

Woodburn News



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Parent Partnership

The Parent Partnership arranged a very successful Monster Mash Halloween celebration. A grand total of £752.00 was raised. Thank you to the Parent Partnership for organising and to our families for attending in such amazing costumes! It was a sell out and we will need to look to plan differently next session as our school population continues to grow.



The Parent Partnership also held the previously postponed P1/2 Film Night, the children all came with their pyjamas and teddies and enjoyed 'The Highway Rat' and 'Room On The Broom'.

The next Parent Partnership meeting Wednesday 6 February 2019 6.45pm in our school Library.

The Parent Partnership continue to plan for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December 10am – 1pm and the Primary 7 Christmas Party on the 12th December

Wet Mornings Reminder

When the weather is very wet we are happy to bring the children into the school building from **8.40am** when they can be supervised by senior management. Please try to send them to school as close to this time as possible as any earlier there will not be staff available.

Plea to Parents/Carers

There have been an increasing number of our older children coming to school with nail extensions. These are not appropriate for school for the following reasons:

- Children cannot hold their pencil correctly and it is impacting on their written work.
- Children are unable to use keyboards effectively and it is impacting on their use of ICT.
- Children are not safe to participate in games within the playground and most importantly within Physical Education.

Please save nail extensions for weekends and holidays. Your support in this is very much appreciated.

School Grounds

Thank you to the group of parents/carers who worked hard planting bulbs at the front of our school. We look forward to seeing this bloom in Spring. In the coming weeks, some classes are also working with Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace to plant more bulbs in the woodland area next to our school.



Woodburn Learning Community – VISION, VALUES & AIMS

Please remember, all parents/carers are invited to attend this session on Monday 26th November. There are two sessions planned (see below), and we are able to look after children if this makes it easier for you to attend.

3.30pm – 5.00pm

5.30pm – 7.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

Water and Milk Reminder

Please remember that as per school policy, children should only have water or milk for their snack and their water bottles for during the day should only contain water and not juice.



Defibrillator

We have very kindly been donated a defibrillator by the Jamie Skinner foundation. The defibrillator is on the wall outside our school office.




Dress Down in Blue for Dyslexia

Thank you to all who participated in Dyslexia Awareness Week by dressing down in blue. An impressive £306.86 was raised, this money will go towards providing resources to support our dyslexic learners at Woodburn.

Below are some of the slides shared at our P4-7 Assembly on Friday, the children were very interested to find out and understand a little bit more about dyslexia. Look at all the famous people who have dyslexia!

What is Dyslexia?


- Lots of people have dyslexia - 1 in 10 people - and it can be quite mild or severe.
- Dyslexia is a different way of learning and doing things.
- Reading, writing, spelling and even numeracy can be difficult.
- Extra effort is required to do some things which can be tiring.
- Poor memory, organisation and sequencing problems can be tricky.
- Remember dyslexia is **NOTHING** to do with intelligence.



Dyslexic Strengths


People with dyslexia have lots of strengths as well:

- Creative and Practical - Many actors, musicians, artists have dyslexia. You may find dyslexic young people are great at art, music, PE or Craft and Design at school.
- Good at visual thinking - seeing ideas in their heads. Lots of architects and engineers are dyslexic.
- Good at speaking and meeting people.
- Coming up with new ideas and problem solving.




Famous Dyslexics

How many do you know?



Strategies for coping with Dyslexia

- These are some learning strategies that can help everyone with their learning but can be really useful for dyslexic learners.
- There are plenty of apps and software on computers and ipads to help you with writing, reading and numeracy.
- Using a coloured overlay or reading ruler (if required) can help if you find the words moving or blurry.
- Using mind mapping to help get your ideas down either in picture or word form before you attempt writing.
- Asking the teacher to repeat the instruction if you don't understand.
- Speak to your family, school staff, teacher if you are finding work hard. Talk to them about what would help you and anything you might need.



Feedback Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the Feedback Questionnaire. We are in the process of collating the results and will plan next steps according to your responses. The winner of the raffle was

Safe Travel to School

A reminder - In order to help ensure the safety of our children please use Park and Stride designated places at Sainsburys and Cowden Pavillion and **do not drop-off or pick up within the Thornybank Estate.**

The green route on the map is our priority route as it is gritted in the Winter months. Any vehicles parking in an unsafe manner within Thornycrook ie. on the keep clear signs, can be reported to the Police by sending an email to, DalkeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Mobile phone photographs (car and registration plate only please), are welcome. The Police will then write to the registered keeper of the vehicle and enclose a copy of our Junior Road Safety Officer leaflet.

Please also consider our local residents who are concerned about the increasing number of Woodburn PS parents/carers using their visitors' spaces to park in. This is impacting on them on a daily basis.



