

# Woodhall Weekly



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Woodhall Families,

It's been a busy week at Woodhall as we prepare for our Coronation Celebration which takes place on FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY. We would love you to join us as we celebrate both May Day – by crowning this year's Year 2 May Queen (as well as her attendants, and Robin Hood and his Merry Men of course!) – and performing songs and dances to mark the coronation of King Charles. You should have received an outline of the day, which will finish with a family picnic. We are asking children (and adults too!) to wear red, white and blue and there will, of course, be lots of photo opportunities. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

We have also been very pleased that our Year 3/4/5 classes have been selected to take part in a special singing performance at St. Albans' Abbey on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – one of only two primary schools in South West Hertfordshire to do so! This week, we have been visited by Pete Martin, a professional opera singer, who has started to teach the children some of the songs that they will be performing. They already sound amazing!

This term sees the return of our class assemblies – please see the dates below. Assemblies will start at 9am. Teachers are in the process of confirming class trips so please keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you,  
Michelle Lake  
Headteacher



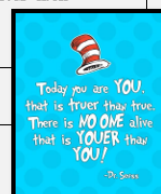
## WE ARE SO PROUD OF THIS WEEK'S WINNERS!



28.4.23	The Woodhall WOW	Learner of the Week
Year 1	Dylan, who has worked so hard and has made some amazing progress in his maths learning. Great work, Dylan!	
Year 2	Lucy B, for showing tremendous RESILIENCE and RESPONSIBILITY in all of her learning, but especially in her maths. She is a very kind friend and a fantastic role-model as well!	Kodi, whose hard work and brilliant ideas have helped the whole class in their English lessons this week.
Year 3	Kaiden, who really impressed Mr. Rubeck with his PASSION for dancing - picking up the moves and rhythm very quickly.	Jerome, for making such excellent progress in his mental arithmetic strategies. He practised and practised and achieved his target!
Year 4/5	Kymani, whose focus and determination in all subjects has been commendable - great PASSION for learning.	Finlay, for a brilliant piece of independent research on the seven biggest wild cats. Great fact-finding and recording Finlay!
Year 6	Precious, for demonstrating huge RESILIENCE in her learning and working exceptionally hard in all areas.	Daisy, who has taken responsibility for her own learning at home which has led to making some great learning connections in class.

Coach Chloe's Stars of the Week are Ellie (Year 2) for her excellent class demonstrations and Thomas (Year 4) for using his learning to help his classmates.

The winning House Group is ASH with 410 House Points. Well done!



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Teachers' industrial action day – please see notices

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Bank Holiday Monday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Teachers' industrial action day – a text will be sent to confirm which classes are open/closed on this day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Woodhall's Coronation Day

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday Monday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATs Week

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 1 Class Assembly

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Woodhall's FA Cup Day

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Half-term week

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 3 Class Assembly

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Year 4/5 Class Assembly

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Nursery/Reception Parents' Coffee Morning

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 2 Class Assembly

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Key Stage 2 Summer Production (Years 3/4/5/6)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Hatch End High Secondary Transition Day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Hertfordshire Schools' Secondary Transition Day

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Leavers' Party; followed by...

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Evening Disco (Years 1-6)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Year 6 Leavers' Assembly



Year 3 having fun with singer Pete Martin

# Notices

## TEACHERS' INDUSTRIAL ACTION:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The following classes will be **CLOSED** to most children on this date:

**YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR 6.**

Years 4/5 and Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will be open as usual and children in these classes are expected to be in school.

***If your child is registered with Hertfordshire County Council for free school meals, they may come into school even if their class is closed.***

Please note that lessons will not be as normal on these days and that classes may be merged to ensure adult coverage. Thank you.

We will let you know about which classes will be closed on any future teachers' strike days.

## YEAR 2 TRIAL SATS TESTS

Year 2 parents were notified earlier in the term that the school had been randomly selected to trial a new-style reading test paper for Year 2. The two tests were carried out by the NFER (National Foundation for Educational Research). Children knew that they were part of a project which might determine what tests looked like in the future! The NFER representative who came to school to carry out the tests sent us a lovely email afterwards:

***'Mr. Hancock's class were brilliant; they worked their hardest on both days. They were a credit to the school and were a pleasure to work with. I was made to feel welcome by everyone at Woodhall; and Mrs. Hancock, Miss Whitehorn and Ms. Casada couldn't have done more to make the whole process calm and settled...'***

Well done to the children and staff of Year 2. We are all very proud of you!

**SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 11am onwards:  
SOUTH OXHEY/CARPENDERS PARK COMMUNITY GALA.  
A MORNING OF MUSIC TO CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOLS!**

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS

Although this is a longer term, the weeks always whizz by and the time will soon come to say goodbye to our Year 6 class as they move on to secondary school. If you are a parent of a child in Year 6, please look out for an email/text in the next few weeks from one of our school governors, Danielle Danslow. Danielle has offered to help organise the class leaving party, which will take place on the evening of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We want to make it really special for the children, many of whom have been at Woodhall since Nursery. If you would like to help Danielle, please let her know. Thank you!

## BEEZEE BODIES HEALTHY LIFESTYLE COURSES

Fancy taking part in a free healthy lifestyle course? Beezee Bodies are starting a new, free course at St. Meryl School. To be eligible for a place, your family must live/go to school or be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child aged 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight. The course starts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and will run for 11 weeks. To find out more or book your place, please see [www.beezeebodies.com/families](http://www.beezeebodies.com/families) or phone 01707248648.

# WOODHALL'S CORONATION DAY



FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
★ 2023 ★



*Please note that all times are approximate and we may need to change arrangements depending upon weather conditions!*

9am Families invited onto our upper playground. Seats will be available. If you'd prefer to bring your own chair, please put it behind our school chairs (so that we have performance space). Thank you! Tea/coffee and raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the morning.

9.15am Crowning of the May Queen, the May Queen's Speech, Robin Hood and Year 2/ Year 6 Maypole dancing.

10am Children will go back to class for a comfort break.

10.30am

Year 6: 'God Save the King!' - information about the Coronation

Singing of the National Anthem

It's a **CORONATION CELEBRATION!** Dances will include an action song performed by Nursery/Reception and Year 1; Year 3 performing a Morris dance and Year 4/5's country dancing!

*Dancing will be followed by our school Coronation song.*

11.30am\* Children will go back to their class. Parents - please go to the class to sign your child out. Please be patient! We need to make sure that every child is safely with their grown-up.

12pm onwards\* Family picnic. Bring a blanket and a tasty picnic!

**Parents are welcome to come in their own RED/WHITE AND BLUE fancy dress! Refreshments, raffle and tombola tickets will be on sale throughout the day. Hot dogs/drinks will be sold from 12pm with all proceeds going to the school.**

**Help us to celebrate King Charles' coronation and create some more wonderful Woodhall memories!**



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*Sgt. Dan Amos visited Year 5 with his working Police dogs, Mickey (left) and Prince (right).*

