



Education Resources
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Woodie News - February 2019

Dear Parent and Carers,

January has been a very quick month in Woodside.

We had a busy time during our Infant Enrolment week, meeting all the lovely parents and some children who will be joining the big Woodside family in August. It is always a real pleasure to meet the new families and welcome them into our fantastic building. We received loads of lovely compliments about our welcoming ethos and how impressed many parents were with the friendly and confident children they met whilst they were in our school.



Please take the time to go online and have a read at your child's '**Class Blog**'. Each Class Blog is designed by the teachers and contains a wealth of information around what your child will be learning about this term in literacy, numeracy, topic and other curricular areas. There are also tips on how you can support your child at home and links to great websites. Also, check out Mrs Reilly's science blog too! She has posted information and ideas about her science week in March. These blogs are just another way of us continuing our strong parental links and keeping you informed about your child's learning. You can access your child's Class Blog through their Glow account. If you have any problems with this then please give me a wee call.

Also, please encourage your child to access their 'Sumdog' account at home too! You would have received a letter this week about the benefits of Sumdog. Mrs McKellar will be available during the school discos to show you how to access it at home, so please pop by and see her.

We have recently had a bit of a challenging and emotional time in the school. What has shone throughout is the fact that although we really care about our children, we also really care about **all** our people and are a very big, supportive team. Woodside is more than just a school!

Kind Regards,

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Award Winning Woodside!

Ms Lennox and Mrs Ferguson are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to the players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our pupils will benefit from access to a selection of 'Loose Part Play' equipment, which will be used to help develop our children's creative and imaginative skills. In addition, our Support Staff have received training to help children learn outdoors and are keen to get started next term. Our Pupil Council and Hive group played an important role in applying for the grant and selected equipment that they felt would benefit their peers. The project is run by 'Learning through Landscapes' and funded by Postcode Local Trust, which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery. Keep a look out for more information, as we will need your help to collect some other interesting resources to use in our playground.



Woodside is going **Cash Free**, when '**Parent Pay**' is introduced. More information about this will come out during February.



A visit from 'Macastory'

As part of our Improvement Plan this year, we are working hard to raise the attainment of our children's Writing.

So far, we have adapted our planner to help build on our writing skills. Ms Lennox and Mrs Ferguson are also working in every class to further support writing lessons. Many pupil are making use of ICT to aid them with their writing too!

This week to help inspire all our children and make writing 'exciting', we have had a visit from 'Macastory' on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



This acting and entertaining duo have provided all our children with an interactive learning experience of live story performances. Every class has also participated in a fun and informative workshop to enhance their writing skills.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed having them in the school and so have all the teachers!



This has been the best story writing lesson ever!
Alex, P6



I usually don't like story writing but I love it now!
Simon, P6

I wish 'Macastory' could come everyday! Charley P4



This has helped me write loads. It's so much fun.
FaizaP4

Dates for your diary

1st Feb	Newsletter on line
7th Feb	Parent Council discos
8th Feb	Burns competition for P4-7 at 9.30am
11th Feb	Holiday
12th Feb	Holiday
13th Feb	In-service day. School is closed for pupils
20th Feb	Parental Workshops from 3.15pm-4.15pm
1st March	Newsletter on line
6th March	Primary 7 to 'Star Child' morning at SLC Headquarters
8th March	Whole school dress down day for 'Star Child'. More information will follow
14th March	School photos
22nd March	Reports out to parents
29th	School closes for Spring break

Burns Competition



Our annual Burns Competition for our Primary 4-7 children will take place on **Friday 8th February at 9.30am**. The children have been working hard at home to learn their poems. Thanks for all the help from mums, dads, grans and grandpas too! They are really challenging and tricky poems so good luck to all the children who are taking part.

Cadow Music Arts Centre is a Heritage Lottery funded project, designed to promote music in our local area. Free music lessons and games will be organised in Cadow Parish Church on a Thursday afterschool. If your child is interested, then please contact:- Fraser at cmacmusic@cadzowchurch.org.uk

Parking and Engine Idling I received another email from our neighbours across the street "Thanking" our parents for not parking in their private residential car park. Thank you for your continued support with this.