



## The HEADLINE

Welcome to another busy month at Woodbridge Primary. Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Zeno** in Y1, and **Hollie, Emily, Scarlett-Rose** and **Daniel** in F1. We also bid farewell to **Warren** in Y1, **Max** in Y2, **Theo** in Y4 & **June Brown**, one of our Nursery Nurses, from F1. Very well done to the WPS Quiz Team for winning their heat - what a clever lot you are! We are changing the time of year that our Y5's and Y6's go on their residential trips. There is a little bit about this in this News Cycle but you can find out more details in the letter that has come home with your children and there is also a copy of the letter on the [school website](#). It would seem that George in Y5 is becoming a regular columnist in this publication:)

It is always lovely to see contributions from our students. We are very excited about the event booking system that we are trialling with the Parents Evenings in February, and would like to hear your views on the system. Finally, thank you to Penny Barnes and all the lovely parents who have been helping with the school library. Let's all get reading!



*M. Kumar*

### Soon to be...

Upcoming events for Woodbridge Primary

30th January  
Sign Up for Parent/Teacher Consultations

3 February  
FOWPS Family Bingo

6 February  
Y6 go to FHS to see *Fame*

7 February  
Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening (1)

9 February  
Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening (2)

13 - 17 February  
Mid-term Break

23 February  
Y6 Class Assembly

24 February

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28 February  
Y6 Drumming Assembly

1 March  
Handball Taster Session

2 March  
World Book Day & Y2 Class Assembly

9 March  
F2 Class Assembly

13 - 17 March  
Science week & Last Week staff led clubs

14 March  
Comedian James Campbell

15 March  
Swimming Gala

16 March  
Y3 Class Assembly

23 March  
Y4 Class Assembly

24 March  
Comic Relief Day

**FOWPS**  
3rd February

# The NEWS

## What's happening in the Library?

by Penny Barnes

Exciting times for our library! With a team of fabulous parents we are in the process of updating and developing it. We have recruited 2 librarians from each class to shape future changes and several 'Reading' events are in the pipeline to encourage children to read for pleasure. Please can you help by returning any school library books however long they have been at home as we are having an amnesty in order to catalogue them for the future new system. So, please search cupboards, shelves and under beds! As an extra incentive here are 10 good reasons to encourage your child to read...

**1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.** *After all, practise makes perfect in almost everything!*

**2. Reading exercises the brain.**

*Reading is a complex task for the brain (more than watching TV, for example).*

*Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.*

**3. Reading improves concentration.**

*Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story. If they read often, they will develop this skill in other tasks.*

**4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.** *Through reading children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience in a safe way.*

**5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.** *Children learn new words as they read. They absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in writing and speaking.*

**6. Reading develops a child's imagination.** *As we read our brains translate the descriptions of people, places and things into pictures. While we are immersed in a story we are imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.*

**7. Reading helps children develop empathy.** *As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in someone else's situation.*

**8. Reading is a fun.** *A book or e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to*

*carry; you take it anywhere and will never be bored.*

**9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.** *Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some great ways of spending time together.*

**10. Children who read achieve.** *Reading facilitates achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who read regularly tend to achieve better results across the curriculum.*

## Changes to Residential Trips

The times that Y5 & Y6 go away on their residential trips is changing. Historically, Y5 have gone on their African Adventure June/July and Y6 have trekked the Derbyshire Hills in May. In order for the children to gain greater benefit from these trips they will take both take place in the Autumn term. A letter about these changes will be in [your child's bookbag](#), but here is the schedule for the changes: -

### 2016/2017 Classes

**Y6 - No change:** Derbyshire May 2017

**Y5 - No change:** African Adv. May 2017

**Y4 - African Adv.** May 2018 & Derbyshire Sep/Oct 2018

**Y3 - African Adv.** Sep/Oct 2018 & Derbyshire Sep/Oct 2019

**Y2 - African Adv.** Sep/Oct 2019 & Derbyshire 2020

**Y1 - African Adv.** Sep/Oct 2020 & Derbyshire Sep/Oct 2021

## Super Swans!

by George in Y5



On Sunday I went to Slimbridge Wetland Centre to see Bewick Swans and Sacha Dench. I listened to Sacha Dench talk about Bewick Swans and why they are declining. A third of the Bewick swans have lead poisoning. They are eating lead shot from the fields. They think this is one reason

they are declining. In some countries they are being shot, Sacha saw one being shot in Germany. Sacha is a person with determination, she is still looking at what is happening. The report will be out soon. Slimbridge is part of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) and you can see lots of different birds there. I went to a hide and saw a variety of different birds including a teal. I saw three different types of swans. I saw at least 500 swans that day! The Bewick swans had flown away that day but luckily we saw them in a nearby field on the



George pictured here with Sacha Dench

way home. If you would like to help the swans and Sacha Dench join the WWT or put your pennies into the 'Save the Bewick Swan' pot in the office. Please help me raise funds to save the Bewick Swans!

## Lost Property

by Jo Ling

Thank you to the Parent Forum who took the time to discuss the issues surrounding Lost Property on Monday. A number of measures were agreed upon and these will be announced shortly. In the meantime, please continue to make sure all your children's clothing is named including (in this cold weather) gloves and hats.



## School Shoes

We all know how fast children's feet grow! The school is always wanting good quality school shoes, so if your child has outgrown their school shoes, and there is still some wear in them, we would be grateful if you would consider donating them to the school.

# Our Stars This Cycle

All of our pupils are stars to us, but every week the class teacher selects a student or two who has shone particularly brightly. See who has been especially sparkly this month...



**Alfie** for his commitment to super behaviour and consideration of others feelings when sharing resources & **Aatmana** for her curiosity for volcanoes and her brilliant confidence in communicating facts from a documentary to the rest of the class. Well done!



**Bryn** for choosing to join in PE and leading everyone with his movements. Excellent communicating through actions & **Kai** for working hard on fractions and gaining 10 out of 10 for his SAFE this week. Kai developed his confidence and commitment. Well done!



**Jacob** for working really hard on his cursive handwriting. Beautiful craftsmanship! & **Matias** for showing great commitment to his work and demonstrating craftsmanship in phonics. Well done!



**Rosa** for empathy, kindness and consideration towards her classmates & **Lucas** for applying himself to all his learning especially in Maths and English, demonstrating commitment and craftsmanship. Well done!



**Daniel** for his creative description of a perfect playground & **Max** for improved commitment to learning in Maths, working independently on taking away. Well done!



**Tilly** for taking part in the BT CoSpace Improvers Day at Adastral Park this week. Her commitment to, and enthusiasm for the complex coding challenge struck the adults she worked with & **Sam** for showing excellent leadership during Science this week and carrying out his experiment with great attention to detail. Well done!



**Joe** for increased independence when tackling new tasks and situations & **Sam** for an increased commitment to his learning and for making excellent progress in Maths. Well done!



# Well done!

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## Road Safety

Parents have expressed concern about road safety and parking around the school. Please



keep restricted areas marked in yellow and road corners clear. Together we can create an environment where our children can see, be seen and stay safe. A flyer about this issue will be in [your child's book bag](#).

## Disabled Parking Bays

Please only use the disabled bays in the school carpark if you have a blue badge. Do not use these bays for dropping your children at school.

## Parents Evening

Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings are on **Tuesday February 7th** (17:00hrs - 20:20hrs) and **Thursday February 9th** (15:50hrs - 19:10hrs). This term we are trialling an online booking system. On Monday 30th January, you will be e-mailed a link to our online booking system which looks like this...

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### Parents' Evening System

Welcome to the Woodbridge Primary School parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

**Your Details**

Title  First Name  Surname

Email Address  Confirm Email Address

**Child's Details**

First Name  Surname  DoB (dd/mm/yyyy)

[Administrator Login](#)  
[Teacher Login](#)

The booking system will go live at **7pm on Monday 30th January**, and you will be able to book your appointments with your child's teacher. If you would like to submit feedback about the booking system, once you have used it, [please do so here](#).

## Board Games

The Board Games club would appreciate any good quality board games (with all the pieces). If you have any that you are willing to donate to

the school, please bring them to the school office. Also, the club has a chess board, but no chess or drafts pieces(!) If you have a spare set of chess or drafts pieces that you are willing to part with, the clubs leaders would be very grateful.

## STEM expertise?

If any of our parents/grandparents or wider family members have knowledge, skills or expertise in the areas of **science, technology, engineering or maths** and would be willing to donate some time to the school, we would love to hear from you. We are hoping to get some help for our science week which is **13th - 17th March**. If you or someone you know is able to help [please contact us](#)

## Well Done to the Quiz Team!

Well done to the WPS Quiz team for winning their heat.



From Left to Right: **Honor** (Y4) **Kitty** (Y6) **Charlie** (Y5) & **Harry** (Y3)



If you have a child that is 3yrs old (and under 5yrs) there are spaces in **Little Willows Nursery**. Please see the school office for details.



Willow Garden Wrap Around is open for: -

**13th - 17th February** (Half term)

**3rd - 7th April** (Easter Hols - First week)

**29th May - 2nd June** (May half term) &

watch this space for the **Summer Hols!**

To book your place please see **Lucy** in the school office.

## 500 Words

For all you budding young writers out there the Radio 2, 500 words, competition is open for submissions. For more details [see here](#).



## The Big Swap!



Come and swap your premiership Match Attax cards with other children at **Woodbridge Library** on **Sunday 29th January, 2pm to 3pm**



**Glazed Book/Display Case £50.00**

**White undercounter refrigerator £25.00**

For more details please contact the school office.

## Home Start Quiz Night

Home-Start Suffolk: East Ipswich and Coastal are holding a fundraising Quiz Night on Sunday 5th February 7.30pm - see accompanying flyer for details.

## Suffolk Constabulary Volunteers

Suffolk Constabulary are currently recruiting for volunteers. For more information please see accompanying flyer.