

Getting to grips with drumming...



# News cycle

## The HEADLINE

Welcome to the first edition of *News Cycle* in the Spring Term. We welcome Ben in Y4 and Joe in Y1 and hope they enjoy their time with us. The Spring term is when we invite you to come and *dine with us*. We offer parents, (and grandparents, uncles and aunts) the opportunity to share a school meal with their child. This is a great way to share your child's experience of school and the children love to have a grown-up sitting at their dinner table. Another way you can experience school with your child is to come

along to one of our 'Stay' events.



This is a new scheme initiated by the students that builds on our very successful early years 'Stay 'n' Play' events. This half term Y4 are inviting you to 'Stay 'n' Share' - it does seem that your children are determined that you should come to school!

*M. Kumar*

## Soon to be...

### Upcoming events for Woodbridge Primary

**30th January**

**FOWPS Beetle Drive** 6:15pm in the school hall for a 6:30pm start.

**2nd February**

**Parent Governor voting** All ballot papers must be returned to the school by midday.

**Parent Forum** at 6pm. Please talk to your class reps about your ideas and concerns.

**5th February**

**Y5 Class Assembly** 9am in the school hall. Y5 parents very welcome to join us.

**6th February**

**Day for Change** Whole school activity day focussing on *Emergencies*

**10th & 12th February**

**Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Tues 10th Feb 5pm - 7:50pm

Thur 12th Feb 3:40pm - 6:30pm

**12th February**

**Y4 Stay 'n' Share afternoon**

**16th to 20th February**

**Mid-term break** School closed

**27th February**

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For more information see [Soon to be...](#)

## MONDAY 2nd FEB at midday

Please remember to return your **Parent Governor ballot paper** to the school by midday on Monday 2nd February. The count will take place in the F1 classroom at 3:45pm.

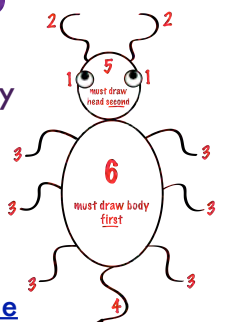
# FOWPS

## Beetle Drive

Friday 30th January

6:15pm. Fast and furious fun for all the family. More details on the [FOWPS Events page](#)

**Beetle Drive**



# The NEWS

## Feeling the Beat!

**Y2 report...** We have been learning to read music and have clapped different rhythms. We keep the pulse or the beat by hitting the drum. You use the palm of your hand and strike the middle of the drum. We are glad we are learning the drums as it is something new, and it is fun and interesting!

## Parent Governor Elections

Please remember to return your ballot forms for the Parent Governor Elections by **midday on Monday 2nd February**. The count will be in the F1 classroom at 3:45pm. Any parent who wishes to watch the count is welcome to do so.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will be on **Tuesday 10th February** from 5pm to 7:50pm and **Thursday 12th February** from 3:40pm to 6:30pm. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you will need to make an appointment. To make an appointment write your name against an appointment slot on the class appointment sheet; which will be available on **Monday 2nd February** from 3pm. The appointment sheets will be pinned to the blue notice board at the bottom of the stairs in the main corridor. Please ensure that you come into the school via the playground, using the back door (rather than front entrance). Thank you.

## Parent Forum



The next **Parent Forum** meeting is on **Monday 2nd February** at 6pm. Please speak with your class representative if there are any issues you would like to raise.

## UNICEF Day for Change



**6th February** is UNICEF's *Day for Change*. At Woodbridge Primary we enthusiastically support UNICEF's mission and every year we participate in their *Day for Change*. This year we will be focussing on **Emergencies** and collecting donations for emergency items. You can find out more about UNICEF [here](#). To read more about the UNICEF *Day for Change* see [here](#) and to see the sorts of emergency items we might buy with your donations please see [here](#)

## Come Dine with Us



**Available to book now!**

Parents, Grandparents and other relatives are invited to join us for a hot lunch from: -

**26th January to 6th February & 2nd March to 16th March**

The cost is £3.47 per adult.

Please make your reservation at the school office. Payment is due in advance.

## Dinner Money Up

This is a reminder that a hot school dinner has increased from £2.20 per day to **£2.30** per day.

## Reminder for FSM

Remember that if your child is in KS1 (Yrs F2, Y1 & Y2) they are entitled to a free school meal. For more information speak to Karen in the school office.

## Healthy Lunches

We will always encourage children to make healthy food choices and this extends to what food they bring to school in their packed lunch boxes. If your child brings in a packed lunch we ask that you help us maintain our healthy school status by packing healthy and nutritious foods that are low in sugar. For more information about healthy packed lunches see [here](#).

## Hats and coats

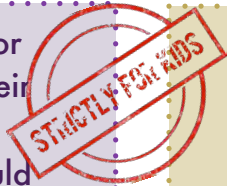
As the weather is turning very cold this is a reminder to all children that they must wrap up! Parents please impress on your child that they must wear their coats, hats, scarves and gloves when going out at break times. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.



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# KIDS circle

The Kids Circle is for students to have their say! If there is something you would like included here speak to Ms Evans in the office. 😊



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## Stay a while...

Some of the older students told their class representatives that they would like to do something similar the early years 'Stay 'n' Play' events. Therefore the Student Council and teaching staff are devising a series of 'Stay' events for Yrs 1, 2, 3 & 4. (These events will be instead of class assemblies this term.) Look out for...

**12th Feb: Stay 'n' Share with Y4** (details on page 4)

**11th Mar: Stay 'n' Make with Y3**

**20th Mar: Stay 'n' Learn with Y1&2**

## Throw a Sponge...

...at a student councillor! **March 13th is Red Nose Day** and the student councillors have volunteered to be pelted with wet sponges to raise money for Red Nose day. More information about our [Red Nose Day](#) fundraising activities will be coming soon.

Report by **Abi** (Secretary & Student Councillor for Y5)

Your student councillors are: -

Y6: Charlie (chair) & Ella (vice-chair)

Y3: Louella (PR)

Y2: Maisie & Joe

Y5: Abi (secretary)

Y1: Fyn & Esme

Y4: Sam (treasurer) & Jess

The book recommendation this cycle comes from Kitty in Y4



This is a mystery story about Flavia, Lupus, Jonathan and Nubia. Aristo (Flavia's tutor) is found with a bloody knife over the body of Flavia's father, who appears to be dead...

I really liked this book. I liked the way the writer tells the story (her writing style) because she makes it easy to imagine the story. I found it very exciting and sometimes a bit scary (which I liked.)

## Heading

by **Neave**  
(Eco Councillor for Y6)



The Eco Council are installing bat boxes at the school. We think it is important to have bat boxes because bats are endangered. We asked FOWPS for the the funds to buy the bat boxes and they very kindly said 'yes'. The bat boxes arrived this week and we are thinking about putting them near the adventure trail. We are also hoping to get some cameras so that we can film the bats - so watch this space!

You can find out more about bats [here](#)



# More NEWS

## Papier-mâché Coyote...

by Kirsteen Torrance



About 15 children from years 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been involved in this art project with me this term. An author is coming to

Woodbridge this weekend to talk about her new book and we were asked to make a life-size papier-mâché model of the coyote who appears in the book. He has gone to the Riverside Theatre until next week and then he should hopefully make it back here where we hope to give him a new home in the garden! For more information about the author visit see [The riverside](#)

## Gifted & Talented

Tomorrows Achievers have announced their Spring Term 2015 masterclass programme for gifted children in Yrs 1 to 10.

These masterclasses are full of the challenges and exciting activities that will engage the most gifted of minds - they offer a great opportunity for gifted and talented children. Further details can be found on their [website](#).

## Write a story!



The fourth BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition opens on 21 January and closes at 7pm on 26 February. The Chris Evans Breakfast Show will once again be appealing to children aged 13 and under to compose an original work of fiction in no more than 500 words. There are two categories; one for children aged nine and under and one for those aged between ten and thirteen, with three winners in each category. To find out more about the competition and keep up to date with the latest information visit the [BBC Radio 2 500 Words website](#).

## Y4 Stay 'n' Share

by Clair Thompson

*This half term instead of our usual class assembly we will be hosting a Stay 'n' Share afternoon. We will be setting up games which we use to support learning in literacy. You are welcome to join your child in the Y4 classroom and play these games with them. We will be holding this event at 2:30pm on Thursday 5th February. We look forward to seeing you!*

## Football Tickets



There are a number of reduced priced tickets for some of Ipswich Town's football games being made available to school children and their parents. For more details see Ski in the school office.

## Grey Beret

We have a grey beret in the school office that was found at the school gate. If you have lost a grey beret please see Ski in the school office.

## E-Cigarettes

As you are aware the smoking of cigarettes is banned in the school and in the school grounds; this ban also extends to E-cigarettes. Please refrain from using E-cigarettes anywhere inside the boundaries of the school. Thank you.

## Relief MDSA

If you would like to join a small friendly team for a few hours in the day we have a position for a relief midday supervisor. For more details see our [vacancies page](#).

## Firewood for Sale

We have some firewood for sale. For more information please ask at the school office.

The next News Cycle will be published on  
Friday 27th February