Woodchurch C of E Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Well done to all of our fantastic pupils for completing a brilliant, busy, and highly successful half term! It has been wonderful to see how beautifully everyone has settled back into school routines, bringing so much energy and focus to their classrooms each day. A particular highlight of these past few weeks was our Harvest Festival, where the children's lovely singing brought so much joy and warmth to our entire school community. We are incredibly proud of the determination, kindness, and hard work shown by every single child this half term. A huge thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support, and to our dedicated staff team. We hope you all have a safe, restful, and well-deserved half-term break!

Mrs Carciero

Head Boy & Girl

Congratulations to Teddy and Ava M who were voted in as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. We know they will embody our THRIVE values. A huge well done to every member of Y6 who presented to the audience including Mrs C, Y4 and Ms Phillips. That took so much determination and confidence, well done all!



WELCOME

Welcome to our new F2 Children!
We send a very warm welcome to our new F2 children and families as they start their learning journey with us at Woodchurch C of E. We hope you are settling well into school life.

Remember, 'From tiny oaks acorns, mighty oaks grow.'



Woody Bear is so proud with how you have all settled in so well.

Attendance Information

Regular and punctual attendance at school is a legal requirement. When children arrive late and miss the start of the school day, they can miss work and vital information for the day. If your child arrives just 10 minutes late to school every day this can add up to the equivalent of a whole week of school time missed. Late arriving pupils can also disrupt lessons, and this can be embarrassing and upsetting for the child. Lateness can also encourage absence, as some pupils would rather not attend school at all, than arrive late.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDANCE STARTS TO DROP then school will contact you to discuss how we can support in improving your child's attendance.

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Class Updates

F2 have had a super start to their school life at Woodchurch. Every day, the children take part in Phonics. They have been learning to recognise sounds and blend them together to read simple words. We have been very impressed with how well all of the children have been doing with oral blending in particular. F2 have been sorting items in Maths, as well as making patterns and recognising numbers to 5 then counting out the correct amount.

Y1 settled back in to their new classroom really well and are working hard to show their teachers how well they can listen and follow instructions. The children have been learning some new Phase 5 digraphs and reading and writing lots of words, such as cloud, rescue and fried. We have been counting on and working out how many more we need, counting groups of objects accurately as well as measuring objects and making patterns.

Acorns

Both F2 and Y1 listened to two stories in Literacy; Mr Gumpy's Outing and Lost. It was great to hear all of the children singing each of the four parts of Mr Gumpy so enthusiastically. Y1 have been finding out the rule about making a noun into a plural by adding -s or -es. This is something we will continue to work on in Y1, alongside our handwriting. In Foundation subjects, both F2 and Y1 have been learning about how we look after emotions, as well as using resources to show forces such as push and pull in Science.

It has been a busy half term in year two. The children have shown such sensible behaviours from the moment they entered year two and are all trying very hard to rise to the expectations. In english we have been reading a book called Leo and the Octopus, this is a book about friendship in our loud and busy world. We have written about the characters, created poetry and setting descriptions and learnt how to combine a range of sentences using conjunctions. We then used this story as a basis for our own independent stories. In maths our focus has been place value and the value of each digit in two digit numbers. The children have compared numbers and sequenced them and have learnt to partition them in a variety of ways. We have also been practising counting in 2, 5 and 10 in preparation for learning our multiples. In RE we have looked at the bible, the old and new testament and what these parts focus on. In art we have learnt how to mix secondary colours and use these to create a piece of abstract art. We, the teachers, are very proud of you all year two and know after this fabulous start we are going to have a wonderful year!!

Elm

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the term! 🌟

We have been enjoying The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, which has inspired some brilliant writing. The children have been working hard to improve their sentences, using commas, apostrophes, adverbs and prepositions to make their writing more interesting and descriptive. We have been so impressed with their creativity and growing confidence as writers! Our reading has also been excellent, with lots of children showing fantastic independent reading skills and a real enthusiasm for books. 📚 In science, we have been learning about the human skeleton and discovering how our bones help us move and protect our bodies. In geography, we have explored volcanoes and found out more about these amazing natural features. We hope you enjoyed our super performance of 'Pick the Crops', our own harvest-inspired version of Shake It Off! The children worked incredibly hard and performed brilliantly.

Chestnut



Woodchurch C of E is one of just three schools taking part in a UK EdTech testbed evaluating DIDIM, an innovative Korean educational technology product! DIDIM is an augmented reality exercise and education platform that transforms the floor into a digital playground. The pilot is coordinated by EdTech Impact, working with LearningSpark, and funded by the Korean government.

We have given DIDIM a very Woodchurch name! Please join us in welcoming W.I.L.B.U.R. – Woodchurch's Interactive Learning Bot for Understanding and Recreation! W.I.L.B.U.R. will help us explore new ways to learn, collaborate, stay active and develop essential skills. This exciting project reflects our commitment to embracing innovation and providing amazing learning experiences for every child.

Be Respectful; Be Ambitious; Be Proud

Beech

It has been an incredibly busy and productive few weeks in our classroom, and the children have been showing a fantastic attitude toward their learning. In maths, we have been focusing heavily on our times tables. The children are working hard to build their speed and recall, using games and daily practice to master these essential numbers. Your continued support with practice at home will make a massive difference—thank you! Our history lessons have taken us on a journey through time as we explore the lives of children in the past. From Victorian classrooms to the chores of Roman youngsters, the class has loved comparing their own daily routines to those of children from long ago. It has sparked some wonderful discussions about how much life has changed. Our favourite lesson was about evacuees in World War Two. Meanwhile, our young scientists have been busy exploring the natural world through our unit on classification. The children have learned how to group living things based on their characteristics, creating their own classification keys to sort everything from local plants to exotic animals. We are so proud of the children's wonder and curiosity. Keep up the amazing work, everyone!

Sycamore

It has been a brilliant and busy start to the year for Year 5, who have done a fantastic job settling into their new Upper Key Stage 2 responsibilities. In class, the children have loved diving into history to learn all about the Vikings, while in science, they have been getting hands-on investigating mixtures and separation. Their English lessons have taken a cosmic turn, with everyone working hard on writing gripping space narratives and mission logs. A huge highlight of the term so far was the Harvest Service, where the whole class showed great confidence performing their group poem beautifully. We have also enjoyed Military School each week with Stephen learning resilience and responsibility. Y5 have also enjoyed their swimming sessions too. Have a lovely half term Y5.

Oak

Year 6 – What a Fantastic Start! What a fantastic start our new Year 6 cohort have had! Over the past eight weeks, the children have grown in maturity, confidence and independence. They are already looking forward to tackling their first Mock SATs next term! We have also elected our new Head Boy and Head Girl following a rigorous process of presentations and voting. We are incredibly proud of everyone who put themselves forward! Every Monday, we have welcomed the UK Military School, exploring healthy lifestyles through exercise, smoothie-making and an exciting fire safety session involving roasting marshmallows. In English, we have explored Rose Blanche, writing diary entries and Bravery Award speeches inspired by a girl living in Germany during WW2. In Maths, we have revisited place value, addition and subtraction, building confidence with numbers up to 10,000,000. In Science, we have investigated electrical circuits, exploring what affects a bulb's brightness. In History, we have learned about the impact of WW2 on Britain, while in RE, we have explored different religious journeys. We are incredibly proud of the children's hard work and positive attitudes and look forward to another fantastic term!

The Orchard

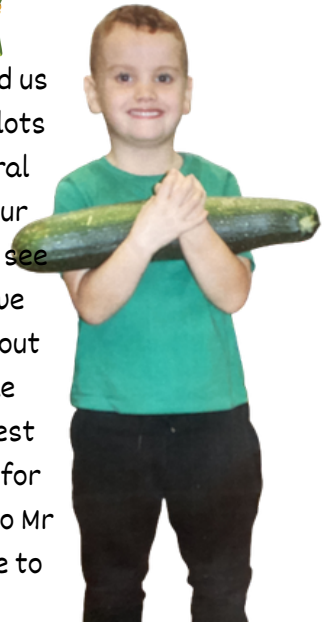
Orchard Class have had a fantastic time learning and developing new skills! 🌟 Through fun games and activities, the children have been practising their listening skills, learning to work together and growing in confidence. In maths, we have been learning about place value and practising our times tables. We have also enjoyed baking and learning about money, helping us develop useful skills for everyday life. In writing, we have been retelling the story of King Kong. The children have been working hard to make their writing more exciting by adding extra details to describe characters and events. We are so proud of everyone's hard work, growing confidence and wonderful achievements!

THRIVE

Trust: Hardwork: Resilience: Inspiration: Valued: Enjoyment

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest service, we had lots of bags of food to donte to Wirral Ark - this will help so many in our community! It was also lovely to see so many of you in our service, we hope you enjoyed it. A big shout out to Mikey for lending us his prize winning courgette for the Harvest Table and to Mrs Rimmel and Y3 for making the scarecrows. Thanks to Mr Abbott for donating the hay bale to help us!



Live Music Friday

Thank you to

Lilly
Daisy
Sana
Jazmin
Isabella
Evie
Aaiza

A huge thank you and well done to all of the children who have performed for us all for Live Music Friday. It takes a lot of confidence to stand up in front of everyone and sing for us. We are so proud of you all. Thanks to Mr Beddow for helping our children shine!

The Big Sing

Our Big Sing choir performed at Woodchurch High School with their amazing song, 'If I were a fish'! They were nothing short of fantastic and Mrs Carciero was as proud as punch when other headteachers from Wirral Schools commented on how amazing our children were. Well done Team Big Sing! You were superb ambassadors for our school!



Dates for your Diary

- **Inset Day Monday 2nd November Tuesday 3rd November - F2 open evening 3:15pm**
- **Friday 13th November - Children in need, donate online**
- **Thursday 12th November - Year 6 SATs parent meeting - 5pm**
- **16th/18th November - Parents Evenings**
- **24th - 30th November - Year 5 Bikeability**
- **Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Dinner Day**
- **Monday 14th December - KS1 Christmas Production - 2pm**
- **Tuesday 15th December - Year 3/4 Carols - 2:15pm**
- **Wednesday 16th December - Year 5/6 Carols - 2:15pm**

We will welcome you all back on Tuesday 3rd November

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