



# Woodhouse Academy

Christmas  
2015

Newsletter

## Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is currently at 97.18%.

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

## Behaviour for learning at it best !

In key stage 2 this week we celebrated the excellent behaviour of 179 students who have not accrued any behaviour points since September! This means that 74% of Key Stage 2 children have not forgotten any equipment or homework, they haven't arrived late for a lesson or had their names on the board for any kind of poor behaviour. This is a phenomenal amount of students, engaging in learning and achieving their very best. The precedent is now set and I have set the students a challenge - can we maintain this superb standard of behaviour.....? We will see next term.

## St George's Park

In November the Year 8 Girls Football team competed in the Level 3 School Games Competition held at St Georges Park, Burton-upon-Trent. The girls represented Staffordshire Moorlands and competed against the best teams from across Staffordshire. They played their matches on the David Beckham pitch, which is used by the National Football team for training. Congratulations to the whole team and a special mention for captain Alicia Dawson, who performed to a very high standard in all 4 matches. The girls played 4 matches, won 1 (1-0) superb goal from Maddison Cornwell, drew 1 (0-0), and narrowly lost the last 2. A fantastic achievement.

Team – Alicia Dawson (captain), Maddison Cornwell, Sian Dale, Izzy Chivers, Lacey Hanley, Charlotte Coombes, Millie Machin, Ellie Yoxall, Chloe Roberts, Victoria Dutton, Samantha Copestake, Melanie Boote, Xara Gribble.



**Christmas Concert**—Thank you to all those involved in this years Christmas Concert that took place at a packed church on Wednesday 9th December. We were treated to outstanding performances from the choir, chamber group, recorders, African drummers and we also witnessed an amusing take on the story of the 'Three Kings'.

**KS2 Christmas Parties**—This year the children in KS2 had a 'break from the norm' and rather than going to see a traditional Christmas Pantomime, were treated to an amazing magic show here at school. By the looks of awe and wonder on their faces, this was a great success, and hopefully they came home and told you all about it.

**Communication with Parents**—We are trying to cut down on the amount of paper we use in school and therefore, where possible, are sending letters out via email with an accompanying text notifying you that an email has been sent. If you do not wish to receive emails and would prefer a paper copy, please can you let the office know otherwise we will assume emails are fine with yourselves. Can we also remind you that all letters that are either for the class, year or whole school can be found on the website under the parent/carers section—school letters.



*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*



### Y8 Barclays Trip

Earlier this term a group of Y8 pupils, interested in computer science, went to Radbrooke Hall, the Barclays Technology Centre. Whilst there, we were taken on a tour of the site. All the buildings on the site are named after famous professors in computer science such as Baggage and Turing. We found out how a functioning ATM worked and we saw the massive amount of employees working in Baggage House. We did an activity call 'Break the Bank', finding fefaults in banking websites.

Overall we had a great day at Barclays Technology Centre.

Ethan Chandler & Jack Murfitt—Y8



### Athletics at Fenton Manor

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys Sportshall athletics team who won the district competition held at Fenton Manor. Opposition included St.Edwards, James Bateman and Moorside. The team consisted of Ethan Edwards, Will Farr, Nathan Cleaver, Spencer Hancock, Mathew Jackson, Baylee Maddox, Tyler Roberts Ratcliffe and Jack Siekacz. They competed in various track and field events to win the competition for the first time in Woodhouse history. Congratulations to the entire team who all contributed equally, they now progress on to the 'Winter Festival' level 3 competition organised by the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent School Games Organising Committee at Fenton Manor on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10-4pm. We wish the team the best of luck!

### Shoebox Appeal



Thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes for the shoebox appeal this year. In total we had 156 shoeboxes.

**Christmas Lunch**—We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Fallows and her team for the excellent Christmas lunch they provided on Wednesday.

### Puppet Club

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November some members of the Woodhouse puppet team went to a church hall in Longton for a puppet training day provided by One Way UK. The pupils that went were: Olivia Holdcroft, India Elcoat, Freya Williamson, Amber Keeling, Casey Ogden, Joseph Peach and Brandon Boote.

We were very happy to learn new puppet skills and to work on things we are not so good at. Although our arms hurt from the practical workshop, we still had a great time! We learnt how to use two arm rods on our puppets, which is very tricky. We also learnt the 6 main steps of puppetry. Many members of the puppet team bought new puppets, as they had a display of different puppets that you could buy.

Overall, we enjoyed our day out and would like to say thank you to Mrs Palin and Adam Post for taking us.

Olivia Holdcroft & India Elcoat—Y8

### Parent Pay

As of January 2016 all payments of £10 and above are to be made either via parentpay which can be accessed via the school website or by paypal, please ask the school office for a barcode. Cash will only be accepted for sums of £10 and under.

### Absence Due to Illness

Please may we remind you that if your child is off school you need to inform the office by 9am on the morning of the absence. If they are off for 3 days or more, we do require medical evidence.

### Parking

Can we remind you that cars are not allowed on to the school car park between the hours of 8.30 am and 9.15 am and 3.15pm and 4pm. If you are collecting your child from an afterschool club you can park on the car park, but please do so sensibly.

### Fundraising for Children in Need & CRY

WOW—what an amazing fund raising effort by everyone at Woodhouse. A grand total of £1277.91 was raised by children and staff. This will be split equally between Children in Need and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). Thank you to everyone who took part either via fund raising themselves or just sponsoring their friends and family.

### Goodbye & Good Luck

We would like to wish Mr Nilsson all the best as he leaves us to pursue a new career outside of education. We would like to welcome Mr Baddeley as his replacement.



*and a Happy New Year*

