



THEMES OF THE WEEK

"Advent Begins"
"Life Long Learner"

25th November 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

It has been another action packed two weeks for both pupils and staff at Woodlands School. It was wonderful to see the Class of 2016 on Wednesday return to collect their GCSE certificates. With record exam results in the summer, I am proud to be part of a school that is changing the lives of young people by giving them access to an appropriate and varied curriculum, with the opportunity to gain excellent grades.

There have been many opportunities presented to pupils over the last two weeks; I have listed below some of them and the success that has occurred as a result of staff giving their time freely:

- Our BOCCIA team winning the Essex Championship last week. This is a sport played by young people with particular challenges in their life and demonstrates that we are a fully inclusive school.
- Pupils participating in the Somme commemoration event at Wat Tyler Park.
- Rugby teams unbeaten in the last two Saturday block fixtures v Latymer and King John.
- Pupils and staff raising £161 for Anti-Bullying during Anti-Bullying week.

- Mr Wright leading Year 8 Pre-options evening and staff putting on taster lessons.
- Pupils visiting the University Of East London to experience life at a University.
- Pupils visiting PROCAT over the last three weekends and learning how to rebuild a Rolls-Royce engine!
- Visit to a construction centre looking at career prospects.
- Under 14 girls playing in the Essex Netball championships.

Our three year partnership with West Ham United is making rapid progress. If you are interested in reading more about how it works then please follow this link:

<http://woodlandsschool.org/west-ham-united-fc-foundation/>

If you or you know someone who may be interested in our post 16 football programme – West Ham United EPD+ scholarship, then please follow the link below for more information:

<http://wearescl.co.uk/west-ham-basildon>

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We will have Go Outdoors in to lead meetings with pupils who ride a bike to school. They will be given an opportunity to ask questions on road safety and which equipment should be used. Please encourage your child to travel to school safely whether it is by foot or bike.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

‘Let go of things you can’t change, focus on things you can.’

Kind regards.

Simon Cox



Stuart Reed reporting.....

In this edition of Woodlands Community Newsletter, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new staff members in the Mathematics Department and to tell you a little bit of information about each of them. They have settled in well and we are glad to have them as part of our team. Let me introduce them:



Mrs Becken

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| University Attended: | 1. Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) 2. IST - Superior Technical Institute (Lisbon, Portugal) |
| Qualifications: | 1. Computer Science 2. Operational Research and Software Engineering |
| Why did you become a teacher? | I love maths and I always loved teaching. I used to give private tuition when I was at university and even before that. I just love it when a person could understand what I was trying to explain; that feeling is just amazing! |
| Favourite Mathematics topic: | I don't have just one favourite. I love algebra, pythagoras, trigonometry and geometry. |
| Hobbies outside of School: | I love reading, going on trails with my children, baking and solving maths puzzles. |

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Miss O'Mahoney

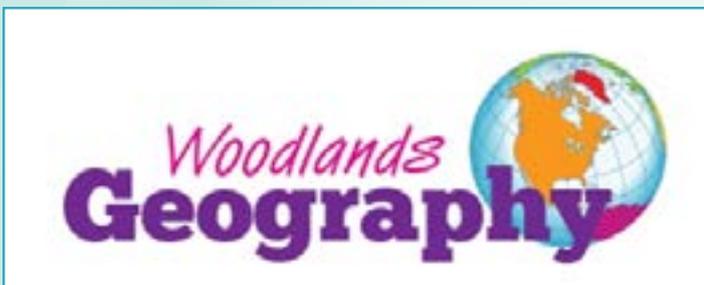
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| University Attended: | National University of Ireland, Galway. |
| Qualifications: | BA Mathematics and Education. |
| Why did you become a teacher? | I love Maths and I wanted to help pupils enjoy and understand Maths. |
| Favourite Mathematics topic: | Algebra. |
| Hobbies outside of School: | Reading and running but not at the same time! |

Square Root Club

We would like to make Year 7 and 8 pupils aware of our new Square Root Club. This is for pupils who require help with their Maths homework, want somewhere to complete homework, Mymaths tasks, revise or just need extra help with Maths related topics.



- **When:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch times
- **Where:** G12 Maths corridor
- **Staff:** Miss O'Mahoney, Mr Newby and Mrs Fordham



Kath Merchant & Fiona Tugwell reporting.....

Geographical Investigations

Over two days in a chilly yet sunny Southend in October, Year 10 Geographers completed their first fieldwork investigation as part of their GCSE in Geography.

Pupils will be examined at the end of Year 11 on their knowledge of completing geographical investigations (fieldwork), which is a compulsory element of their Geography GCSE. To gain the necessary skills and knowledge, pupils completed various primary data collection methods (quantitative and qualitative) to answer the enquiry question:-

What impacts do different methods of coastal management have on coastal processes and communities at Southend-on-Sea?

Pupils used ranging poles, clinometers and quadrats to collect data over four sites along the Southend coastline, from Chalkwell to the Sealife Centre at Jubilee Beach. Pupils' fieldwork comprised beach profiling, sediment analysis, field sketching, site descriptions and interpreting photographs in the 'field'. Teamwork played a key role in gathering the information needed to investigate the question and pupils had a great day out in the field gaining essential fieldwork experience.

The primary data collected during this investigation is currently being used in lessons. Pupils have been busy presenting their data using pie charts, graphs and sketches. Using this information, pupils are currently learning how to analyse their data and make conclusions. Over the next few weeks, pupils will be expected to evaluate their study and to reflect on their learning.



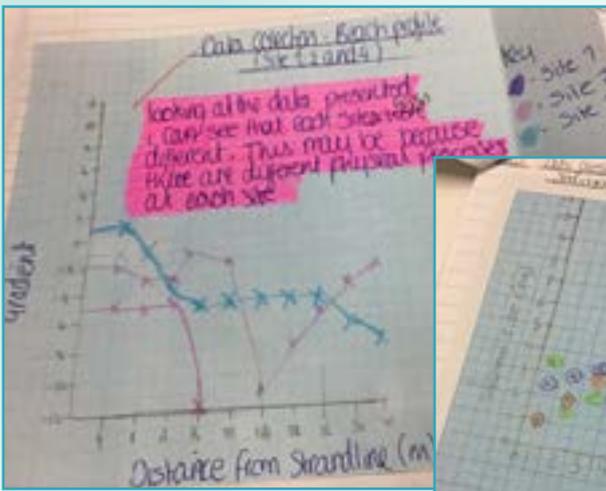
Sediment analysis.

Beach profiling.

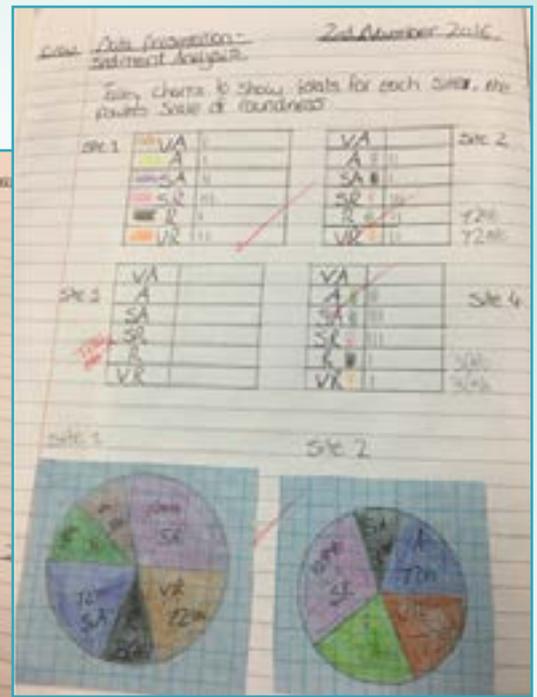
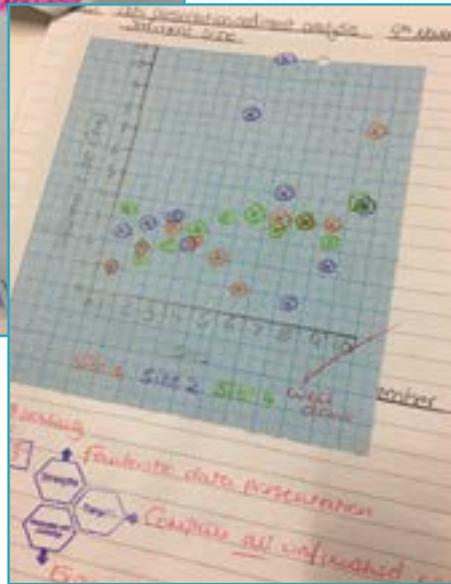


Beach profiling and sediment analysis.

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Data presentation of fieldwork.



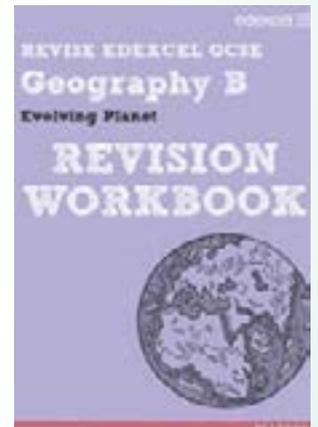
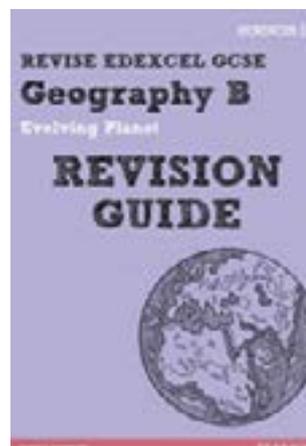
Well done to all the Year 10 Geographers who participated in the fieldwork. Pupils will be completing a final geographical investigation in March next year whereby they will be investigating how and why the quality of life varies within a selected area of the London docklands. More details to follow.

Other news in Geography....

Good luck to all Year 11 Geographers undertaking their PPE examinations next week. All Geography pupils are completing a 'Dynamic Planet' PPE, based on their Year 10 learning journey in Geography.

Year 10 Geography Dynamic Planet Examination Topics to Revise:

- Restless Earth
- Water World
- Battle for the Biosphere
- Extreme Environments
- Coastal Change and Conflict
- Climate and Change



All pupils have access to revision resources in their shared ICT area in school and on Show My Homework.

All pupils should now be in possession of the GCSE revision guides and workbooks (with practice exam questions and mark schemes). See Mrs Merchant in G4 if you need one.

There will be two revision workshops in G4 with Mrs Merchant on Tuesday and Wednesday next week to help Year 11 pupils prepare for their Dynamic Planet PPE.

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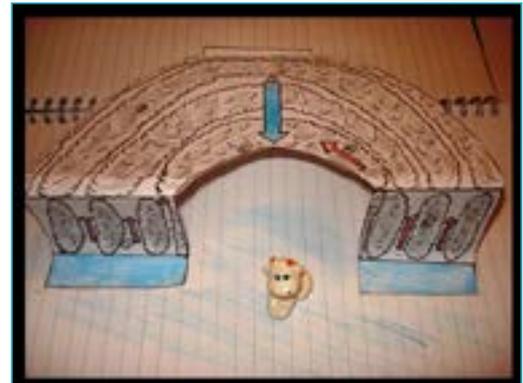
Year 8 Taster Lessons and Options

All Year 8 pupils are currently experiencing taster lessons within their Geography lessons, to enable them to have a flavour of studying Geography at GCSE. Taster lessons have been engaging and enthusing pupils about tropical storms (cyclones, hurricanes and typhoons). Pupils have even had the opportunity to create a pop-up mini hurricane! All Year 8 pupils have been provided with information about the Geography GCSE at Woodlands, but for any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Merchant.



Year 8 Competition Time!

Can you create a pop-up hurricane?
Resources available from your
Geography teacher!
Entries to Mrs Merchant by
Friday 2nd December 2016.



Year 8 pupils enjoying their Geography Taster lesson.

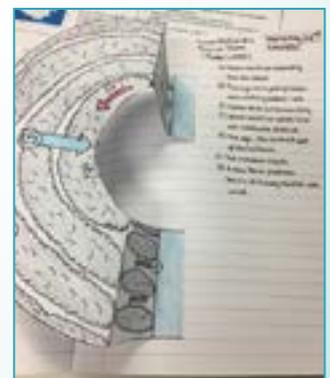


Making a 3D
pop-up tropical
storm.



Learning about the tropical storm formation.

Cross section of a tropical storm.



And finally, #peso in Period 6/7 in Geography.....

Congratulations to all those Year 11 pupils attending their Period 6/7 sessions on Thursday with the Geography Department. Families have been notified if your child is expected to attend these sessions. Please see Mrs Merchant for further details.



Kim Downton reporting.....

Anti-Bullying Week was a massive success last week, and I just want to thank all the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for all their support in lessons, tutor times and assemblies.

We have sold out of Anti-Bullying Wristbands and some pupils have just donated to show their support. We managed to raise £161.82 in our cake sale for the Banardos Children's Charity, this is a fantastic amount.

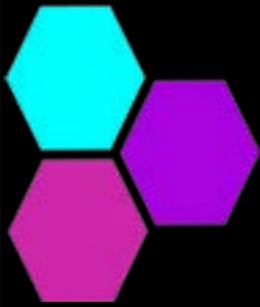
I really hope you can see as a school that we are starting to see a better impact towards anti-bullying, as I'm sure you are all aware how much this can affect so many of your children's lives. Hopefully, by the beginning of next year, we will have gained the ABQM-UK (Anti Bullying Quality Mark – UK) for the school, and can proudly say we are a school that has:-

- A positive, progressive, inclusive ethos.
- Everyone in the school community knows that bullying is not accepted or tolerated.
- Children and young people can come to school without fear of being bullied.

On Monday, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and I went to Alexandra Palace for the Anti-Bullying Conference to kick off Anti-Bullying Week.

This was a great opportunity for our pupils; they met with celebrities, YouTube bloggers, and the Anti-Bullying Pro team, who did some fantastic workshops. This really inspired them all to tackle bullying in our school in many different ways and help them learn to create a positive environment around our school.





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EPD Dance Presents

**CIRQUE DU
FREAK**

Tuesday 6th December 2016

at 6pm

Tickets £4.00 available through ParentPay

Please see below a poster advertising a very worthwhile Charity Event that you may wish to participate in.



saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer



12 Hour Cricket Net

Help us raise money for charity by participating in our 12 Hour net Session.

2 Hour Slots
for Clubs



£5 per Participant

We are raising money to help towards Curing Diabetes



Location: Basildon Sporting Village

Time: 8am-8pm

Date: Sunday 27th November 2016

For any enquires Contact Anthony Ayres Via email:

Anthony.ayres@activeapprentice.co.uk





**BENFLEET TEACHING
SCHOOL ALLIANCE**



**National College for
Teaching & Leadership**

Do you want to train to be a Teacher?

Learn more about the teacher training opportunities available through the Benfleet Teaching School Alliance.

Our next Information and Recruitment Event is on:-

Monday 28th November 2016

10.00am until 1.00pm.

at

The Appleton School

Croft Road

Benfleet

Essex SS7 5RN

This event will include a short presentation about the various routes into teaching and how the teacher training programme works at BTSA, a chance to hear from trainees in this year's cohort and to ask any questions you may have. There will also be a tour of the school and opportunity to observe lessons.

The ITT Coordinator will be available to discuss the questions you may have regarding the application process, funding and bursaries.

To request a place at this event please email:

mhoward@theappletonschool.org

(Please state your subject specialism for secondary teaching)

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 PLEASE CONTACT:-

JAN FENNELLY HR MANAGER FOR AN APPLICATION
FORM ON 01268 282146.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTIST/CARD DESIGNERS

Mr Cox would like some unique Christmas cards designed, and he would like the budding artist or designers of Woodlands School to help. Prizes are:

- 1st Prize – 2500 Vivo's
- 2nd Prize – 1500 Vivo's
- 3rd Prize – 500 Vivo's

The closing date for this competition is Lunchtime, Friday 2nd December 2016

Please bring your entry to on A4 size paper to Reception before lunchtime on Friday 2nd December.




ANTI-BULLYING TEXTLINE

07519 361717

**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.**

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Stop Bullying

WHAT DOES BULLYING MEAN?

- When it is repeated over a long period of time.
- Deliberately harmful.
- Difficult for you to stop.

WHAT BULLYING LOOKS LIKE?

- If someone threatens you
- Name calling and rumours
- Making you do something when you do not want to
- People being nasty or rude on social media
- Stealing or breaking your property

OUR GOALS:

- We aim for a happy, safe, open environment
- Bullying will not be tolerated
- Everyone feels comfortable with who they are
- To make sure all teachers listen and take all situations seriously
- Pupils and staff are to be good role models

WHAT TO DO:

- TALK TO A TEACHER (TAKE A FRIEND IF IT HELPS)
- USE THE EMAIL OR TEXT ANTI-BULLYING LINE
- TALK TO AN ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADOR
- DO NOT LISTEN TO BLACKMAIL "YOU WILL BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU TELL"

**AT WOODLANDS, WE CELEBRATE
INDIVIDUALITY**

Mexican food will be served in the Woodlands' cafe on the 29th November.

For £2.20 you can have chicken enchilada served with a sweetcorn and guacamole salad followed by spicy chocolate cake.



Chicken enchilada



Sweetcorn and guacamole salad



Spicy chocolate cake



***AN EVENING OF CREATIVE ARTS
THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2016
PERFORMANCE HALL – 6.00PM***

Locker Hire 2016/17

We have now finalised our review of lockers and if you wish to purchase a locker for this academic year this can be found on ParentPay under Locker Fee 2016/17 or alternatively, please request a unique PayPoint letter from Finance.

Please remind children, padlocks should be kept on their lockers at all times to help ensure their personal possessions and belongings are kept safe.

If you have not purchased a locker then please refrain from using one.

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.

School Shop

Opening Hours:

Monday 8.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 8.30am - 12.30pm

Please adhere to these times unless otherwise advised.

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.

Free School Meals

Are you currently receiving or could you be eligible for Free School Meals?

The school is now checking the eligibility of Free School Meals instead of Essex County Council, you can check your eligibility online at www.myfreeschoolmeals.firmstep.com and if you are eligible you will be given an immediate response.

Free School Meal allowance of £2.20 is only active during our lunch period and cannot be used throughout the day or carried over.



DIARY

Monday 28th November 2016

Year 11 'Revision Strategies for Parents' 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 29th November 2016

Year 7 - 10 pupils attending England Netball Match at Copper Box Area, London 5.00pm
20 Year 9 & 10 pupils attending 'Raising Aspirations Day' at Anglia Ruskin University

Wednesday 30th November 2016

St Andrews Day (Scotland)

Tuesday 6th December 2016

EPD Dance Show 'Cirque Du Freak' 6.00pm

Thursday 8th December 2016

KS4 Awards Evening 7.00pm

Friday 9th December 2016

Head Teachers Commendations 11.00am

DUTY PUPILS

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

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| Owen Y | Emily B | Harrison A |
| Louie A | Franco B | Fatin B |
| Lily C | Alife C | Sophie C |
| Abbie C | Bailey F | Toby G |
| Evie L | Amy M | Ella M |
| Will NH | James PG | Lewis P |

FIXTURES

Tuesday 29th November 2016

Netball trip to the Copper Box
Year 9 Boys Basketball v King John School (a)

Wednesday 30th November 2016

Year 9 Girls Basketball v De La Salle (a)
Year 7 Girls Basketball v Appleton (h)
Year 9 Rugby v Champion School (a)

Thursday 1st December 2016

Year 7 Boys Basketball v Basildon Lower Academy (a)
Year 7 Girls Basketball v De La Salle (a)
Year 9 Boys Football v Billericay (a)
Year 10 National Cup Rugby v King John (h)

Friday 2nd December 2016

Year 8 Boys Basketball v Shenfield High School (h)

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Years 7, 8 & 9 Rugby v Great Baddow High School (h)

Monday 5th December 2016

Year 8 Boys Basketball v Shoeburyness High School (h)

Tuesday 6th December 2016

Year 7 Boys Basketball v The King John School (a)
Year 10 Essex Cup Rugby v King John (a)

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Year 7 Girls Basketball v Billericay School (a)
Indoor Athletics @ Lee Valley
Year 9 Boys Basketball v St Martins (h)

Thursday 8th December 2016

Year 8 Boys Basketball v Southend High School for Boys (a)
Year 7 Netball v All Saints Catholic School (h)

Friday 9th December 2016

Year 10 Boys Basketball v Billericay (h)

Our new Woodlands School Sports Website:

<http://www.woodlandsschoolsport.co.uk/>



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