

**THEMES OF THE WEEK***“Attendance - Committed to Success”**“Remembrance Month”*

21st October 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

As we end the first half term of the school year, it is with great pride that I look back over these last few weeks. Not only have staff come back with renewed energy and vigour, but our pupils have also applied themselves to the job in hand!

Last Saturday, a number of our pupils accompanied Miss Fry to the STEM exhibition with PROCAT which has offered our pupils an excellent insight into life beyond Woodlands and the very exciting STEM world.

It was also very busy over the last two weekends with our aptitude test for Year 6 pupils in Sport, Dance, Drama and Music. Over 130 Year 6 pupils trying to gain a place at Woodlands to develop themselves and help the school continue our excellent performance in all 4 areas. It was lovely to see so many pupils smiling and enjoying their time at Woodlands. I look forward to seeing them develop over the next five years!

Continuing on our theme of inviting special guests into school to promote a message; we recently welcomed BOYCODE. They are a boy band who were informing our pupils on how to stay safe online and what to do if you are being cyber-bullied.

It was lovely to see them perform and our Year 7 pupils really engaged with the message. Please help to keep your child safe online by regularly checking which websites and apps they are accessing. All relevant information is on our website and I would recommend reading through this with your child.

I am delighted to welcome two new staff to Woodlands this week. Luke Hirst is our West Ham United coach, he will be based here at Woodlands and will be working with pupils as well as visiting a range of primary schools. Tracey Warner has also joined us as a Pupil Resilience Coach and she will be predominately working with pupils who's attendance is 88%-90%/. Please ensure your child attends school regularly and on time.

As a school we are regularly monitoring our own performance and over the next three weeks will see every teacher observed by a member of SLT to ensure that they are maintaining the expected standard. Professional feedback is offered and a personalised CPD programme put in place. The Governing Body have also recently met to review staff pay, the school's exam performance and the general leadership of the school.

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These are very experienced people who volunteer their time to challenge the school and ensure we are working hard to keep improving.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

‘The formula for success is simple; practice and concentration, then more practice and more concentration’

Kind regards

Simon Cox

Intervention Sessions During October Half Term

Please see below the holiday enhancement programme being held for Year 11 pupils during the half term holiday.

Date	9.00am - 11.00am	11.20am - 1.20pm	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 24th October	English	Maths	Science
Dance - Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm Only for pupils not attending Science			
Tuesday 25th October	Geography	ICT	Computer Science
Wednesday 26th October	History	Art	
ECDL 26 pupils - all day Wednesday			
Thursday 27th October	French	Media	
	Athletic Performance GCSE 9.00am - 1.20pm		
		Athletic Performance OCR 11.20am - 4.00pm	
ECDL 26 pupils - all day Thursday			
Friday 28th October	Product Design		



My name is Luke Hirst and I work for West Ham United Foundation as the School Sports Officer at Woodlands School. My role is to work with the local primary schools assisting their sports department with the aims to identifying young talented sports people while raising the profile of Woodlands School and what the school can offer in way of sports development.

I also work as a student mentor with a small number of pupils within the school, along with this I assist the PE Department/EPD at lunchtimes and with extra curricular activities.

I went to school and college in Manchester where I studied BTEC Business Management before studying Football Studies at Southampton Solent University. Here I gained experience in coaching, teaching and management along with experience at Southampton Football Club and Chelsea Football Club.



FOUNDATION

Doc Brown visits Woodlands School

Mary Heckles reporting.....

The staff at Woodlands School constantly strive to promote their key moto: '*pursue excellence and seize opportunities*'. As part of this, we are building on our work on helping all of our pupils to raise aspirations for themselves to ensure that they work hard to achieve their potential here at Woodlands and further on in life.

On Thursday 6th October Woodlands School welcomed Doc Brown in for the day to speak with pupils as part of this raising aspirations programme. Doc Brown is an English rapper, comedian, actor, screenwriter and voiceover artist. He played DS Joe Hawkins in the TV series Law & Order: UK. Many of our pupils know him for writing The Four O'clock Club as well as appearances on Russell Howard and his collaboration with Ricky Gervais on Equality Street.



All pupils in Years 10 & 11 attended a special assembly with Doc Brown. And other selected groups of Years 7 – 9 enjoyed a smaller audience with him which focussed on motivation; his key message to pupils being to pursue your passions and to believe you can be the best. He also performed a couple of raps which his audiences loved.

This comes on the back of a hugely successful year in terms of outstanding GCSE results at Woodlands, we believe that as a school we must continue to find new and innovative ways to engage and enthuse our pupils. Guest speakers are a great way for them to see what they could achieve in the future if they have enough motivation, aspiration and self-belief to '*pursue excellence and seize opportunities*'.





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Terry Curtis reporting.....

What are these words in English? Translate all three languages and hand in to Mr Curtis on Monday 31st October for the a trick or treat!



GERMAN

Maskenkostum	Skelett
Lebende Tote	Vampir
Subigkeiten	Spinne
Totenkopf	Geist
Spukhaus	Hexe



FRENCH

Maison Hantee	Araignee
Deguisement	Squelette
Mort Vivant	Sorcierie
Fantome	Bonbons
Vampire	Crane



SPANISH

Casa Encantada	Calavera
Muerto Viviente	Vampiro
Esqueleto	Disfraz
Caramelos	Arana
Fantasma	Bruja

Mike Amey reporting.....



A group of Film Studies & Media Studies pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 will be representing our school in a short film competition in conjunction with the Bank of England.

Participants have to plan and record a three minute short film under the theme:-

‘A day in the life of the new fiver’.

In addition to individual prizes, the winning entries will also be shown at a special event at London’s South Bank.

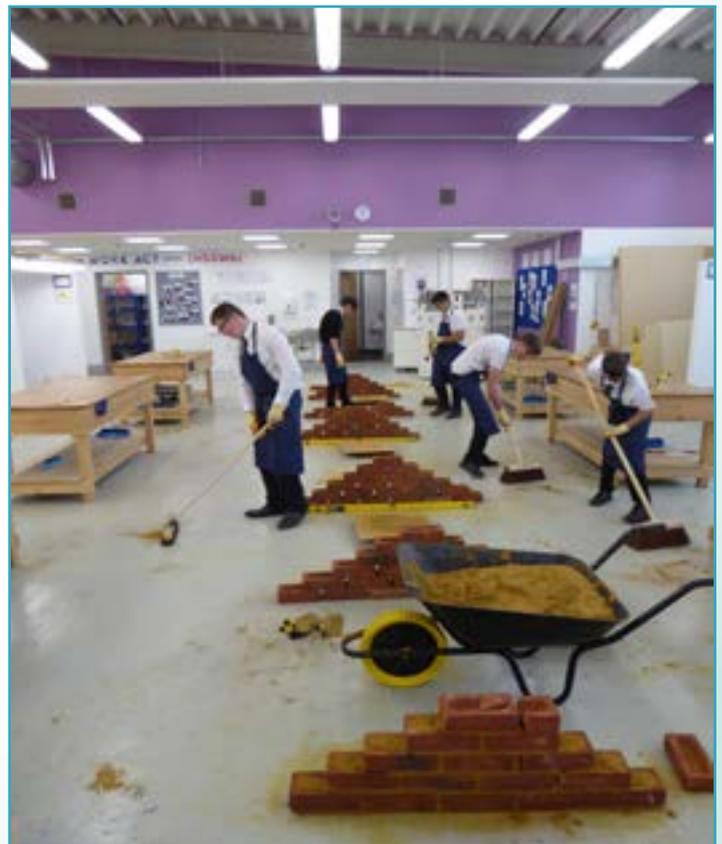
Woodlands School eagerly waits to see if we have the next Scorsese, Spielberg, or Tarrantino.

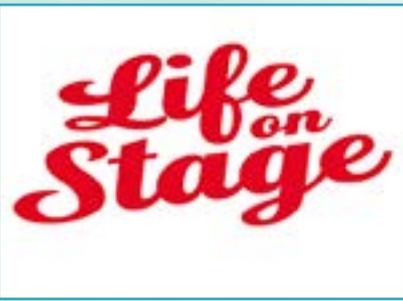


Trevor Cain reporting.....

The Construction department is now in full swing with the addition of bricklaying classes. Years 9, 10 and 11 will be practising and demonstrating their new skills in class and hopefully transferring them to the gardening club in the new year.

We will be taking BBQ orders for the summer!





Martin Townsend reporting.....



On the 28th September 17 Year 9 pupils were able to tread the boards of the Palace Theatre for their first workshop for their performance of "Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare.



They were led by two professional actresses who gave them skills on how to deliver the Bards line to the maximum effect. The pupils were given the time to build on their confidence as performers and as a company and showed themselves to be dedicated, focused and talented pupils.



The pupils were also given the opportunity to show their opening scene which gave them the platform to highlight the comedy timings and performance skills that have made the Shakespeare festival for Woodlands School a success.



The pupils involved in this exciting project are; Billy G, Mia S, Ayan H, Ayliah H, Sean O, Hermione J, Hannah K, Heather D, Jamie S, Stevie C, Chloe L, Chloe C, Erin A, Ivy S, Adam A, Luke E and Katie H.

We wish them all the luck for their performance on the Wednesday 9th November, all tickets can be brought through the Palace Theatre, Southend.

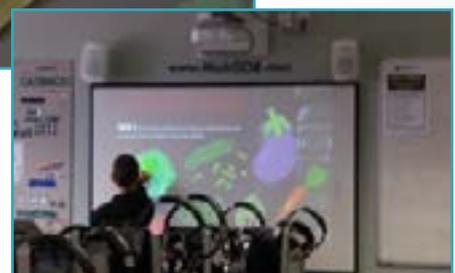




Danni Gooch reporting.....

Our Year 7 pupils have had an exciting introduction this half term to music performance. We have been studying the basics of music theory such as notes on a musical staff and accidentals using fun games, songs, and memorable mnemonics! They have just completed a performance in pairs of Hall Of The Mountain King by Edvard Grieg, in which one player performed the melody and the other the accompaniment.

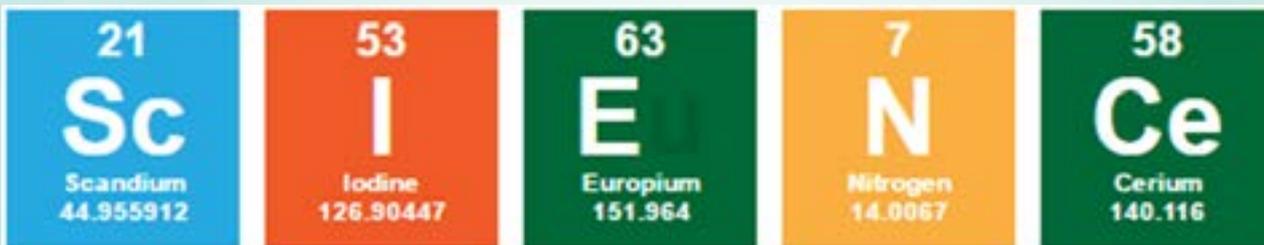
This half term, our Year 8 pupils have been hard at work studying the techniques involved with composing music. Their end of term assessment culminated in a composition for moving picture project. Pupils were required to compose a leitmotif for the first vampire film released in 1922, Nosferatu. Just in time for Halloween!



So far, Year 9 pupils have been hard at work studying Grade 1 Music Theory. This half term provides a great platform from which to continue their studies in GCSE music, giving a broad introduction to more complex KS4 music theory.

Year 10 pupils are focusing on Unit 3 within their GCSE course. This part of their course requires two performances. One piece must be a solo performance and one must be an ensemble. So far this half term, pupils have been working on their solo piece, Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol.

Starting their final year of studies towards GCSE Music, our Year 11 pupils have been working this half term on Unit 2. This unit focuses on composition in music and our pupils have been able to take some artistic licence over their creations, resulting in a wide range of compositions.



Phil Penson reporting & pictures by Mrs Glover (Head of Science)

Open Evening was once again very well attended and we in Science did our absolute best to give the crowds a night to remember, from setting teachers alight to the hair-raising static generator and our very own 'Percy the Science Pig.'

Among the flashes and bangs were all sorts of experiments, from using microscopes to see the small creature in your ponds, identifying your own fingerprints, to making electromagnets and building circuits, and even changing the colour of fire with chemicals and making slime using everyday household items.



Science isn't all about fire and explosions.....but it does look good!



Brain Training

Drawing around a shape is easy right?
Not when you add a mirror apparently!



Acid and Alkali?

What things lying around your house
are acid or alkali?
Perfume? Vinegar?



One Big Mess
Making slime is fun and easy to do.

Does it conduct?
Making circuits to test what types of material conduct electricity.



The Big Picture
Microscopes magnify things that are too small to be seen.
Think your pond is empty?
Maybe you just can't see it.



Percy
Everyone loves Percy Pig but can you tell how much he weighs by looking at him?



And a **BIG** thank you to our pupil helpers who stayed with us until late.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Krishan P Year 11.
Krishan won the U15 World Pool Championship in Ireland last weekend.



Locker Hire 2016/17

We have now finalised our review of lockers and will commence removing all padlocks on lockers that have not been purchased for this academic year during the October 2016 half term and the contents of these lockers will be disposed of. It is imperative you remind your child(ren) if they have had a locker previously or currently using a locker, which has not been purchased this academic year, they remove all items immediately and refrain from using.

Once we have completed the maintenance update on unpaid lockers, the facility to purchase lockers will be reinstated on ParentPay and the hire fee will continue to be an annual charge of £5.00 per academic year (regardless of the actual payment date). Payment can be made via ParentPay "Locker Fee 2016/17" or PayPoint (you can request a unique PayPoint letter from Finance).

Your help is much appreciated to help ensure and limit the loss of personal possessions and belongings of all our pupils.

Please note: we are neither liable nor responsible for the contents of lockers that have not been paid for in this academic year. Should you require any further information please contact the Finance Office.

ParentPay

Our aim is to become a cashless contact school and in order to achieve this we are requesting all Parent/Carers to activate their ParentPay accounts.

Going forward we will require all trips, music lessons and any other payments to be made on ParentPay to alleviate cash being brought into school. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available. Thank you to all parents who have already activated their ParentPay accounts and have fully embraced the cashless concept.

We also offer the facility of a PayPoint letter, which is unique to each trip, music lesson etc... and a request for the relevant letter will need to be made to Finance for each individual service.

Finance Office Request

Please note we no longer keep cash in the finance office, you will need to ensure you send your child(ren) in with the correct money.



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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.**

MIDDAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

**1 HOUR PER DAY (5 DAYS PER WEEK)
TERM TIME ONLY
(+5 NON PUPIL DAYS)
£8.20 PER HOUR INC. OUTER FRINGE
PRO RATA'D.**

**TO APPLY:
CONTACT JAN FENNELLY HR MANAGER
FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.**

**CLOSING DATE: 4TH NOVEMBER AT
MIDDAY**

DIARY

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2016

Half Term

Tuesday 1st November 2016

20 Year 10/11 Pupils 'Getting into Top Universities' Student Conference
Year 11 Visit to Towngate Theatre for Frankenstein 7.15pm

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Primary Football Tournament (Luke Hirst)

Thursday 3rd November 2016

15 Year 11 GCSE Mountain Bike Riding

Friday 4th November 2016

Year 9 GoActive Health Study

Saturday 5th November 2016

Year 9 STEM - Royal Institute STEM Workshop

Monday 7th November 2016

Year 11 Academic Boards 3.00pm

Tuesday 8th November 2016

'Walk on Line Roadshow' with primary schools

Wednesday 9th November 2016

'Walk on Line Roadshow' with primary schools

Year 10 Visit to the Tate Modern

Technical rehearsal and final performance of Shakespeare Schools Festival at Palace Theatre

Thursday 10th November 2016

'Walk on Line Roadshow' with primary schools

Pre-Options parent's meeting 6.00pm

Friday 11th November 2016

Armistice Day (Poppy Day Parade)

Saturday 12th November 2016

Year 9 STEM Royal Institute STEM Workshop

Sunday 13th November 2016

Remembrance Sunday

DUTY PUPILS

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

Holly M	Lenny M	Macey M
Dominic N	Lia O	Amber O
Ella S	Emily S	Chad T
Georgia T	Valeria U	Shaun W
Beki WF	Freddie B	Libby B
Reece C	Jade C	Madi C
Thomas C	Victoria C	

School Shop

Opening Hours:

Monday 8.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 8.30am - 12.30pm

Please adhere to these times unless otherwise advised.

FIXTURES

Monday 31st November 2016

U16 Netball (a)

Year 7 Netball v Billericay (h)

Tuesday 1st November 2016

U13 Girls Essex Cup Basketball v Chase High School (a)

Year 9 Boys Basketball v Lower Academy (h)

Year 8 Football v James Hornsby School (a)

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Year 10 Essex Cup v Emerson Park (a)

U12 Boys Basketball v Chase High School (h)

Thursday 3rd November 2016

Year 7 Netball v Bromfords (h)

Year 9 Football v Billericay (a)

Year 9 Netball v Mayflower (a)

Year 7 Rugby Tournament - tbc

Friday 4th November 2016

Year 9 Football v James Hornsby School (a)

Year 7 Basketball v Bromfords (a)

U16 Netball v Mayflower (h)

Monday 7th November 2016

U16 Netball v De La Salle (h)

Tuesday 8th November 2016

Year 8 Basketball v Lower Academy (a)

Wednesday 9th November 2016

Year 8 Football v Billericay (a)

U14 Girls Basketball v The FitzWimarc School (a)

Year 9 Rugby v The FitzWimarc School (a)

Year 8 Essex Cup Rugby Tournament at Barking Rugby Club

Year 7 Girls Basketball v Bromfords (h)

Thursday 10th November 2016

Year 8 Basketball v Bromfords (a)

U13 Girls Football Tournament (a)

U14 Girls Basketball v Bromfords (h)

Friday 11th November 2016

Year 10/11 Basketball v Bromfords (a)

U16 Girls Basketball v Bromfords (h)

Year 7 Basketball v De La Salle (a)



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