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# Woodie News November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I have loads to share with you this month, from a very busy Woodie!

This week, we welcome Miss Haven Bain to our Support Staff team. We have had a few support staff absences recently, so she has literally been thrown in at the deep end, working with lots of different children and out doing playground duty. It is great to have her with us!



Our October dress down day was a big hit. 'Thank You' for the donations which amounted to **£285**. This money goes into our school fund and is used to purchase special extras for our classes. Our next donation dress down day will take place on **Friday 3rd Dec**

Is it too early to mention the 'C' word? Our festive activities had to be a little different last year. However, the change was actually a good thing and we had a fab Festive Fun day which included a Santa Dash around the playground, bauble making, movies and lots more. So before we start making any plans we will be consulting the children to see what they want to do this year. We are going to work with each year group and **find out what they want**, is it a party or do they want to do something else. So hang off buying your party outfits and I will keep you updated as soon as I've spoken to all the children. As a staff, we know that Christmas puts a financial strain on everyone. Your support of all our staff and what we do **is the best gift you could give us**, so please don't feel the need to send in gifts for us at Christmas. Better to keep your money for your special wee people.

Your continued support was highlighted over the last couple of weeks during our parental phone calls. We managed to make contact with **97%** of our parents/carers. I hope you found your call to be informative and helped with ideas on how you can support your child at home. We do miss having you all in the building. I will be in touch soon to let you know how you can have an online 'sneaky peak' into your child's class later this month.

Please remember that some homework and class updates are on the Google Classroom. I would encourage you to check this on a weekly basis.

What ever you are doing this bonfire night take care everyone,

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 Head Teacher

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## Dates For Your Diary

<b>5th Nov</b>	Newsletter Online
<b>12th Nov</b>	Dress in bright colours day. More info to follow RO Assembly
<b>15th Nov</b>	INSET day. Children not in school.
<b>15th Nov</b>	Book week Scotland. Look out for updates on GC
<b>3rd Dec</b>	Dress down day. Donation Newsletter online Flu immunisation catch up
<b>21st Dec</b>	Christmas service online
<b>22nd Dec</b>	School closes at 2.15pm /2.30pm
<b>5th Jan 2022</b>	School reopens

## Parent Council

A massive thank you to our Parent Council for managing to organise their annual Christmas cards. It hasn't been an easy task. The children's designs are now all away to the printers so hopefully your order will be with you soon. Their next 'online' meeting is on **Thursday 11th November at 7pm**. If you wish to be included in this email :[woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)



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## Cop 26



There is no hiding from the fact that COP26 started this week in Glasgow. We are talking about what we can do in Woodside too! On Friday at our online Assembly I introduced COP26 like being a big Assembly for all the world leaders to come together to discuss what they could do to reduce climate change.

In class for the next few weeks, Mrs Laird, Miss Gray and Mrs Henry will be further investigating climate change through focusing on what is climate change, what is causing it and how we can help to make positive changes in our lives to help save the planet. P1 will be focusing on Global Warming and how this is impacting animal's habitats and what we can do

to help. P2 will be investigating what a carbon footprint is and how we can reduce this. P2/3, 3 and 4 will be considering how we can adopt clean travel options and thinking really hard about our responsibility to care for the oceans by using less single use plastic by adopting the other materials such as bamboo and paper. Finally, P5, 6 and 7 will be investigating what a carbon footprint is and how to effectively reduce their own. Additionally, we will be doing a school wide collection of used crisp packets. These can be repurposed and turned into thermal blankets for the homeless. We will be looking for some parent helpers to make these blankets and distribute them within the local community. So if you are good with an iron and would like to help us please give the school office a wee phone.



## Cycling

Some of our Primary 7 pupils are participating in Bikeability training. It is a ten week programme and they have been enjoying learning about safety and control of their bikes. They have been out cycling on Wednesday afternoons, rain or shine. A big thankyou to our parental volunteers, Mr Kay, Mrs Lamont and Mrs Robertson who have undergone Bikeability training and are leading the programme with our P7s.



## After school clubs

We have a range of afterschool clubs that are starting up over the next few weeks. These include art club, bringing stories to life (through art and drama), taekwondo, karate, football and netball. There will be further opportunities for children to participate in extra-curricular clubs later this session.



Read, write and count



P3 and P2 took home their 'read, write and count bags' last week. They had a lovely time exploring the contents with a buddy in school. P2 met up with their P7 buddies, whilst P3 met with a new P5 buddy. Together the children played some of the games and read the books. Great fun!





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## Book Week Scotland: 'Woodside Reads!'

This year, Book Week Scotland runs from **15th –21st November**. This annual event is a wonderful celebration of books and reading and we are all really looking forward to it! We are using the theme '**Knowing our Readers**' for the celebration. Each day we will be having 'Book Blethers' in class so please encourage your child to bring a book from home to talk about with their classmates. Keep an eye out each evening for a 'Book at Bedtime' on the Google Classroom starring some of our Primary 7 pupils. Primary 1 pupils will also be given their Book Bug Bags during this week. Please enjoy sharing the books and activities with your children at home. Please help us to promote reading for pleasure by adding photographs of your child enjoying reading at home to their Google Classroom throughout the week. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed and the school website for further details.



Let's work together to inspire, share and celebrate reading in Woodside!

## Houses

Our Primary 1 children all had the opportunity to sit under the 'sorting hat' last month and get placed into one of our school Houses. I wonder if your child remembers if they are in **Ash**, **Chestnut**, **Maple** or **Oak**.



All children can receive House Points for lots of things like good manners and helping around the school.

## Engine idling



Please can I highlight the importance of engine idling. We have had many neighbours contacting the school kindly requesting our parents/carers not to idle near the school gates, specifically in the Laburnum Lea cul de sac and Rowan Rise. The result is polluted air which children are walking through when they come out of school and also for the neighbours who live in the street as they have to keep windows closed. Thanks for your help.

A massive 'Woodie Good Luck' to Jack in Primary 5. This weekend he will be competing in the Under 12's British Gymnastics Finals in Birmingham. This is an amazing achievement!



## Breakfast Club

We have received a number of calls regarding our Breakfast Club. I have taken this to SLC and I am awaiting an update. As soon as I know anything I will be in touch.

Next week we will be selling poppies in school. Any small cash donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

