in the 1960s!) was not successful, we are having to fund that ourselves. It will take place over the summer holidays and be a nice surprise for the new head of science.

We're also wanting to decorate some classrooms and replace furniture and equipment but this is restricted due to funding issues. We would love to hear from any parents who work for companies with moneyraising or community support schemes that could help us.

**Buxton & Leek College**

Buxton & Leek College are running an art taster course—still life suitable for beginners. It is taking place on Wednesday 21st June from 11.30am-1.30 and is completely free. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gill Roberts on 07811 379888.

**Italian Twinning Trip**

Woodhouse Academy pupils have returned from a fantastic week in Fusignano, celebrating 30 years of twinning with Bidulph.

The Y8 children visited the market town of Lugo, the world famous mosaics in Ravenna, made their own pasta, learned how to stencil fabric and worked with pupils in various lessons at the Luigi Battaglia middle school. They attended a celebration meal for over a hundred people on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May and enjoyed delicious meals throughout the week prepared by Fusignano's twinning committee. They also had great fun participating in the Fusignano Colour Move, a 5km fun run, where everyone got covered head to toe in powder paint.

Woodhouse are looking forward to the return visit of Italian pupils to England in July when they will be accompanied by Fusignano's town mayor.



After School PE clubs to start w/c 5th June

		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 	Tennis All Years 
	After school 3:35pm – 4:35 pm		Athletics Y7 & 8 		Athletics Y5 & 6 	

