

How Wood Newsletter 3 Autumn 2

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS



"If we are to create peace in our world, we must begin with our children."

Mahatma Gandhi

Art Work by the Children of How Wood School

EXTENDED LEARNING & ENRICHMENT

Since my last newsletter, the children have had many opportunities to extend and enrich their learning. Early Years Foundation Stage have had a Tractor visit as well as an 'Autumn Wow Day!' Y2 visited Whipsnade Zoo and had a Fire Engine visit; Y4/5 & 6 had an immersive ECO Virtual Reality experience and the whole school took part in the Diya Lamp Painting and Indian Dance Workshops, Harvest Festival and Show Racism the Red Card - Wear Red Day.

This half term, the Toy Museum is coming into school to visit Y1; Y3 are visiting Waltham Abbey Gardens; Y6 have a trip to Cadbury World to look forward; Miss K has planned an Egyptian Wow Day for Year 4 and the whole school are off to see the pantomime, Jack & The Beanstalk at the Alban Arena except Nursery who will be going on the Santa Express Steam train at Leighton Buzzard.



We have newly elected House Captains:

Courage - Luke Weaver and Olivia Hine

Respect - Logan Lennox and Poppy Page

Determination - Abbie Joyce-Smith and Riley Haigh

Friendship - Leo-James Prazer and Gabrielle Auton Lock

and classes have also voted for the their School Council Representatives:

Year 1: Zach Kukulka and Isla Coleman

Year 2: Emilia Roberts and Davide Tonarelli

Year 3: Nathan Noka and Dolly Fensom

Year 4: George Bone and Nina Dodd

Year 5: Harper Holding and Archie Clarke

Year 6: Harvey Tofts and Leo Paice

DINING HALL COMPETITION

During half term HCL came into school to update our dining hall area with the winning design and logo created by Avani and George.

As you can see from the photo it has brightened the area up and promotes healthy eating at How Wood School. Lots of children have commented on how great the dining hall looks now.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022 'REACH OUT' CALL TO ACTION



Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.

Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.

And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

It takes courage, but it can change lives.

So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week with the theme 'Reach Out'. How Wood School will be taking part by:

- Asking Children to wear Odd Socks on **Monday 14th November** - Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school.
- **Friday 18th November** will be our Anti-Bullying Day and will begin with a whole school assembly. During the day, the children will be involved in creating a communal piece of art linked to the theme, 'Reach Out'.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BE SPOTACULAR

Friday 18th November is also Children in Need and the School Council voted to dress in spotty clothes for a £1.00 donation payable via Arbor.

The School Council will also be selling Pudsey Merchandise throughout next week - details to follow. Thank you to Mrs Otter for her time organising this event.



WEAR RED DAY

This year, we raised £214.60 for the charity, **Show Racism the Red Card**. Thank you all for your donations which will support the charity's aim to educate against racism throughout society in the **United Kingdom**.

PARK STREET REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Abbie Joyce-Smith & Dylan Cooper will be representing How Wood School on Sunday at the Remembrance Service. The children will lay a wreath for How Wood School and, on behalf of our community, I would like to thank them both for volunteering to attend this very important event.

HOW WOOD COMMUNITY FUND & CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you to all parents & carers who have contributed to the How Wood School Community Fund. Monthly contributions can be made using the Arbor App and all money raised will go towards food vouchers to support our families most in need.



Details for the Christmas Food Collection will follow shortly.

EQUITY & EQUALITY

Our October hall display recognised the important contributions of women to our world. Each class learnt about a different woman and wrote thoughts about their achievements.



EYFS: Julia Donaldson – Y1: Greta Thunberg - Y2: Floella Benjamin - Y3: Katherine Johnson – Y4: Cleopatra
Y5: Maggie Aderin Pocock & Y6: Mary Anning

Parent View

Thank you to those parents & carers who have completed the Ofsted Parent View survey.

Here is the link for the survey
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>
where you will also find a simple registration process.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS



The Sleep Charity have sent information about a wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

Online Safety Guides - published by National Online Safety # WakeUpWednesday

- What Parents Need to Know about Amigo
- What Parents Need to Know about Overwatch 2

Please see flyers attached with this newsletter.

Home Learning Lunchtime Club

Mrs Parkins will be running a Home Learning Lunchtime Club every Monday from 12.15 onwards. This is a 'drop-in' club but please do encourage your children to attend, especially if they need help with their home learning or just need a little extra time to complete it.

APPRECIATION BOARD

Thank you for the messages of appreciation received since the last newsletter:

"This is just a note of appreciation following our daughter's fairly recent start at How Wood. Since joining How Wood, she has felt welcome, secure and confident. She has secured lovely friendships and skips into school every day. We are all quick to find the time to complain but we often forget to take two minutes to show our appreciation. So thank you to you and to your staff for making primary school a better journey for our daughter."

Mr & Mrs Vangeen

"Can I please pass a special thank you to Mrs Sykes and Ms Baldock for always working so hard to support my daughter in her learning journey. She always skips into school and is so happy and this is a reflection on the staff who work with her."

A little mention to Shaun who is so welcoming to the children in the morning and takes his time to say good morning to every child by name. A skill in itself remembering all the names!"

Mrs Mehmet

Our appreciation messages include parents & carers as well as the How Wood staff team. Please send your appreciation message to: head@howwood.herts.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Parent Assemblies	
Thursday 24th November	Y4
Friday 2nd December	Y3

(NEW DATES IN RED)

Wednesday 9th November - Yr 3 Waltham Abbey Gardens Trip

Thursday 10th November - Portrait photographs (whole school)

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Service

Sunday 13th November - Family Photo Shoot (PTA)

Monday 14th November - Anti Bullying Odd Socks

Monday 14th November - Flu Vaccines - Reception to Y6

Tuesday 15th November - Y6 Trip to Cadbury World

Friday 18th November - Anti-bullying Day

Friday 18th November - Children In Need - Non school uniform - Wear something spotty

Tuesday 22nd November - Whole school Dance workshop - World cup

November 22nd November - SEND Coffee Morning - Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH)

Wednesday 23rd November - Year 4 Egyptian WOW day

Friday 25th November - Occasional Day

Thursday 1st December - Flu Vaccines - Reception to Y6

Wednesday 7th December - Nursery Trip Leighton Buzzard Railway

Saturday 10th December - Xmas Fayre 10am to 1pm

Wednesday 14th December - KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.30am

Thursday 15th December - Alban Arena Pantomime Trip - Jack and the Beanstalk

Thursday 15th December - KS1 Evening Performance @ 5pm

Friday 16th December - EYFS Nativity Singing Assembly 9am

Wednesday 21st December - Christingle @ 10.30am

Term Ends - Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm

