

WOODLANDS

COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER

THEMES OF THE WEEK

*"Easter - Christian"**"SOS Bus"*

18th March 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

As we enter the final two weeks of the spring term, I would like to congratulate both pupils and staff on a very positive and highly encouraging start to 2016. We were visited by the Regional Commissioner's Office on Tuesday 1st March and the verbal feedback we received on the day was very encouraging and we are eagerly anticipating the written feedback that I will share with families.

During the visit a number of Period 5 and 6 lessons were visited and several pupils had an opportunity to explain the work that they undertake every day at Woodlands School. It is always a pleasure to take visitors into lessons and observe our pupils and staff working hard to ensure all pupils make expected progress. This works in tandem with our SLT lesson observation schedule which is nearing completion for this term. Monitoring the quality of our provision is really important and reinforces the message that as staff we must be accountable for our performance in the classroom. To ensure we are aware of current outstanding teaching and learning pedagogy, we invite 'critical friends' in to offer guidance and support. As part of our Trust partnership with The Appleton School, we share key resources and training to maintain the high standards we have set ourselves. We are constantly trying to expose our young people to events either at Woodlands or give them access to off-site opportunities. Since our last newsletter, pupils have been able to attend the following events:

- Theatre trip to London
- Performance by 'Taken' on cyber bullying
- Pre Public Exams 3
- Cambridge University visit
- Entry onto the Higher Project Qualification
- Interviewing potential members of staff

- World Book Day
- Saturday revision sessions
- National Careers Service
- Apprenticeship Fair
- Opportunity to train with Crewe Alexandra FC first team
- Essex Basketball final Year 7 girls
- Essex Cup Rugby final Year 8 and Year 9 boys
- NBA final tour tournament
- The Brentwood schools rugby 7s tournament Year 7/8/9
- Science Club
- Aladdin production rehearsals

I know you will agree that these are an essential part of our school's success and we are constantly endeavouring to present exciting opportunities to your child that will help them pursue personal excellence. Please keep encouraging your child to access an opportunity and make the most of their time with us.

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.

We will be finishing at 12pm on Thursday 24th March in preparation for Easter and this will be a £1 non uniform day for our nominated charity.

'Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm.'

Kind regards

Simon Cox

MATHS FACULTY

UNITED KINGDOM MATHEMATICS TRUST (UKMT)

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE



Mr S. Reed, Mathematics reporting...

On Thursday, 4th February 2016 110 pupils from Years 9 and 10 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge.

This is a national problem solving challenge, aimed at stretching our most gifted pupils in Mathematics. The challenge takes the form of a one hour paper and is marked off site, similar to a GCSE examination.

In total 22 pupils achieved certificates, which is a fantastic achievement!

Certificates will be presented to pupils in their year assemblies.

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards:

Gold Certificate:

Serdar C (*best in school and best in Year 10*)
Matthew F

Silver Certificate:

Jack O (*best in Year 9*)
Kieran B
James G
Connor R
Leo J
Victor C

Bronze Certificate:

William H-D
William H-D
Katie G
Sean B
Casey G
Henry M
Iezer V
Rebecca H
Thomas R
Thomas G
Rebecca B
Joseph T
Tiegan S

COASTAL LANDSCAPES IN GEOGRAPHY

Miss Merchant reporting...

Model Making

Well done to Freddy P in Mrs Fletcher's Year 7 Geography class who has pursued excellence in Geography.

Freddy has created a model of the coastline at Happisburgh in Norfolk, a town that is under threat from coastal erosion and mass movement. Pupils in Year 7 are currently studying a 'Changing Landscapes' unit of work in Geography. Well done Freddy for going that extra mile and doing so well in Geography!



WOODLANDS' YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

FIRST CLASS...

reporting by Jordon B

On Wednesday 2nd March, eight Year 10 pupils took part in a young entrepreneur competition at the Town Gate Theatre. This was a day full of challenge and accomplishment.

We all met at reception at 8.45am and swiftly left reception at 8.50am in order to try and not be late. After being greeted at the door we split up into groups of 4. Conveniently, that worked out to be girls versus boys. There were 11 different teams that took part in this event, all from different secondary schools around the Basildon area. The event had many different business owners and business students from Southend College. These people were here to assist us with our ideas and lead us into the right direction in our tasks.

Firstly, we were asked to come up with a slogan, a logo and a business idea to bring Basildon market to life. We had to produce an advert with a professional company. The equipment was really high tech, so high tech we could read our script in the camera lens. This advert had to advertise Basildon Market and include our logo that we created. I asked one of the business owners around the room for some tips on how to make a successful advert. He said "Normally when watching an advert I end up ignoring it unless it really catches my attention in the first 3 seconds: that is what will give you the edge."

After this we were asked to come up with a specific stall. This would be the main attraction of the market and needed

to be pitched to a panel of business owners alongside our advert. We had to make a big board full of small models made out of bits and bobs provided, make a newspaper article and even make a social networking page.

We had lunch, which was provided by the people running the competition. There was a variety of sandwiches, crisps and cake on offer for us to have. During this time we discussed our pitch and got ready to present to a panel of judges.

The time had come for the presentations and we were nervous. We had to mention so much, from accessibility to how we would advertise the market. There was a lot to be taken into account. Everyone had a really strong pitch and it was very close in my opinion. Everyone was confident and proud of their idea that they had come up with. After all the presentations, we got to see everyone's adverts. There was some very funny adverts and the girls did very well in a very rememberable advert.

It came time to find out who the winner was. We were all so nervous, but that is what made it all the more glorious when they announced our names: The boys had won! It was a great moment of victory. We got our awards from the Mayor of Basildon. I was really proud of myself and of my team mates. We got a trophy which is sitting in Mr Cox's office. It was an incredible day. A special well done to all of the competitors who took part.





HUMANITIES FACULTY HISTORY

Miss White reporting...

As another school term draws to an end, the Woodlands School History Department would like to congratulate pupils for their fantastic effort and engagement in lessons. As you can see from below, our budding historians have been extremely busy investigating a range of historical events and issues.

Year 7

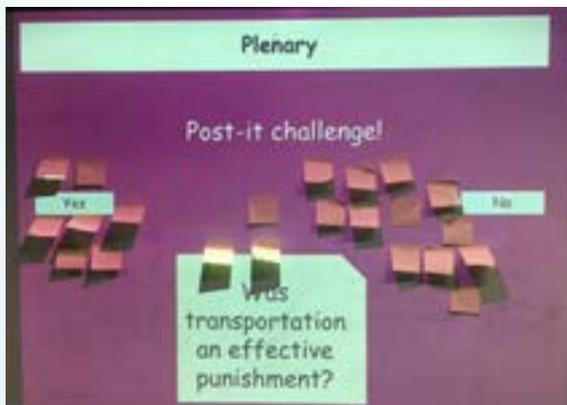
Our budding Year 7 historians have been investigating the Tudors. Always a popular topic, pupils have been learning about Henry VIII's love of food, but also his love for the ladies. Having studied the religious roller-coaster of the period, pupils have come to realise how turbulent the times were. They will need to use the skills they have acquired this year in their next topic which will focus on whether Oliver Cromwell should be remembered as a 'hero or a villain'.

Year 8

Having eagerly anticipated the study of the First World War, pupils have been enjoying learning about the causes and events of the 'war to end all wars'. Through a study of propaganda of the time, pupils were able to gain an insight into why so many men were driven to volunteer when the call-up came. Now familiar with the layout of a WWI trench, pupils have studied a range of contemporary sources and real-life stories to gauge what life would have been like for the many men who fought. Now experts in the weapons used during the conflict (see work on WWI weaponry left), pupils were able to understand why 57,000 men were injured or killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the worst day in British military history. Next term, pupils will be encouraged to draw parallels between this war and the war that followed.



Top Trumps cards on the weapons used during WWI- Great work by Aaliyah A



Year 9

Continuing with their thematic study, Year 9 historians have been investigating Crime and Punishment in Industrial Britain. Having studied the establishment of the Metropolitan Police Force by Robert Peel in 1829, pupils have explored changing punishments. Believing that public executions under the Bloody Code were too harsh, penal transportation was increasingly used as an alternative punishment. However, having collected the thoughts of Year 9, not everyone is completely convinced that this was particularly effective (see right). Pupils will now go on to look at Crime and Punishment in Modern Britain identifying changes and similarities.

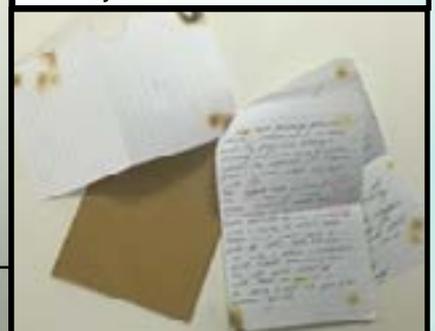
Year 10

Pupils have been concluding their study of the First World War. Having comprehensively studied the Western Front, and produced some very good letters from the trenches (see below), pupils have now turned their attention to the lesser known fronts where fighting took place during the First World War. Not only have they looked at the war at sea, specifically focussing on the Battle of Jutland, but they also independently researched the 'war in the air', producing some fantastic work which can be seen below.



'Guide to WWI planes' by Katie G

Fantastic letter from the trenches from Ayla C





HUMANITIES FACULTY HISTORY

report by Miss White continued...

Year 11

As Year 11 approach the final months of their GCSE course, pupils will begin their final unit of study. Having become experts in the causes and events of World War One, pupils will now study what happened after the armistice of 1918. Pupils will take on the role of leading politicians of the time, David Lloyd George (Britain), George Clemenceau (France) and Woodrow Wilson (USA), in deciding how Germany should be punished. They will investigate the effectiveness of the League of Nations, which promised to prevent another war happening again, and then their inevitable failure through a study of the causes of the Second World War.

Year 11 have worked incredibly hard this year and we look forward to their grades reflecting this in the Summer.



Impressive work on the Big Three by Liam B

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

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 which 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, Thursday 24th March 2016, the school will hold a "**VIVO Easter 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 Thursday we will be holding a non-uniform day, with the intention of raising money for this year's nominated charity, Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). 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 Caroline Gard, a representative from CRY (<http://www.c-r-y.org.uk>). Heads of Year will also use these assemblies to celebrate their year group's achievements of this term: 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 11 assembly in Performance Hall)
- Period 2: 9.30am (Year 8 assembly in Performance Hall)
- Period 3: 10.00am (Year 9 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 (Year 10 assembly in Performance Hall)
- Period 5: 11.30am-12noon (Year 7 assembly in Performance Hall)

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



Could you support someone through pregnancy, birth and being a new parent?



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**4 sessions on Mondays starting 18th April,
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e-mail info@parents1st.org.uk**

Have questions or want to know more? Drop in and have a chat with us on Tuesday 22 March, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. at Northlands Park Children's Centre, Davenants, Basildon.

We currently support expectant parents in the Basildon, Canvey Island and Thurrock areas.

www.parents1st.org.uk

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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| Luke F | Mia S | Kiowa S |
| Abbie A | Erin A | Lucy C |
| Ellie C | Rebecca C | Joe D |
| Charley K | Joshua L | Macey M |
| Thomas M | Liam O | Sean O |
| Brooklyn P | Finley R-C | Travis S |

FIXTURES

Monday 21st March 2016

Year 7 Rugby v James Hornsby - time tbc
Year 7 and 8 Netball v Mayflower (a) - 3pm

Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Year 7 Rugby v Bromfords (h) - 3pm

Sunday 27th March 2016

Year 7 Indoor Athletics Lee Valley (a) - time tbc

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Year 7 Rugby v Mayflower (h) - time tbc
Year 8 Rugby v Mayflower (a) - time tbc

Friday 15th April 2016

Year 10/11 Rugby v Mayflower (h) - time tbc
Year 9 Rugby v Mayflower (h) - time tbc

WE ARE COLLECTING SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Active Kids Vouchers to enable us to obtain PE equipment for our school.

A collection box is situated in Pupil Services.

Your support is very much appreciated.



schoopetition

WINNER - 9TH March 2016

John M (7JTU)

The last ever Schoop question was: "Hard to find the dark side is." From the which is this quote taken?

The answer: Star Wars Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace

Well done John who won VIVO's and £5 ParentPay credit.

Extra prizes sponsored by Beeline Promotional Products, www.beeline-promo.co.uk

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DIARY



Monday 21st March 2016

Primary CEOPS Roadshow Walk Online
Year 8 reports go live for families to access via GO 4 Schools
Staff v EPD Pupils Touch Rugby (Astroturf - lunchtime)
in aid of Sports Relief - £1 donation to watch

Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Primary CEOPS Roadshow Walk Online
Staff v EPD Pupils Netball (Netball Courts - Lunchtime)
in aid of Sports Relief - £1 donation to watch
Mr Man v Mr Manners Charity Football Match for Sport Relief - £1 donation to watch (4-5.30pm)

Wednesday 23rd March 2016

2.45pm: Year 11 PPE results event (AS2)
Staff v EPD Pupils (Sports Hall - Lunchtime)
3.30pm: Year 8 Family Consultation & Options Evening

Thursday 24th March 2016

Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation in aid of 'Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)'
End of Term - 12 noon finish for all pupils

Friday 25th March - Friday 8th April 2016 EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 29th March - Friday 8th April 2016

Year 11 Holiday Study Programme

Monday 11th April 2016

Primary CEOPS Roadshow Walk Online
Mersea Outdoor Learning Trip

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Primary CEOPS Roadshow Walk Online

Wednesday 13th April 2016

Year 10 GCSE Art & Design Taster Day,
South Essex College - to be rescheduled

Thursday 14th April 2016

V-Cert Performance Skills Practical Exam

Friday 15th April 2016

9am-3pm: Year 10 SOS Bus



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A WITNESS TO BULLYING IN
WOODLANDS, TEXT US NOW FOR
HELP & SUPPORT

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