



WOOD END INFANT SCHOOL

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Message from Miss Bhachu

Thank you for all your support and kind wishes during the time the school was affected by the flood. It was a challenging few weeks for us all but in true Team Wood End spirit we got through it together. All the children are well settled and have made a great start to the year.

We had a very successful International celebration yesterday. Thank you for all the donations and help that made this event possible. We all loved the opportunity to taste dishes from all over the world and enjoy eating and sharing food with our friends and team members.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised a total of £365.64 which is fantastic.

Thank you to Ms White for organising the event.

School Targets

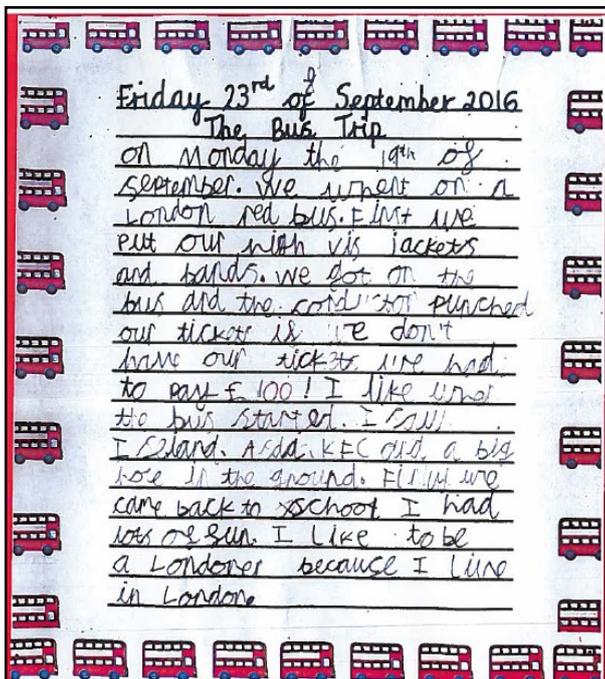
This year our school priorities have been decided in partnership with the pupils, parents, governors and whole school staff.

Our targets are:

- For standards in reading, writing and maths to be in line with National Standards.
- For Early Years children to continue to excel.
- For our pastoral provision to be beyond excellent – this means improving the lunchtime experience and working even more closely with parents.

I am a Londoner

As part of their topic work, the children in years 1 & 2 went for a ride on an old London Route Master bus.



Reading at Home

Children in Years 1 & 2 have received their first reading certificate for having read at home more than 20 times, we even have one child who has managed to get 50 signatures! Well done Nojus, Class 2, and thank you to his grown-ups who have helped him to become a confident reader.

We are aiming for all the children to receive their 20 signature certificate by the end of term - we can do it!

A study found that children who read at home regularly from Reception onwards performed better in exams at the age of 15 and were 6 months ahead of their peers. At Wood End Infant School we want that advantage for all of our children.



Here are 3 top tips for making reading at home manageable and fun:

1. Have a routine

We asked the children who read the most in our school how they make sure they read every day - they said that they do it at the same time each day: straight away when they get home from school. If children know that they will spend 10 minutes reading each day after school, it becomes normal and easy to remember. Another great time is during your bedtime routine.

2. Communicate with your child's class teacher

If your child is struggling, has books that are too easy or too hard, or simply does not want to read, speak to your child's class teacher, or write a note in their reading record. All of the teachers are here to help!

3. Take turns

Try taking turns to each read a part of the story. Even better, pretend to get stuck on a word and let your child be the teacher and help you (they will love it!).

Remember, you can sign your child's reading record more than once per book - there are lots of ideas in the front of your child's reading record to support you to read together.

Birthdays

Team Wood End love to celebrate successes and special times in our lives such as our birthdays. We know parents and carers like to celebrate this event with your child's class mates too. You are welcome to bring into school a small sweet for each child that can be shared at the end of the day if you wish. However, we will not give out more than one individual sweet to a child or party bags. We feel this is the most equal way for all our school community to be able to celebrate this special day.



Meeting with Parents

Thank you to all parents who attended the coffee morning this week. The support and positive feedback from you about how much we care for your children and our dedication for them to succeed is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing our learning journey together. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th November at 9 a.m. all are welcome to attend.

Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who visited our Book Fayre. We were able to purchase £363 worth of books from Scholastic as a result of the total value spent on purchases at the fayre. Thank you to Miss Letch for organising it.



Attendance



Congratulations to the pupils in classes 4 & 7 who have both achieved 100% for a 1 week period. Their dedication was rewarded with a trip to Wood End Academy to play on the bouncy castle.