



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School



Autumn Term News Week ending 17th November 2017

Our value for the month of November is 'Courage'
'I command you to be strong and valiant. Do not be afraid, because your God is with you wherever you go.'

School Council

Thank you for helping to support the children's first charity event. The School Councillors have been selling wristbands and badges at break times and were very persuasive on the school gates this morning when asking for donations for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to Miss Tobin and the School Council. More photos on the website.



Consultation Evenings for Years 1-6

Please remember our consultation evenings are on 29th and 30th November. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please check online or ask at the office.

Sporting Superstars



Jonathan (Yr5 Beech) won a golf competition at Knebworth Golf Club. It was his first competition and was a Stapleford four ball. Liana (Yr5 Beech), new to her gymnastic squad, came third in her first tumbling competition. Oliver (Yr4 Elm) came first in a brown belt karate competition in Stevenage. Tabitha (Yr6 Oak) was awarded her black belt for karate. We are really impressed and amazed by the number of judges she had to impress with her moves! Congratulations to all of them for their sporting achievements.



Sycamore Class (Reception)

The children enjoyed a walk to Mardley Woods with Pre-School. They had great fun exploring Autumn.



Oak Class (Year 6) Assembly

Year 6 took us back in time in their class assembly yesterday, to share some of the things they have been learning about in their WWII topic. They did an amazing job and each showed a piece of work they were particularly proud of. We heard moving poems, dramatic stories, saw beautiful artwork and listened to a rendition of a popular WWII song. Ask your children if they can sing it for you!



Football Years 5 & 6

On Thursday 7 players from Year 5 and 6 attended a Fixtures Night event at Monk's Walk. This was an opportunity for the boys to play some other local schools in some friendly matches and to see how they worked together as a new team. We played against Homerswood first and were pleased with a final score of 4-0. Sacha (captain) scored 2 and Jovi and Joe 1 each. We then challenged St. Mary's and lost 2-0, although we were pleased not to concede any goals during the second half. Well done to the boys and thank you to the many parents who supported them. Thank you to Miss Prentice for supervising and organising the event.



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NSPCC Assembly

Children in KS1 and KS2 had assemblies this week led by representatives of the NSPCC. They were shown how heavy worries can become if they are not shared. Ask the children what else they learned. Next week Years 5 and 6 will have follow up workshops.



Reminders:

- Operation Christmas Child boxes are not being picked up until next Thursday, so you still have time to fill a box for a child who would otherwise receive nothing for Christmas. We still have boxes that you can purchase from the office for 40p
- Don't forget to design a programme cover for the Winter Wonderland. Please give your entry in by Monday 20th November.
- Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 14th December. If your child does not usually have school dinners, but you would like them to have Christmas Dinner, priced at £2.30, please let the office know. On this day, children can wear a Christmas top.

A Visit from our local MP-Grant Shapps

Next Friday Mr Hughes has arranged for Grant Shapps to visit our school and discuss our concerns over the speed of traffic travelling along London Road and the safety of our children. It would be great to share your concerns as parents, so please email admin@woolmergreen.herts.sch.uk and outline your worries. We will print these off and hand them to him, so the more comments we have the better!

'Readathon' Years 1-6 & Reception Sponsored Event

We are inviting the children to take part in a reading event over Christmas. It will involve buying one book, chosen by the teachers, to read and donate to the school. This will help to improve our Group Reading books.

Reception will be taking part in a joint event with the St Michael's Pre-School, which will be a sponsored trundle. More information will follow shortly.

Christmas Nativity and Carol Service

We are currently working out the best way to organise these events, taking into account feedback from last year. We would like to give parents some choice of which performance/service to attend. We will try to let you know what the arrangements are next week.

Drama Classes

Please see attached Mrs Love's drama letter for the Spring Term. She would like to run an additional club on Fridays for Years 5 & 6, so please let her know as soon as possible if you wish your child to attend, so that she can work out if this is viable.

Severe Weather Conditions

In the event of severe weather conditions every attempt will be made to open the school, if it is safe to do so and taking into account police advice for travel. Herts County Council has a notification system in place in the event of school closures. Parents and guardians are encouraged to register for this notification service. The process is very simple and only takes a few minutes, but please follow the instructions carefully and select your children's schools individually.

Sign up now to receive messages via the Everbridge Schools Closure Notification System:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx>

What's On:

- 20.11.'17-Jack and the Beanstalk (Friends)
Programme covers in to the office
- 22.11.'17-NSPCC workshops Year 5 & 6
- 24.11.'17-Mufti Day for bottles for the Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
- 30.11.'17-Consultations Year 1-6
- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 5.12.'17-Open morning for prospective parents
- 6.12.'17-Parent Council 9am
Author Visit (Year 2-6)
- 11.12.'17-Music Assembly 9:15am,
Parents welcome
- 12.12.'17-KS2 Carol Service (2pm)
- 13.12.'17-Choir to Monks Walk
- 14.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (9:30am)
Christmas Dinner
Carol Service (7pm)
- 15.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (1:30pm)
- 19.12.'17-School finishes at 1:30pm
- 4.1.'18-School begins

Attachments:

- Drama Club
- Bishop Visit