



# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## Emotional Goodbyes

The end of term is always an emotional time as children and staff move on to new adventures.

Mrs. Hickin has been associated with Ravenstone and Woodstone for at least 22 years and will be leaving for a well earned retirement on Thursday. Wenda has done a variety of different roles since starting as a volunteer at Ravenstone School. She has supported hundreds, if not thousands, of children over the years and always fostered great relationships with them all. Wenda has also run the netball club for many years, carried out cooking activities with all children in school over the past few years and been a regular fixture (along with her husband, Ken) at the Summer Fayres and cross country events.

Mrs Springthorpe, who has been teaching one day a week in Year 5, will be leaving us

Miss Sheppard has only been with us for a short time, covering Miss Daley's maternity leave but she leaves with our best wishes for her full time, permanent role at Ellistown Primary.

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to our school and wish everyone well for the future.

**(Read Page 2 to find out all about our Year 6 presentation evening)**



## FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations to these children who achieved an amazing 100% attendance!!!!**

In Reception, Victoria, Penelope, Ayla and Charlie.

In Year 1, Willow, Evan and Iona

In Year 2, Frankie, Rose, Mason and Charlie

In Year 3, Beatrix and Libby

In Year 4, Ashley

In Year 5, Aya

In Year 6, Amelia W and Connor



These children all received a certificate and a £5 gift voucher. Read page 3 to see all our fantastic children who achieved 98% attendance or better

## FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF '23

It was a pleasure to present a number of awards at the Year 6 Leaver's Play and Presentation evening. **Every** child was presented with a beautiful dictionary with a personalised name plate in the front which the children will be able to treasure for a number of years. Mr. Mullins still has his from primary school which he proudly showed off during the evening!

In addition to the dictionaries we also presented some special awards. The first was a Special Achievement Award voted for by the children in Year 6. They vote for someone in their class who has been a good friend, been kind, loyal, helpful and is generally popular with their peers. The winner of the girl's shield was **QUINN STANHOPE** and the boy was **JENSEN SIGN**.

The second set of shields were Citizenship Awards. These are given to a boy and girl in Year 6 who have shown great kindness around school, helped with a variety of jobs in a responsible way supported the younger children, shown good manners and generally set a good example to others - basically acted as a good citizen! The winner of the boy's shield was **MAX HART** and the girl's trophy was won by **LYRA MANNING-BEXTON**.

The third set of prestigious shields handed out at the evening were won by **ZARA DOLAN** and **JENSEN SIGN**. These awards are voted for by all the staff who work in school. The shields are given to children who have consistently worked hard, made good progress, represented the school in a mature and sensible manner, set a good example to others and generally been a top student whatever their ability.

We also gave out shields for academic achievement. These were given to the children who made the most progress, from whatever their starting point, during Year 6. The winners were:

Reading — **LEILARNIE BASSFORD**

Writing — **CONNOR BEEKEN**

Mathematics — **JIMMIE BARWICK**

Science — **IMOGEN JOYCE**

A relatively new shield (kindly donated by a Teaching Assistant who left a couple of years ago) is an award for an element or elements of the creative arts. We pride ourselves on the Art, Music, Drama opportunities we offer the children here at Woodstone. The winners of this prestigious trophy was shared between **JESSE SWIFT & ISABELLE SUMNER** who are well known throughout school for their artistic skills as well as their singing and acting.

Finally, we also have two Sporting Achievement shields. The boy's trophy was shared by **DIMITRI STAVROU & ANGUS WOODINGS** and the girl's by **ALIZA LUCAS**. These children have not only taken part in many sports events during their seven years at Woodstone, but also shown determination, turned up week in week out for practices, helped and encouraged younger children and often given up their own time at weekends to take part in sporting activities.

## **WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.**

A huge number of families are also leaving us after many years of having children at Woodstone. We would like to say a sad and a fond farewell to the families of the following children:

Kaya Aygun, Leilarnie Bassford, Zara Dolan, Isabelle Fairbrother, Dayton Lee-Foster, Jasmine-Hope Gasson, Max Hart, Imogen Joyce, Aliza Lucas, Lyra Manning-Bexton, Diljeevan Padda, Tayte Palmer, Megan Patrick, Florence Platts, Dakota Rogers, Jensen Sign, Joey Smart-Toombes, Isabelle Sumner, Amelia Woodings

**Thank you for your fantastic support over the time your children were at Woodstone.**



You might just be able to spot Victoria in this picture with her Dad on this steam engine. It was great to see them at Ashby Show last Sunday alongside some of our other girls and boys who were promoting Ashby Rugby Club.

Mrs Edwards, Miss Cain and Mrs Sainsbury also helped out in the educational tent.

We all enjoyed the show but especially the red arrow and Lancaster bomber fly past and the red devils who parachuted in to the main ring.

### Chat Health Text Service: 07520 615382

Chat Health is a confidential text messaging service that enables parents of children aged 0-19 to contact their local public health nursing (health visiting/school nursing) team.

The service operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, excluding bank holidays.

All texts will be responded to by a public health nurse (school nurse) within 24 hours. Outside of the service working hours, you'll receive a message back to inform you that your text will be responded to once the line reopens.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVED 98% + ATTENDANCE

(This equates to three or less days off school in the whole academic year)

**RECEPTION:** Boudica, Delilah, Alanna, Aaron, Jack, Lacie, Isaac, Leo, Macy, Benedict and Joshua

**YEAR 1:** Penny, George I, Kim, Isabella, Charlie, Lottie, Jaden, George T, Joseph

**YEAR 2:** Jessie, Masemani, Georgie, Ons, Eban, Thomas, Amelie, Elfie, Estee, Evie and Albert

**YEAR 3:** Lottie, Elijah, Charlie, Oliver, Monty, Katie, Emma and Douglas

**YEAR 4:** Hallie, Theo, Leo, Alesha, Olivia, Josh, Rose, April, Edward and Harry

**YEAR 5:** Charlotte, Ruby, Isabel, Abbie, Ryan, Jessica, Luke, Bella, Riley O, Milen, Noah, Thea, Isaac and Riley S

**YEAR 6:** Izzy, Amelia F, Aliza, Lyra, Dakota, Joey and Angus

Well done to all these children. You should all be very proud of your attendance this year.



## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL TIMES

From September 2023 it has become statutory for children to be in school for 32.5 hours per week. This includes lesson time, playtime, lunchtime etc.

This means that here at Woodstone, in order to comply with these regulations we need to do an extra 50 minutes per week i.e. 10 minutes per day.

This means that when the children come back on TUESDAY AUGUST 29th the formal start to the day will be 8:45am. Classroom doors will open at 8:40am.

For many children this won't be much of a change as they are already here ready to go into class at 8:45. However, as this is now when formal lessons will begin it is important ALL children are here ready for the earlier start.

The register will now be taken at 8:45am.

Please set your alarm clock a few minutes earlier, especially on that first Tuesday back!

THANK YOU



Our class of 2023 enjoyed a fantastic evening at their end of year disco on Thursday evening. They danced the night away and had a lovely fish and chip supper.

Thank you to Paul of Boogie Nights disco for giving the children a really fun evening.

Photos from the evening will be appearing soon on the website under the Gallery tab.

