

WOODLANDS NEWSLETTER



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Enabling aspiration and achievement for all through delivery of a knowledge-rich curriculum underpinned by our CORE values:

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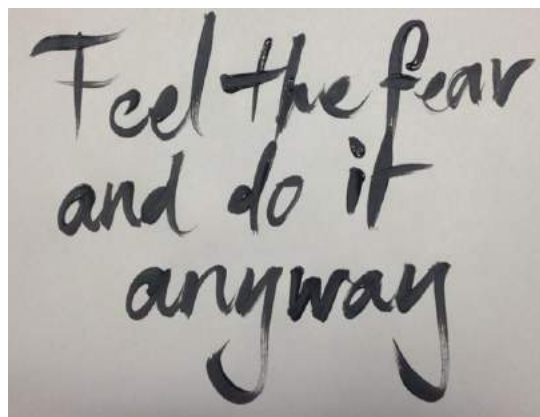
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WELCOME

This has felt like a super quick half term and we have seen a significant improvement in student attendance as we move further out of the pandemic which is great news for everyone. Thank you to families for supporting your children to get to school each day, on time and well equipped for learning. Punctuality has improved following a real push on this at school and this means that students are arriving, ready to learn and able to access support from tutors first thing in the morning.

We have had an excellent start to the exam season for our Y11 and 13 students; the endeavour that has gone into preparing for GCSE, BTECs and A levels has been superb and students have engaged really positively with in class and out of hours opportunities. Alongside the range of after school masterclasses and boosters, we have been able to capitalise on our online platforms with materials available on the website <https://www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk/examinations> and via Satchel (Show My Homework).

I am so proud of what our students are doing and achieving individually and collectively and our newsletter celebrates many of these things; I always encourage pupils to step outside their comfort zone to try new things and push themselves. Our students regularly rise to this challenge be it in the field of sport, the environment, challenging inequality or injustice, joining a new club or learning a new skill. This is how we learn what we are capable of and how to overcome our fears to be courageous. As one of our CORE values, this is a characteristic we see as precious and want to nurture in all students.



Have a peaceful, hopefully sunny, half term break.

Best wishes

Gemma Penny

Show Racism The Red Card Competition Winners



Two Allestree Woodlands School students were honoured at a ceremony held at the Arsenal Emirates Stadium, after being announced as the winning entrants in the Show Racism the Red Card competition for 2022.

Ava Norris and Keira Meffen, both 14, entered this year's competition following a whole school initiative in PHSE lessons, spurred by the school's Diversity group who are led by Design and Technology teacher Samantha Ainsworth.

The Show Racism the Red Card School Competition has been running for 23 years and has become the biggest equalities competition in the UK with over 25,000 entrants taking part this year.

The Competition is free to enter for all young people of school age and divided into artwork, creative writing and multimedia categories, allowing entrants taking part to express their anti-racist messages in a variety of creative formats.

Winning entrants were invited to the first in person Awards Ceremony, since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, where the order of the winners in each category was announced and they received their prizes. Special guests were Rachel Yankey, Perry Groves, Paul Davis and Monty Panesar.

Show Racism The Red Card Competition Winners

Ava was announced the 3rd place winner of the T-shirt design competition and Keira the overall winner of the Year 7-9 Artwork Category.

Mrs Gemma Penny, Headteacher at Allestree Woodlands, commented 'We are very proud of all of the students in the school who entered this competition, as it truly resonates with our CORE values of Courage, Optimism,

Regard and Endeavour. It was an even prouder moment for the girls, their parents and for us as a school, to have Ava and Kiera be recognised as winners in their respective categories – what an honour and an event that will remain with them always'.

Both girls travelled to London with their families on Tuesday and were also joined by Josh Ward (Kiera's form tutor) as a representative from the school. They arrived in the capital early and had the chance to explore a little before attending the ceremony.

The ceremony included a drinks reception, entertainment, the opportunity to have photos on the pitch and to meet with other winners and their families.

Ava said 'It was a really good day, there was so much to do and we had a fabulous time'.

When spoken to Keira was still brimming with excitement from her win, she said 'it was rather overwhelming to start with having lots of people congratulating me, but overall, it was fantastic.'

Both girls came away with goody bags containing footballs, football kits, notepads, pens and an A2 copy of their design work. Being the overall category winner Keira also walked away with the prize of an iPad Air and two England football shirts.



The Big Climate Fight Back



As part of The Woodland Trust's 'The Big Climate Fightback', around 40 students planted 200 trees on the Allestree Woodlands grounds to create a new and exciting site for our Forest School in the future.

We involved students on the Environmental Sciences course to check the pH balance of the soil to give us an idea of which species would thrive best, and then ran a competition for students to design the layout of the woodland. After some fantastic entries, three student's work was combined to give us our layout, and it was then a case of donning our wellies and getting our hands dirty.

Well done to all the students involved, it was a really wonderful experience and will create a great legacy after they've left.

The Big Climate Fight Back



Allestree Woodlands Chess Tournament



We have been creating Allestree Woodlands School history this year with our School Chess Community and we are very proud of all the student who participated both in the tournament and friendly matches.

Our Chess Tournament of Spring 2022 saw a staggering 580 tournament games played by students across all year groups. In recognition and celebration of the courage, optimism, regard, and endeavor demonstrated by our chess community we now have a perpetual trophy that every year will have the name of each chess champion engraved on it after our Autumn and Spring tournaments.

Christian Perretta is our Spring 2022 Champion and received a replica trophy to mark his success. In addition, our 2 key stage winners received a smaller replica version to acknowledge their achievement as top players in their key stage group.

(Picture caption) Our top four players Alfie Mabbutt (finalist) Christian Perretta (Chess Champion), Stanley Clare (semi-finalist) and Theo Smith (semi-finalist.)

KS3 winner - Maksymilian Dubiel

KS4 winner - Theo Smith (semi-finalist)

Our next tournament will take place during the Autumn term of 2022!



NCS



It was fantastic to welcome the team from NCS, the National Citizenship Service, to meet with our Year 11 students. NCS offer fantastic opportunities for students during the summer break to enable them to experience a wide range of activities as well as engaging in a social action project. We can't wait to hear back from our students who have signed up, after the holidays! We are also working with NCS on a range of opportunities for students throughout the Autumn Term.

Sports Leader's Event



On Wednesday 27th April, Allestree Woodlands hosted the Derby City SSP Tri-Golf Tournament to four local primary school. Our Year 11 Sports Leaders were excellent as ever, and were great at facilitating a positive experience for over eighty year two students.

Well done guys!!!

Bikeability



A number of our students have been enjoying the Bikeability class. Each week they meet to learn how to ride their bike safely and to maintain their bike for it to be road worthy. The school is hoping to make the class accessible to more students soon. We're proud of all their behaviour and their willingness to learn.

Ukraine Crisis Fund Raising



Year 7 students have been busy fund raising for the Ukrainian Crisis.

Ava Bailey 7R1 made some beautiful key rings which were sold for £1.50 and raffle tickets were sold for the 7 hampers which were donated by students and staff.

The students raised £234.30 in total, which will be donated to the Red Cross

Thank you to everyone who took part!

Goalball



Thursday 19th May 2022 Miss Heron, Mrs Goldberg and 18 students were lucky enough to experience the Paralympic sport called Goalball with Stephen Newey, our amazing instructor.

“Goalball is a fast paced, action packed, 3 A side indoor game of attack and defence designed for people who are blind and partially sighted.

The non-invasive game is played with an audible ball, on a tactile court with all players wearing blackout eyeshades. The aim of the game is to throw the ball along the floor into the opposition’s goal while defending your own goal. The team with the most goals win. ”

We were joined by 3 local schools to join in the fun: West Park, Noel Baker and St Benedict’s. We all had a fantastic day learning how to play the sport and having a go even when it was tricky to work out the direction of the sound of the ball.

Aiden Naylor 7R1 – ‘It was surprising how much I liked it.’

Alisha Redfern-Bennett 8O2 – ‘It was so much fun. I enjoyed it. I would like to do it again. It is actually a sport I am good at.’

Dheen Ahmed 9O1 – ‘I really enjoyed it. It was fun! I like the fact that I could play it properly and I would like to play it again’

Clara 10C2 – “This is the second time I’ve played Goalball. It was so much fun!”

Cycle Derby In Markeaton Park



Every Thursday for 4 weeks Miss Heron and Mrs Goldberg have taken 6 students to Cycle Derby in Markeaton Park. Together with our fabulous instructor, Christine we have explored our local surroundings on a combination of trikes, bikes and tandems! Our students have gained confidence riding, learnt how to be safe on their bikes and developed great life skills. We have also enjoyed an ice cream or two!

Aiden Naylor 7R1 – 'I've enjoyed trying different bikes and learning how to ride a bike.'

Emilia Barlow 7R1 – 'I've liked exploring Markeaton Park.'

Raven Bailey 7R1 – 'I look forward to going to Markeaton Park every week and helps me stay active.'

Nathaniel Kirkham 7O2 – 'I like going every week as we have fun.'

Mckenzie Davey 7O2 – 'I like riding round the park'

Jacob Kelly 7O2 – it was really good and we get to try out different bikes. I look forward to doing every week.

Year 13 Celebration Day



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Allestree Woodlands Jubilee Bake Off



Lots and lots of cake has definitely been involved with the Allestree Woodlands Jubilee Celebrations. Staff have had the task of tasting all of the staff and students' entries for the best Jubilee Bake Off. It was a difficult decision to make and staff needed to try the cakes several times to decide on the winners.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Great Jubilee Bake Off!!

Sports News



Please see the results below for the county sports hall event held at Derby University;

Year 7 boys 4th

Year 7 girls 6th

Year 8 girls 3rd

Congratulations to the students involved on this event. They were a real credit to the school; their attitude and behaviour was outstanding.



The year 8 netball team finished 4th in the above event in the Derby City Netball Tournament.

Well done to all of our netball teams this year they have been a credit to the school!

Time for a break and move onto the summer activities.

Open Days at After School Club

Come along to our after school club venues to find out more about what we do during term time. All children & parents welcome from 3:45pm-5:30pm.

Allestree St John's Methodist Church-Mon 20th June

Kilburn Baptist Church- Monday 13th June

All children need a rucksack to put their belongings in, LABELLED packed lunch & a LABELLED water bottle. WE ARE A NUT FREE SETTING. Please note there is a 7-day cancellation policy at holiday club.

FREE Bus service from Allestree to Kilburn

A free bus service is available if required. You can drop children off for the bus service at St John's from 7:30am. The bus leaves for Kilburn at 9am & then returns children back to St John's at 5:30pm. This service will only be available for a full day session. Please book a seat on the bus if required using the holiday club booking form.

Session & Times	What's included?	Price
Full day 7:30am -6:00pm	Breakfast, snacks & light tea.	£35
School Day 8:30am-3:30pm	Breakfast & snacks.	£30

Trips

Trip	Description of Activities	Age	Price	Depart Time	Return Time
Bowling	Game of bowling and lunch. Bumpers & ramps are available for children to use.	5yrs +	£7.50	9:30am	1pm
Chatsworth	Farm and Adventure Playground. All day session required.	3yrs +	£7.50	9:15am	4:30/5pm
Hickory Dickories <small>Compulsory St John's setting</small>	A large indoor soft play centre. Includes a hot lunch.	3-7 yrs +	£9	9am	1pm
Megazone	Two games of lazer tag followed by party food. Children will still need to bring a packed lunch. Full day session required.	7yrs+	£10.50	1pm	4:30pm

St Johns 3-6/7yr olds

Holiday Club Daily Activities

Kilburn 3-14 yrs

Monday 30th May 2022

Trip: Bowling

Example onsite activities: Crown biscuits, pasta sunflowers & melting moon rock science.

Tuesday 31st May 2022- DRESSING UP day dress in the colours of the union jack flag

Trip: Chatsworth Farm & Adventure Playground

Example onsite activities: Queen's Jubilee afternoon tea party, making royal crowns & flags and baking party cakes for the tea party.

Wednesday 1st June 2022

Trip: Compulsory Trip to Hickory Dickories

Example onsite activities: Movie night on the big projector with popcorn & life size picture making.

Monday 30th May 2022

Trip: Bowling

Example onsite activities: Nature bird mobiles, brit fashion design followed by a fashion show.

Tuesday 31st May 2022

Trip: Chatsworth Farm & Adventure Playground

Example onsite activities: Crown biscuits, rock trolls, glowing fireworks in a jar, the big British quiz.

Wednesday 1st June 2022

Trip: Hickory Dickories or Megazone

Example onsite activities: Queen's Jubilee afternoon tea party, royal crowns & flags. Egg box characters and baking party cakes.

Would you like 10% discount on your future holiday club bookings?!

Why not join our current breakfast & after school club parents that are taking advance of 10% discount on full day sessions at holiday club. We are thanking our parents for their year-round support by offering this exclusive discount to parents who use our breakfast & after school club on a regular weekly basis. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.





**British
RedCross**

**2 hours of Zumba,
Clubbercise & Pound
for
UKRAINE**

Sat 18th June, 10am-12pm

WOODLANDS SCHOOL, BLENHEIM DRIVE,
ALLESTREE, DERBY, DE22 2LW

Plus raffle with amazing prizes!

**To join in or just donate, please
text **07984 017522** for more info**

Shadowing Book Group

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Review thoughts and Artwork

Too Much Stuff
I love the book 'Too Much Stuff' by Emily Gravett because it shows that some people can be greedy before realising how much stuff they have. I love the way the birds then give all the animals the stuff they had that they didn't need and other animals do. I love the way it rhymes and how by just reading the words, you can picture the story in your head, and if you can't picture the images in your head, then there are some beautiful illustrations to help you. It teaches people to not buy lots of things because you don't need it and other people might actually need the things you don't use. Overall, I think this book is a nice and easy book to read with a hidden story within it. I would recommend this book to people of all ages, not just young children.

Timeline of Awards

8TH NOVEMBER 2021	16TH FEBRUARY 2022	16TH MARCH 2022	MARCH - JUNE	18TH MAY - 6TH JUNE	16TH JUNE 2022 AT MIDDAY
2021 Nominations published	2022 Longlist announcement	2022 Shortlist announcement and Shadowing Groups begin nationwide	Allestree Woodlands school Shadowing Book Group begins	Shadowers' Choice Voting open until 5pm on Monday & June	2022 Medal and Shadowers' Choice Award Winners announced

yoto CARNEGIE GREENAWAY AWARDS

Yoto Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2022

#CKG22

What is a Shadowing Book Group?

Previous winners include Elizabeth Acevedo, Patrick Ness, Sarah Crossan, and Neil Gaiman

Students are participating in a national reading for pleasure initiative by reading and discussing the books shortlisted for the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards. All students involved are invited to vote for their favourite book to win the Shadowers' Choice Award in each category. The awards are announced alongside the Medal winners at the annual winners' ceremony.

About the Awards

The Yoto Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are the UK's longest running and best-loved children and teenage book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people.

MAY HOLIDAY 2022 AT WOODLANDS SPORT & LEISURE

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

We deliver an exciting multi-sport holiday camp here at Woodlands Sport and Leisure, offering a wide variety of games and activities incorporating a lot of your child's favourite sports and daily splash sessions.

Monday 30th April - Wednesday 1st June

Ages: 5 - 10 years

Cost: £19.50 per day

Times: 8:30am - 4:30pm daily



Scan the QR code
to book online now!

FAMILY SPLASH SESSIONS

Bring friends and family, and have fun with floats and toys in our splash sessions. Ideal for all ages and abilities.

Monday 30th April - Wednesday 1st June

11:00am - 1:30pm

All other public sessions continue as normal.

Adult (Splash)
£3.50

Junior (4-15yrs)
£2.60

Toddler (0-3yrs)
£1.00

LANE SWIMMING*

*Excluding Bank Holidays**

Morning Sessions

Monday 7:00am - 8:30am

Friday 7:00am - 8:30am

Evening Sessions

Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Adult (Lane)
£4.00

Junior (4-15yrs)
£2.60

For more information call **01332 555904** or email **the.pool@woodlands.derby.sch.uk**.
Check our website out at **www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk**. Woodlands Sport & Leisure is a department of Allestree Woodlands School with all our staff holding a current enhanced DBS.

Safeguarding Team

THE WOODLANDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Brailsford
Assistant Head
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Roe
Deputy Head
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lawmon
Attendance Officer
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Bailey
Student Wellbeing
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Woodlands is committed to the safety and protection of students. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team or email safeguarding@woodlands.derby.sch.uk



Courage | Optimism | Progress | Endeavour

TO SAFEGUARD THE STUDENT COMMUNITY

Heads of Year Contact Details

Should parents/carers have any concerns regarding their child, could they please initially contact their Form Tutors. Thereafter, the next point of contact would be the following Heads of Year:

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KEY DATES

Monday 6th June—Start of 2nd Summer Half Term
Thursday 9th June—Barcelona Trip Parents Evening 4:30pm-5:15pm
Thursday 16th June—Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday 24th June—6th Form Prom
Friday 24th June—Sports Day
Thursday 30th June—Year 11 Prom
Thursday 30th June—Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 4th July-Thursday 7th July—Barcelona Trip
Saturday 9th July-Wednesday 13th July—Year 7 & Year 8 Cologne Trip
Monday 18th July-Thursday 21st July—Year 7 and Year 8 Paris Trip
Thursday 21st July—Activity Day
Friday 22nd July—End of Summer Term