



# Woodland Grange Primary

## NEWSLETTER July 2018

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### Happy Summer Holidays everyone!

It is amazing to think that this is the final newsletter of the school year, it has flown by so quickly! Our school has grown this year with our first cohort of Year 6 pupils. We have been very proud of the hard work and perseverance they have put in as they have travelled through our school.

It has definitely been a busy time at Woodland Grange with lots going on! We had our 'School Games Days' (sports days) which the children always enjoy. The addition of the 'tug o war' for parents versus staff (who were soundly beaten!) seemed to go down well. Pupils have also been working hard on end of key stage assessments as well as the Year 1 phonics screening check. Transition is an important part of our school. Preparing children for the next stage of their educational journey is central to their continued success and enjoyment at our school.

All the lovely sunshine has helped to make the end of term a happy one with children spending plenty of time learning and playing outside. We hope you have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back after the holiday!



### Fun in the sun!

The Friends of Woodland Grange annual fun day was a fantastic success. There were stalls and games galore with lots of tasty things to eat and refreshing things to drink. We really appreciate the incredible amount of work that goes into organising these events and it was lovely to see staff, parents and pupils volunteer on the day working alongside FOWG. We will be looking for new members of FOWG after the summer break, so keep your eyes open for future meetings and events...



**Our Year 6 pupils enjoying their Prom!**

### A fond farewell...

It is always sad at this time of year to say good bye to any pupils who are leaving our school. We wish all pupils good luck at their new schools and know they will take memories of life at Woodland Grange with them.

Our Year 6 pupils deserve a special mention. We cannot believe that it is time for you to move on! As you have moved through the school you have developed and matured into creative, independent and thoughtful young people. We know you will continue to shine wherever they go in Year 7 and look forward to hearing about the next stage of your educational journey.

We are all very proud of everything that you have achieved: work hard, believe in yourselves and make the most of every opportunity in the future!



### Sporting Achievement at WGPS

It has been another bumper year for sport at Woodland Grange. We took 2 teams to the School Games finals: The Year 5/6 swim team & the Year 4 Quadkids team both competed against teams from across the county. We had amazing success at the Saffron Lane schools athletics championships. There were over 20 individual and team medals as well as the overall winners for Year 4 & 5 (Year 6 finished 2nd). The school was also represented in tri-golf and tennis competitions. It is incredible to think that over 150 pupils from KS2 have taken part in competitions during the year and special thanks go to **Mr Smith** for coordinating these events.



### Our very own

### Sporting Hero...

Well done to Mya who has been named as South Leicestershire Young Sport's Personality of the Year for 2018! We are all incredibly proud of her achievements as she has moved through the school and this award is definitely the icing on the cake.

## Parent Survey 2017/18

Earlier on in this academic year we surveyed parents to find out about their views on our school. We asked a variety of questions on different aspects of school life to find out how we can improve the experiences of all pupils. Thank you for your responses and comments. Here are the results:



**83% of parents agree that their child is happy at Woodland Grange.**



**80% of parents feel that their child is taught well.**



**76% of parents agree that the school helps them to support their child's learning.**

**89% of parents agree that we have an interesting and engaging curriculum.**



**Behaviour is good at Woodland Grange. 87% of parents agree.**

**79% of parents feel that the school keeps them informed about their child's progress.**

**89% of parents agree that Woodland Grange promotes a healthy lifestyle (through sport or diet).**



**Would you recommend Woodland Grange to another parent?**

**Yes = 92%  
No = 8%**

## Thank you!

We are always extremely glad of any volunteer helpers at school. We have support on school trips, swimming sessions and reading in class. Parents have also helped to transport children to sports competitions and other out of school activities. We would struggle to organise these things (some of them wouldn't happen at all) and want to say a massive **thank you** to everyone that has helped us this year.

## New club for 2018!

There will be a new **Punjabi** language club starting in the new academic year. More details to follow after the holiday. We have an amazing amount of clubs at Woodland Grange which will all be available next term.

## School reports

We have changed the format of our school report for 2018. We have included an attainment box which details test scores from the summer term as well as an attitude to learning score. We hope these additions will help to keep parents informed about their child's progress. We have sent home a covering letter which explains the changes more fully.

## Beat those summer blues...

If the weather does change over the summer (who knows!) you may need something to keep you occupied. Don't forget you can still access **Busy Things**, **Purple Mash**, **Rock Star Times Tables** and our new **Learn sites** (accessed through the main school website). So you have no excuses for feeling bored over the holidays!



## Library summer reading challenge!

We welcomed staff from the Leicestershire Library Service into our assembly to talk about the Summer Reading Challenge 2018: **Mischief Makers!** Using our local libraries is something that we feel is very beneficial to helping improve children's enjoyment of reading. Children must read regularly with an adult (even in KS2) and taking part in the reading challenge is a great way to discover a new author or find out about a favourite topic.

**Don't forget** that school will start back for Year 1 to 6 pupils on Tuesday 28th August & pre school will start back on Monday 3rd September. Foundation stage parents will have been notified of starting dates for their children.



# Summer Reading Challenge



The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



"Most of us read without even thinking about it. It's a skill we take for granted, yet one that is essential for being able to get on in life. As a child grows up, being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts and to learn at school, but also opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities". (Read on. Get on. Campaign. 2015)

Woodland Grange challenges you all to get a photo of yourself reading in the **MOST UNUSUAL** place possible. As you share, read and enjoy a range of books over the summer holiday, we challenge you to take part in this exciting reading challenge. You can take a photo of you reading on holiday, during a day trip or with your friends, as long as you are in a safe place. All we ask is that you bring your photo to school, after the summer, and pass it onto your new class teacher. We would love to create a huge display, using your photos, to showcase all of the exciting places that you found to enjoy reading, over the summer. We will announce the winner during assembly in September. All of the staff at Woodland Grange are taking part in this challenge, so I wonder if you could find a more unusual place than your teacher!

**We look forward to seeing your photos and good luck everyone!**

"Children who enjoy reading and can read well by the age of 11 have the door opened to new discoveries and wider interests, to knowledge, creativity and confidence. Reading is the key to unlocking every child's full potential and opens up a world of possibilities". (Read on. Get on. 2015).

