



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 15th
March 2024



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2024

Monday 18th March 2024:

Comic Relief Activity Week

Monday 18th March 2024:

Science Fortnight

Monday 18th March 2024:

Year 8 Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th March 2024:

KS3 Rewards Close up Magic

Wednesday 20th March 2024:

KS2 Rewards Close up Magic

Wednesday 20th March

2024: Easter menu Theme day

Wednesday 20th March:

Inspire Dance -6.30-8.30pm

Friday 22nd March 2024:

Non-uniform Day (Wear something Red)

Friday 22nd March 2024:

Science Fair

Friday 22nd March 2024:

School closes for Easter at 3.35pm

Hello everyone and I hope you have had a good week.

- Whole-school assembly: this truly set the standard!! As part of the science fortnight, Mrs Baddeley and the science department set up a mock 'crime' scene in the hall, with the police in for added effect. I was, of course, the 'victim' in all of this and the students were shocked to see me alive the next day!! There are a number of current suspects and the students are trying to work out just who did the deadly deed. A HUGE thanks to the science department for their work here as the students have loved it and it created a real buzz in the school.

- Arete: our student group set off for the outdoor residential on Monday. Dr Kelly and Miss Parkes have been in touch to say they are getting lots of compliments from the staff there, are having a great time and throwing themselves into all the activities. Dr Kelly has been uploading photos on to the One Drive for parents to see.

- Year 6 Mock SATs: Our year 6s need an extra reward this weekend for all the hard work they have put into their practice run this week. They were fantastic so well done to all of you. And a huge thanks to not only the English and maths teams but the whole school and parents for being so supportive.

- Easter Bingo: this is always a highlight for us - seeing so many students, parents and staff enjoying themselves and having a great time. It was packed!! A huge thanks for everyone who joined us and a special thanks to our resident team, Mrs Dean, Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Wills.

- Comic Relief: next Friday is non-uniform day in exchange for a £1 to support this really important charity. Mr Baddeley, along with 7C, are busy preparing events for the day, so this should be great fun.

- Key Stage Celebrations: next week is the end of term celebration events, with those students who have gone above and beyond to display our value this half term and are awarded a prize in recognition of this. It is always one of the best events to watch.

- Year 8 Parents' Evening: this is on Monday 18th. Please contact the office if you were unable to secure an appointment and would like to speak to one of the subject teachers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Farr



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

ABSENCES: Can all absences, including a reason for the absence, please be reported by 9am on each day by contacting the dedicated absence line below;

Tel: 01782 973600 option 2, alternatively please email:

absence@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS: You can book school meals and top up dinner monies via the Arbor App. If you have pre booked a school meal on Arbor that is no longer needed can you please ensure it is cancelled via the App also.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL: Don't forget you can check; homework, housepoints, trips, consents and many more via the portal. If you have any questions or problems with Arbor please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

POLITE REMINDER: Please can we ask parents to ensure that pupils come into school with all the resources needed for the day e.g. PE kit, cooking ingredients.

Thank you.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2

Thank you!

NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

[Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19)

PRE LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform 'take away' stock: We have been running an after-school event for parents and students who may need additional uniform stock. This is all in a good condition and free for anyone. However, we have not had much of a response to this so, going forward, we will still keep this stock in school and any parent can contact the office if they would like to check what we have.

SAFETY REMINDER

Please can you remind your children about riding their bikes and scooters safely, especially outside the school gates.

We have received 2 reports about children riding their scooters into the road which have resulted in a near miss with cars since the new year.

The number of parked cars, cars pulling out and pedestrians is obviously very high before and after school.

Please remind your children to walk with their bikes and scooters in congested areas and not ride into or across the road.

Thank you for your support.

From the Staff

Woodhouse Academy – Whole School Spellings

Night	Perceiving	Prophet
Occupancy	Pilfering	Raw
Often	Precious	Receivable
Old-fashioned	Pregnancy	Referring
Overambitious	Profit	Reign

Shout outs!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bingo night, we had a fantastic evening and raised lots of money for the school fund- we couldn't have done it without you!!

The maths department would like to say a big well done to the whole of year 6 for their fantastic effort in their mock SATs this week- we are really proud of you all!



Please click on the link to see the updates from the Science, DT and Food department: <https://sway.office.com/hFrmU01VB8Pt71JT?ref=Link>

On Friday 8th March, Woodhouse Academy took part in the Biggest Ever Football Session. This is a National Campaign that aims to get as many girls playing football across the country on the same day, promoting equal rights across the sport. Our students competed in an Interhouse competition (Monday 18th March for Y6) where they had the opportunity to showcase their football skills and represent their house with pride. It was great to see our Y7 & 8 Football Leaders help run the tournament, passing on their knowledge and inspiring the younger students of the school. We didn't forget our boys, they also played in a separate tournament and helped earn points for their house. Thank you for supporting boys!

We are very proud of our students commitment and our schools inclusion of sport regardless of gender!

Mrs Bowers & Mr Baddeley say a BIG THANKYOU to everyone involved!

#letgirlsplay #thefa #biggesteverfootballsession #equalrights #churnet #dane #manifold #trent



Congratulations to Izi N who was selected to represent Woodhouse Academy, Biddulph Swimming Club and the West Midlands at the National English Schools Swimming 73rd Inter Divisional Championships 2024.

These Championships are the biggest and most talked about school swimming event of the year and attract top school age swimmers from the whole country. Izi was selected based on her ASA ranking.

It was a weekend away with her teammates down in Coventry, which saw some great racing. Lots of new friends made and many memories that will last a lifetime.

Izi snaffled a PB in the 100M Freestyle and the 200M Butterfly and then picked up two bronze medals in the Medley and Freestyle relays.



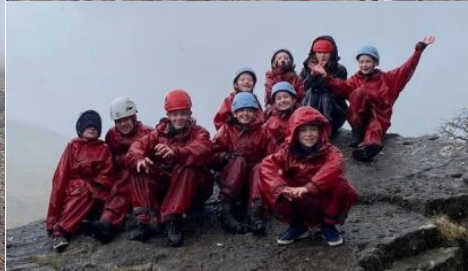
Who dunnit!!!



To kick off the start of science fortnight at Woodhouse Academy the students had a surprise in assembly when they were told that Mrs Farr had been murdered! (Thankfully it was all a joke in the vein of collecting clues to identify the murderer!) 5 members of staff were identified as suspects and the children will be spending the next 2 weeks trying to work out 'who done it'. The children will have to match footprints, fingerprints, poison and pen samples amongst other clues. (Thank you to Owen's Butchers in town for supplying us with animal organs and body parts to investigate).

The children will also be spending the next 2 weeks celebrating science fortnight by designing and carrying out their own science experiments. These will then be shown off at the school science fair on the last Friday of term. Good luck to all the children, the Science Department are really looking forward to judging your amazing work this year.





**Year 7
Arete**





Year 7 Arete

Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Isaac B class 7T was graded in Jujitsu on Tuesday 12th March, he has now become a yellow belt.

Well Done!

EASTER FUN!

FREE



Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged
5-16 who get free school meals*

Booking opens: 4pm, Monday 11th March 2024

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

#HAF2024 | Free holiday activities and food this Easter

If your child is eligible for a free place on the HAF programme, they will receive a letter with a HAF code.

Booking opens at 4pm on 11th March

Activities run 25 March - 5 April

Quote your HAF code to get a free place

Activities include dodgeball, cooking, horse-riding, dance, football, swimming, arts and crafts, bush craft and lots more! Your child will get a chance to make new friends, have fun and enjoy a healthy meal.

If your child is not eligible for a free place but wants to attend, most of the clubs offer paid places too!

Find out more on the Staffordshire County Council website



St Lawrence's
BIDDULPH

EASTER FUNDAY

Saturday 30 March | 1-4pm

Bouncy Castle | Easter Egg Trail | Easter Crafts

St. Lawrence's Church Hall | Congleton Road, Biddulph, ST8 7RG

www.biddulphchurch.org.uk



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS
Biddulph Library, 'Bounce and Rhyme', 10:30-11am	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Community Café in partnership with Oasis Community Church 9:30am to 11am, tea, coffee and refreshments.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm Soup and Sandwich (10am to 1pm).	Biddulph Local People's Group at Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. Over 50's Social Group 10am to 12pm. Arts & crafts, board games. £2.00 refreshments and materials included.	Staffordshire Moorlands Childrens Centre, 'Wake Up Shake Up Breakfast Group' 9:30am to 11am, Healthy breakfast for parents/ carers and children under 3 yrs.		
Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank St John's Church, Knypersley 11am to 1pm	Biddulph Local People's Group, Biddulph Town Hall Over 50's Social Group 10am to 12pm. Arts & crafts, board games. £2.00 refreshments and materials included. Free hot food 12-1pm.	Biddulph Town Hall Beth Johnson 10:30am to 12pm Bereavement Group 2 nd Wednesday of each month, group meal (after session).	Biddulph Town Hall Approach Dementia- carer support café, 10:30-12:30, 2 nd Thursday of each month.	Biddulph Library, Coffee Morning Cheesy oatkakes, 10am to 12pm	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	
St Lawrences Church, Congleton Road 'Nibble and Natter' 10:30-1:30pm, soup lunch, board games and refreshments.		Biddulph Town Hall 'Feast and Flicks' Warm Light Lunch 12:30 to 1:30pm followed by a film.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. Community Pantry 11:30am to 1:30pm, free food collection. Fruit & Veg— 12:30pm to 5:30pm, £3.50 a box. Pre-order by 1pm previous Tuesday.	Victoria Centre, Station Road Friday Coffee Morning & Christian Aid Stalls 9:30am to 11:30am, Hot drink & a snack.		
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Youth Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm - £1.50 inc refreshments. Aimed at ages 9+, sports, craft, café, PS4 etc.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre, Albert Street 'Back 2 Basics' 1-2.30pm. Free drop-in session for families with little ones; refreshments provided.	Christ Church, Biddulph Moor 'Brunch Club' 10.30-1pm	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Youth Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm— £1.50 inc refreshments. Aimed at ages 9+, sports, craft, café, PS4 etc.		Oasis Community Church Worship, Biddulph Town Hall 10:45am Refreshments served before and following worship. Adult Worship, children and youth groups and a creche area.
	Victoria Centre, Station Road Film Club, includes tea/coffee, 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Indoor Bowling 1:30pm to 3:30pm, £1.50 inc. refreshments.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. SMILE Over 50's Social Group 1:30pm to 3:30pm, £1.50 inc refreshments.	Twilight Market Biddulph Town Hall Friday 1 December 3:30pm to 7:30pm Refreshments provided - pay what you can. Please check www.biddulph.co.uk for 2024 dates.		Biddulph Methodist Church, Station Road Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits.
		Dementia Friendly Cinema Biddulph Town Hall Wednesday 14 December 1:30pm, includes tea/coffee and cake in the interval; accessible for people with dementia and open to everyone.	Oasis Youth Club (7-14years), Gospel Mission Hall, Church Road 6pm to 8pm, £1.00 entry and free refreshments.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm		Life Stream Church. Worship at 10:30am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
		English Martyr's RC Church, Church Road 11am to 2pm, free hot drinks, soup and sandwiches.	Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank English Martyrs Church, 6-8pm			Hill Top Methodist Church, Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
			Biddulph Methodist Church 'Dementia Voices' (fortnightly) 2-3:30pm			St Lawrence's Church, Traditional Service 9:15am, Contemporary service 11am (with children's and youth groups) tea/coffee refreshments between services.
						English Martyrs Church Mass, 9-10am


93 Bus Service Fares

Adult day ticket- £2.00
Young person (under 19) day ticket- £1.00

- You can:
- Use it as a return ticket to attend one of these sessions, or access other services in the town.
 - Make a break in your journey
 - Use it for a recreational/ social ride around the route

There are also many volunteering opportunities available with these groups, which would appreciate your support. Volunteering can help you learn new skills, meet new people, gain confidence, build relationships and make a difference. Skills and knowledge you acquire could also help you move towards paid employment.

Biddulph Works Together 2023-4 A Warm Welcome



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Useful Numbers

Biddulph Town Council (Community Help Point)	01782 498480
<i>The team at the Town Hall can make referrals to the Foodbank and provide advice on cost-of-living issues.</i>	
Biddulph Library	01782 485491
Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre, Albert Street	01782 297970
Biddulph Local People's Group	07898 322998
Biddulph Methodist Church & Victoria Centre (am only)	01782 513218
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road	01782 244288
Hill Top Methodist Church, Chapel Lane	01782 513218
Life Stream Church, Newpool Road	01782 515122
New Road Methodist Church, Hot Lane	01782 513218
St John's Church, Knypersley	01782 512240
Christ Church, Biddulph Moor	01782 512240
Oasis Community Church	07736 953860
St Lawrence's Parish Church, Congleton Road (am only)	01782 513891
Beth Johnson Foundation	07867 003313
The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street	01782 852131
Approach Dementia Support	01782 214999
Citizens Advice- Local Advice Line	0808 278 7876

Biddulph Works Together 2023-4

A Warm Welcome

Introduction


For the second year, Biddulph Town Council and partners are working to offer warm friendly spaces and free food opportunities, creating a network of places where Biddulph people can come together to try new things and seek support or advice. All groups offer a friendly welcome, with safeguarding policies and food hygiene rules in place.

There is lots of information about local groups and services here: <https://www.biddulph.co.uk/biddulph-directory/> or you can collect a paper copy of the Biddulph Directory from Biddulph Town Hall.

This leaflet contains information about how to access food via the different services and the Foodbank, but you can also contribute food items. The Stoke on Trent Foodbank welcomes food donations. They can be dropped at Sainsburys on Wharf Road in Biddulph, at your local church or at Biddulph Town Hall.

There is lots of information available on the Staffordshire County Council website about how you can live well in your own home: www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Type in 'Happy at Home' for more advice, which will also link to energy saving tips and local support agencies.



We've taken care to ensure the accuracy of this information; no responsibility can be accepted for errors or omissions. If you feel some information is incorrect or details have changed, please let us know. We are keen to support as many people in our town as possible. Please let us know if you can't get to these activities or would like something different.

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Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse



parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

◉ Rectangular Snip

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

TEXT: 07520 615722



Feeding and
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Child
development

Parenting advice
and support



Emotional health
and wellbeing

Behaviour
difficulties

Family
health



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.