



THEMES OF THE WEEK

*"Pupil Voice"**"Learning from others"*

1st July 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

Our pupils never cease to amaze me with their perseverance, determination and self-motivation to pursue excellence and seize opportunities. As you read this newsletter, our **Year 7 and 8** Boys' Athletics squad will be travelling up the M1 to Bedford International Stadium because they have reached the National Schools' Athletics Cup Final. This is an achievement never accomplished at Woodlands before and with the over 800 schools taking part, we are currently ranked 3rd in the country and hope to stay in the top 3 in the final which is between 12 illustrious schools.

This success is testament to the work of both pupils and staff, in particular **Mr Bonnett, Mr Lee** and **Mr Badger**. Although the squad consists of 14 boys, a significant number of others have challenged for a place in the squad. Good luck boys and we look forward to the twitter updates on Saturday 2nd July. This success in athletics is supported by over 150 pupils taking part in the Basildon, Billericay and Wickford District Athletics. I am delighted to announce that we had over 50 podium finishers and won every year group! We also claimed the field events title and the overall title with 917 points, a massive 216 points ahead of the second placed school! Congratulations to all involved and we have the honour of being BBW champions for the second year in a row.

Sport does promote so many of the values that support young people in striving for success; persistence, accepting constructive criticism, focus and proven academic success.

I am always delighted to read and hear of the opportunities that our staff can offer our pupils and these last two weeks have been no different. I hope that your child has been able to enjoy a trip or visit this year, and with rewards day on the horizon, it has been a great year! Below are some of the trips that have happened since the last newsletter:

Tate Modern Gallery for Photography Pupils

Armed Forces Day

University Visits

STEMETTES Visit to Ford Dunton

Visit to Albert Hall for Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Performance for The Battle of the Somme

Visit to the Emirates Arena

All of these are designed to give our pupils an advantage over others when it comes to applying and gaining a place at either a selective 6th Form or indeed when applying to a University. Please keep encouraging and supporting your child to attend a club outside the normal school day which will enrich their educational experience.

We demand the highest standards from our pupils and expect them to work very hard to achieve these standards in every aspect of their education. Thank you all for your continued support in driving standards forward rapidly at Woodlands.

'The minimum required is your maximum'

Kind regards

Simon Cox

MFL

Ms K Bethall reporting...

Ever wondered how a GCSE in Languages can help you get a job?

Job profiles – Focusing on the Education Sector

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)

This involves teaching adults and children whose first or main language is not English. This can be done in the UK or abroad, and the students may be learning English for either business or leisure reasons.

Teachers of English as a foreign language can work in a variety of settings with different age ranges. This can include commercial language schools, schools and institutions of further and higher education throughout the UK and overseas. Some may also teach in industry, while others are self-employed. Classes are usually taught in English, even with beginners. Salaries can start at £14,000 rising to £38,000.

An excellent opportunity to work abroad during the school year and return to the UK for the months of July and August.

Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Teachers

In schools the main jobs for MFL teachers involves teaching French, German and Spanish. Other languages taught include Italian, Russian, Mandarin, Japanese, Urdu and Bengali. There is a shortage of teachers available in these priority subjects and as such, there is a high demand for talented linguists to take on the challenge.

A career in teaching languages offers the opportunity to make a big difference to pupils' long-term success. The ability to use another language effectively is a skill that can enhance their chances of employment, opportunities to travel, or applications for further education.

You can see pupils learn a completely new way of communicating, building their skills from nothing to being able to hold a conversation and write an essay in a new language. As a teacher you may even pass on a new passion and interest that stays with them forever.

Financial support for trainee teachers has never been better. You could get £30,000 tax-free while you train, either as a bursary or prestigious scholarship – or you could earn a salary of up to £25,000 while you train on a School Direct (salaried) course.

See more at: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options/teach-languages>



GERMAN

Ms A Davey reporting...

Years 7, 8 and 9 are preparing for the end of term assessments. Pupils will be given an overview of the new GCSE and be shown what exams could look like.

Year 10 pupils will be reflecting on the PPE exam papers and preparing for the assessments on Work and Employment.

Don't forget to follow the German Team during Euro 2016!!!

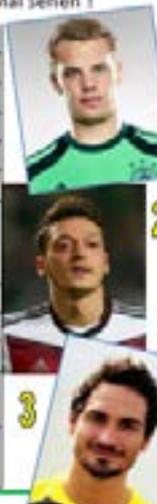


11: der deutsche Kader



Hier sind einige Fußballspieler, die Joachim Löw für die Euro 2016-Qualifikationsspiele gewählt hat. Aber werden sie alle in Frankreich dabeisein? Haben sie alle im Nationalkader einen Platz gefunden? Die endgültige Entscheidung über den 23-Mann Kader fällt erst im Juni. Mal sehen!

Familiename	Neuer 1	Özil 2	Hummels 3	Reus 4
Vorname	Manuel 1	Mesut 2	Mats 3	Marco 4
Spitzname	Manu	Mess oder Nemo	Motzki	Rolls Reus
Geburtsdatum	27.03.1986	15.10.1988	16.12.1988	31.05.1989
Geburtsort	Gelsenkirchen	Gelsenkirchen	Bergisch Gladbach	Dortmund
Aktueller Verein	FC Bayern München	FC Arsenal	Borussia Dortmund	Borussia Dortmund
Frühere Vereine	FC Schalke 04	Werder Bremen FC Schalke 04 Real Madrid	FC Bayern München	Rot Weiss Ahlen Borussia Mönchengladbach
Größe und Gewicht	1,93 Meter - 80 Kilo	1,80 Meter - 70 Kilo	1,91 Meter - 90 Kilo	1,80 Meter - 69 Kilo
Länderspiele	63	68	44	27
Spiel-Position	Torwart	offensives Mittelfeld	Innenverteidiger	Mittelfeld/Stürmer
Interessen	Skilaufen, Reisen Tennis	Schuhe sammeln, Schwimmen, Kino	Wandern, Tischtennis, Freunde, Haustiere	Tischtennis, Kino Musik (Hip Hop, Pop)
Familienstand	ledig	Freundin – Mandy Capristo (Sängerin)	seit einem Jahr mit Cathy verheiratet	ledig



Aufgabe A: Was sind die oben erwähnten Fußballer? **Aufgabe B:** Kennen sie bitte die Spieler!

PSHRE

Miss Sturgeon reporting....

'What's Great about Great Britain?'



That's exactly what pupils were discovering last week at Woodlands. Stemming from a module of lessons on 'Being British', our **Year 7** pupils managed to persuade Mr Cox via video plea to have a week looking at British Values. Pupils entered Woodlands on Monday morning to find the atrium decorated with the flags of the United Kingdom and images of famous Brits. Within lessons pupils had a range of visiting speakers from our very own Mr. Kerrin, who in another life is also a Councillor for his local council. Pupils were able to watch in assembly how he overcame obstacles to campaign to victory.



We were visited by Clive Tant from Palmers Solicitors. Clive was a founding Partner when Palmers was established in 1983, and anyone who knows him will know what a huge supporter of Basildon and Basildon schools he is. Clive came to visit **Year 9** and **Year 10** Citizenship pupils to discuss the British Rule of Law and pathways into the legal field. He was also quizzed on everything from the abortion law in Northern Ireland to legally changing the voting age from 18 to 16.

We were also visited by the local Councillor Andrew Gordon. Andrew was one of the youngest Councillors ever to be elected in the UK. He gave a great talk to **Year 9** pupils, and encouraged lots of participation at his session with pupils discussing everything from what bothers them at a local level to the EU Referendum.



The week culminated with a visit from local MP Stephen Metcalfe. Mr Metcalfe was quizzed by **Years 7 - 10** pupils on everything from the EU Referendum to why he voted against Gay marriage.

Our pupils certainly put the powers that be through their paces, well done to all of those involved.

Standing Tall And Helping Others

Resilience and a sense of community spirit are both qualities which we try to instil within our young people. I was pleasantly surprised when a **Year 9** pupil (Nohayla B) shared with me a poem that she had written:-

You will never see me fall

**You will never see me fall
Regardless if I'm weak
I will turn the other cheek,
I'm going to stand tall
And become toneless like a doll,
Everyone says life's a test
But I'm going to pass as the best,
Times get hard
People are always on guard,
We constantly get put on the spot
Having to be caught,
With the biggest smile
Like it's in style,
Yet you just want to cry
Even though were destined to die,
Yet we continue to fight to live
And survive,
And even though it's hard
And I'll have to pick up broken shards,
But you will never see me fall.**

Staying with **Year 9**, their Citizenship class will this week be visiting Cameron House Pitsea, to give something back to the local community. Pupils will spend time with the residents, getting to know them. Watch this space for more information.

Keeping On Task

Although **Year 10** Citizenship pupils will soon be on work experience they shouldn't be neglectful of their Controlled Assessment. Tasks will be issued and pupils should continue with this over the summer, ready for a September write up. Anyone who is unsure should see me immediately.

UNIVERSITY TRIP

Ms Conran reporting...



This week I took the **Year 7** University Ambassadors to experience a day at The University of Essex.

The pupils had a 'Maths' lecture (see picture) and a tour of the campus. Included was a chance to look in halls of residence and see students making brunch in their shared kitchen and a study bedroom, the pupils were totally enthused and excited by the trip.

The pupils fed back that it is definitely enthusing them to go on to University.

I will send out via email next week's The University tutor time suggested activity. This is a recent short film made of the journey of a student at Essex University from receiving grades through to attending University.

Wednesday evening the **UNIVERSITYRUS** pupils met with me for period 6 looking at resilience and presentations skills, and to have the opportunity to discuss their essays. They were very excited about our trip to a Russell Group University, University College London that took place on Wednesday 29th June.

Advance notice for your diary, the pupils will be presenting their work at the presentation evening on Wednesday 13th July at 5.00pm. If you'd like to attend, we'd love to see you.

Have fun continuing to raise aspirations.



Year 7 University Ambassadors

Year 7 Ambassadors at a Maths lecture



POETRY TRIALS

Miss Higgins reporting...

CONGRATULATIONS! Please see below a letter informing us some of our pupils have been successful in the Poetry Trials competition and have managed to be published!

A fantastic effort by all, both staff and pupils! Thank you to those who pushed forward with it in lessons and got work to me, this is a great opportunity to showcase what our pupils are made of!



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20th June 2016

Dear Phoebe Higgins,

Recently your school entered Young Writers' The Poetry Trials competition. I am delighted to inform you that a selection of your students has been successful and they now have the opportunity to be published within a special anthology.

The Poetry Trials has been a great success and we have received thousands of entries from all over the UK. Work has been selected for publication based on perception, imagination, expression, creativity and use of language. This is a great achievement that you and your students can be proud of.

Please find enclosed a list of students who have been successful. We have sent the parent/guardian a letter informing them of their child's success if the home address was provided. A bookmark and certificate of merit is included with the letter. If no home address was provided we have enclosed a letter for each of those children. We would be grateful if you could pass these on to their parent/guardians. Also enclosed are bookmarks for any students who were not accepted for publication along with their work and a comment explaining why it wasn't chosen. However, as our aim is to encourage students to develop their creative writing skills, you're welcome to resubmit their work so they can be published alongside their friends. Please resubmit revised work to us within the next 10 days.

A copy of the book your students' work appears in, *The Poetry Trials - The East Of England*, will be sent to the British Library and further libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland, providing a lasting record of their achievement. As a thank you for entering the competition, we will send your school a complimentary copy of the book, which is scheduled for publication on **30th September 2016**.

For this competition the best poet in each book will win a copy of the book they feature in and become a finalist. The top 5 poets chosen from all the finalists will be invited to make a video for The Poetry Trials final. A public vote will decide the champion, who'll win an awesome Apple prize bundle! The prizes for the best schools are: 1 x £1,000 first prize, 2 x £500 second prizes and 4 x £250 prizes. Winners will be chosen and notified by post once all the books from the competition have been published.

I'd like to close by congratulating Woodlands School, I am sure your students will continue to keep up the great writing, we've lots of free online resources to keep them motivated! All the information regarding your students being published is available online. Log in to your school's online account using the login details below to manage your orders, view students' work and much, much more.

Best wishes,

Jenni Bannister

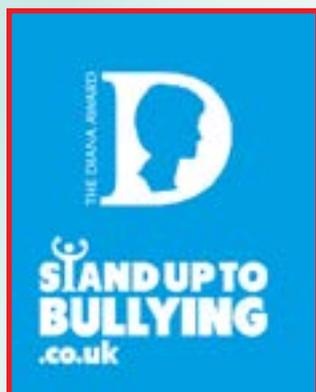
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ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Miss Downton reporting...



As the new Anti-Bullying Champion, I had the honour of taking 14 selected pupils on the 'Princess Diana's Anti Bullying Ambassador Training Day' at Bromfords Senior School on Tuesday 14th June.

The children had a full day of activities and training exercises to take part in to gain their new title of *Anti-Bullying Ambassadors*. This is a massive achievement, not only for the pupils, but for Woodlands. I am now so proud to say we have 14 newly qualified Ambassadors in the school to help crack down on the bystanders of bullying and to be '**UPSTANDERS**' to bullying!

('Upstanders' a made up word by the Ambassador Trainers, which they are working on to get in the Oxford Dictionary in the future).

My great team of Ambassadors and I have so many exciting ideas we cannot wait to get started, please congratulate the pupils listed below, as they really are a credit to the school and made us all extremely proud!

Rachel T	Lauren R	Aiden H	Georgia-Mae G
Josh R	Kay C	Carly-Louise E	Sean O
Charlie S	Dean N	Charlie S	Courtney SW
Jack W	Darcie L	Maisie C	

Well done Team!
#champions #PESO

About The 'Anti Bullying Ambassador' Training:-

Set up in 2011, the *Anti-Bullying Ambassador* programme is part of the charity 'The Diana Award'. The programme offers resources and training to schools and youth organisations across all of the United Kingdom.

After receiving their training the pupils become '*Anti-Bullying Ambassadors*'. Their role in school is to help educate their peers on bullying, lead on anti-bullying campaigns and promote a culture which celebrates and tolerates difference.

We are celebrating **#StandUpToBullying Day** on the **5th July**. This is a campaign put together by 'The Diana Award'. The pupils have 1500 '**StandUpToBullying**' stickers to give out to pupils to wear on this day. Teachers also have their own lanyard versions. Ambassadors and myself will be selling wristbands, pin badges and having a cake sale on this day. All the money raised will be donated to The Diana Award Charity.





DEL, ITS DOUBLE BUBBLE
VIVO CREDITS WEEK ON
THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

LOVELY JUBBLY!

ALL WOODLANDS STAFF WILL BE
ISSUING DOUBLE THE NORMAL
VIVO POINTS DURING THE LAST
WEEK OF TERM!



DON'T MISS OUT!!

We aim to ensure all pupils are fully engaged in their learning, right up to the end of term with subject lessons being taught. Therefore, pupils' attendance is essential to ensure they do not miss out on important learning experiences. To reward pupil attendance and engagement during the last week of term, pupils will see the introduction of the 'VIVO Double Bubble Week'. All staff will be issued with double their weekly VIVO allocation that needs to be rewarded to pupils. Attendance will have a high priority during this week, ensuring pupils are automatically rewarded for 100% attendance each day.

On the last day of term, Wednesday 20th July 2016, the school will hold a "VIVO give away" event with the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Year issuing VIVO credit bundles for those pupils "caught doing the right thing" during school climate walks.

Also on the Wednesday we will be holding a non-uniform day, with the intention of raising money for this year's nominated charity, **Poly Parrot** (which is based at Basildon Hospital). If pupils choose to support this charity, they may wear non uniform and donate £1, which will be collected from them during their end of term year team celebration assembly. During these assemblies pupils will receive a short presentation from Helen Mattock, a representative from Basildon Hospital. Heads of Year will also use these assemblies to celebrate their year group's achievements of this year: issuing attendance badges, VIVO certificates, sharing sporting reports, watching pupil performances etc.

To ensure that all year groups are able to have their assembly, we have amended the school timetable ensuring all activities and lessons are completed by 12 noon. Please see the timetable below:

Start of day:	8.40am ready for Tutor at 8.45am
Period 1	9.00am (Year 9 assembly in Performance Hall)
Period 2	9.30am (Year 8 assembly in Performance Hall)
Period 3	10.00am (Year 7 assembly in Performance Hall)
Break	10.30am-11.00am (packed lunches are available for pupils entitled to free school meals).
Period 4	11.00am-11.30am
Period 5	11.30am-12noon
12noon	End of School

When pupils are not attending their year group assembly they must attend their normal lessons and follow the timetable above.

Let the effort see the reward!

On the last day of term,
the Senior leadership Team and Heads of year will be issuing 20 VIVO credit bundles to all pupils
"caught doing the right thing"



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DUTY PUPILS

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Najma S	Matthew S	Reggie S
Aaron S	Josh T	Aditya A
Justine A	Jasmine B	Cassie B
Billy B	Tommy B	Tara C
Michael D	Cameran E	Luke E
Bailey F	Jamie G	Ellie G
Alex L	Crystal L	Lili M
Zak P	Abigail P	Tharuna S
Jack W	Adam A	Ian B
Siamand B	Jude BQ	

FIXTURES

Monday 4th July 2016

Year 7 & 9 Rounders at James Hornsby

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Year 7 County Athletics at Chelsmford
Year 8 & 9 Rounders Tournament at James Hornsby

Thursday 7th July 2016

Year 10 Rounders V Billericay at Woodlands

Friday 8th July 2016

Woodlands School Sports Day at Basildon Sporting Village



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**IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF, OR
A WITNESS TO BULLYING IN
WOODLANDS, TEXT US NOW FOR
HELP & SUPPORT**

**Woodlands operates a ZERO
TOLERANCE policy on bullying.**

DIARY



Monday 4th July 2016

Years 7, 8 & 10 Singing performance at St Lukes Hospice
Dance Showcase Spectacular

Tuesday 5th July 2016

Key Stage 3 Awards Evening

Wednesday 6th July 2016

All Years Globe Theatre Trip Introduction to Shakespeare
Years 7 - 10 Charlie & The Chocolate Factory Theatre Royal, Dury Lane trip
Year 8 UCL University Challenge Day

Thursday 7th July 2016

Years 7 & 9 STEM - Careers 'Cooper Box Arena' (Olympic Park)
Year 9 Gielgud Theatre, London trip
Power House Event, Ramsden Hall

Friday 8th July 2016

All Years Sports Day at Basildon Sporting Village

Monday 11th July 2016

Year 10 Work Experience (11th - 20th July)
Pop-up Tennis Event with Basildon District Council

Tuesday 12th July 2016

KS3 & 4 Sporting Achievement Awards Evening

Wednesday 13th July 2016

UniversityRUs Presentation Evening

Thursday 14th July 2016

Northlands Evening for Year 6 Pupils
HPQ Celebration

Friday 15th July 2016

Year 7 Pupil Storybook Collaboration Project

Tuesday 19th July 2016

Years 7 & 8 Adventure Island Reward Trip
Year 9 Chessington World of Adventure Reward Trip

Wednesday 20th July 2016

Last Day of Term (Half day)
Non-uniform Day



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