



The Woodside Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see children and staff dressed up as characters from books for World Book Day. Lots of sharing of stories has been taking place- in class, with classes from other phases and in different places. We hope you enjoy using your voucher to buy a book for £1.

As a school, we are working to promote a love of reading. It is an important life skill, giving our young people access to information and enjoyment. Please do read with your child. We appreciate all of the opportunities you provide your child with at home to develop their reading skills, reinforcing what is being done in school. Practise is key. As always, if you would like any further support or guidance, please do contact your child's teacher.

On Tuesday, 10th of March we have a parent/ carer sensory workshop with occupational therapist. We would encourage you to attend if you can. These supportive sessions are really informative and helpful. Over the last two weeks we have had lots of pancake making, eating and flipping during lunchtime races. Construction Class have had a visit from Berkley Homes to talk about applications and jobs within their industry. KS4 and Post 16 students have taken part on workshops for job searches, confidence building and resilience. Outdoor learning has taken place and been celebrated across the school. We are always proud of both the performance and behaviour of the children who represent the school at sports fixtures.

We hope that you all have a peaceful weekend ahead, and look forward to seeing your child on Monday morning.

Autism Friendly School Wear Shop

Caseys School Wear are pleased to announce they have recently been certified as being, Autism Friendly. This may be useful information for parents of children who find school uniform shopping, challenging.

Pancake Day

On Tuesday 25th February (Shrove Tuesday) KS3 and 4 took part in pancake races at lunchtime. Despite the pancakes falling apart, the competitors took the races very seriously and most importantly had some fun. Medals were awarded to the best 'flippers'.





U14 Boys Football

On Wednesday the U14 football team went to the South London Special League football tournament. The team played really well, winning two games and drawing two. Harry and Asher scored the goals, Malakhi, Ted and James played well in midfield and defence and Ben in goal made some great saves, especially in the last game. This resulted in a joint first place result. Well done boys, once again a credit to themselves and the school.



young sports leaders

Students from the KS4 Art class have been learning to become young sports leaders. They have been working with Poplar class teaching them to play cricket. The older students are supported by peers from their class and set up equipment, run activities and encourage the younger students to enjoy the lesson. The four young leaders have been excellent so far and Poplar class have reported that they are enjoying the sessions.



Girls Football

A big congratulation to the Girls Football team who played in some horrible weather conditions on Thursday but still came away with 1st place medals. I was so impressed with how well they played and passed the ball around but most of all how they just got on with the job even with it being very cold and pouring with rain! Well done to them all.



DWP Workshop

Post 16 Students took part in workshops this week arranged by the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) with a focus on confidence building and opening doors to the world of work. Activities included “guess the job” and naming all the jobs involved to make a bag of crisps from growing a potato to selling a bag of crisps in a shop. The students particularly enjoyed participating in a personality assessment to help them discover the type of work that they were best suited to. Members of staff were also quite surprised at the results. Another thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all involved.



Therapy Dog – Bramble

Behind the scenes, staff have quietly welcomed Bramble, our therapy dog. At only nine weeks old, he is just beginning his training, but he has already attended a staff meeting and is becoming an important member of our school community. Once his training is completed in a few months, he will be introduced to our children and young people. Woodside will be sharing more details of our new recruit next week.





World Book Day

Poplar class have been sharing stories with Sunflower class as part of World Book Day. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed reading together. Poplar class were very enthusiastic and ensured the younger pupils could see the story as they were reading. They checked the children understood what was being read by preparing their own questions to ask about the story. Also Students from the Construction class took time to read with pupils in Oak class.



Diary Dates

10.03.2020 – Full day ‘**Sensory Processing Workshop**’ details to follow. Led by specialist occupational therapist.

17.3.2020 at **9am** Parents/carers **Coffee Morning “Bexley Voice”**

01.04.2020 - Woodside Academy Parents evening - 3.30 - 6.00pm

02.04.2020 - Buttercup Class parent consultations - 1.00 - 2.30pm

- *Easter Holiday* – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020 – **Pupils return Monday 20th April.**
- *May Day Bank Holiday* - Friday 8th May (School Closed)
- *Half Term* (School Closed) – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – **Pupils return Monday 1st June.**
- *Training Day* – Monday 20th July (School Closed)
- *Training Day* – **Tuesday 21st July (School Closed)**

