ALWOODLEY PRIMARY

COGNITIVE EDUCATION | READING | PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Learning Together, Growing Stronger.

Celebrations

We hope that all of our families who celebrated Diwali had a wonderful time with family and friends. To mark this important festival, pupils came to school dressed in bright colours on Monday and enjoyed learning about Diwali through a range of age-appropriate activities and lessons across the curriculum. These opportunities help children develop their understanding of different cultures, traditions and beliefs, supporting our commitment to promoting respect, inclusion and global citizenship.

On 11 November, pupils also took time to mark Remembrance Day, learning about the significance of remembrance and reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who have served in conflicts. Through assemblies and classroom activities, children were encouraged to consider the values of peace, gratitude and service to others.

This week will conclude with our support for Children in Need on Friday 13 November, when pupils will come together to raise funds for children and young people facing challenges across the UK. As well as having fun, pupils will learn about the importance of helping others and making a positive difference within our wider community.

These events play an important role in enriching our curriculum. They provide meaningful real-world contexts for learning, help pupils understand and appreciate the diversity of modern Britain, and support the development of empathy, kindness and social responsibility alongside academic learning.

Food, Snacks and Allergy Awareness

We would like to remind all families about the importance of being mindful of allergies when sending food into school.
We have a number of pupils and staff members with severe allergies, including severe nut allergies. For some individuals, exposure to an allergen can cause a serious and potentially life-threatening reaction.
You may be aware of Benedict's Law, which aims to improve awareness and understanding of allergies and anaphylaxis and highlights the importance of taking allergies seriously and reducing the risk of accidental exposure.
To help us maintain a safe environment for everyone, we ask that parents and carers do not send pupils into school with food containing nuts or nut products.
This applies to packed lunches and snacks.
For this reason, we also ask that pupils do not bring sweets, cakes or other treats into school to share for birthdays. As well as helping us to manage allergies safely, this ensures that our approach is clear and consistent for all pupils.
In KS1, pupils are provided with fruit as their snack. In KS2, if pupils wish to bring a snack from home, we ask that this is fruit. To keep expectations simple and consistent across school, we follow a 'nothing in a wrapper' approach to snacks.

Pupil Ambassador

A huge congratulations to Matilda in Y6, who has been featured in the Child Bereavement UK Christmas Campaign. Through her involvement, Matilda is helping to raise awareness of the vital support available to children and families experiencing bereavement. We are incredibly proud of the courage, maturity and compassion she has shown in sharing her story, and we know her contribution will help bring comfort and hope to others facing difficult times.

Diary Dates

24th November – School Open Day, check website for details.

27th November – Year 6 to Leeds City Centre.

1st December – Nursery Open Day, check website for details.

3rd December – Year 5 to Jorvik Viking Centre

8th December – Year 6 Mindmate Workshops and Year 3 Drumming Performance

9th December- Nursery concert 12.45 and Reception concert 2.15

10th December – Years 1,2 & 3 to watch the pantomime.

11th December- year 1 concert 9.30 and Year 2 concert 10.30

14th December – Year 1 Grandparent Event and choir concert 3.30

16th December – Years 4, 5 & 6 to visit the Playhouse.

16th December woodwind concert (info to follow)

17th December – Year 5, sports festival and school closes to pupils for 2 weeks.

School reopens on Monday the 4th January.

Amazon wish list for OPAL
If you or any people/businesses you know would like to buy something from our Amazon wish list, please click the link:
https://amzn.eu/00l3sBDh

Safeguarding Team: Mr. German, Miss Hill, Miss Pattenden, Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Platt and Miss Shaw

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Sport and Physical Activity

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded our Modeshift Good Accreditation in recognition of our commitment to promoting active and sustainable travel to school. A huge well done to our fantastic WOW Ambassadors, who recently carried out an inspection of our school travel routes, helping us to identify ways to make journeys to school safer and more enjoyable for everyone. Keep travelling to school actively as much as you can. We know it is good for our minds, bodies and environment.

Well-done to our girls' football team on securing their first win with a fantastic 1–0 victory against Highfield! A brilliant achievement girls!

Well-done to our boys' football team on securing their first win of the season with a fantastic 4–1 victory against St Paul's! A huge thank you to Mr Oates for supporting the team and for all the parents, carers and families who come and support us in all weathers.

Safeguarding Corner: Helping Children Stay Safe Online

As technology becomes an increasingly important part of children's lives, it is vital that we work together to help them develop safe and responsible online habits. Whether children are using devices for learning, gaming, messaging or watching videos, regular conversations about online safety can help them make good choices and know what to do if something worries them.

Encourage your child to talk openly about what they do online and remind them that they should always speak to a trusted adult if they see something upsetting, are contacted by someone they do not know, or feel uncomfortable about anything they experience on the internet.

Top Tips for Parents

- Take an interest in the apps, games and websites your child uses.
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible.
- Review privacy settings and parental controls regularly.
- Remind children never to share personal information online.
- Encourage children to tell an adult if something online makes them feel worried, scared or uncomfortable.

Attendance

Firstly, thank you to all our pupils and families for the warm welcome I have received since joining Alwoodley Primary School.

As we begin the countdown to the festive season, we have made a very positive start to the term. Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring children arrive at school on time each day. Good attendance and punctuality make a significant difference to learning, help establish positive routines, and support children's overall wellbeing.

A gentle reminder to please ensure that the reason for your child's absence is accurately recorded on Arbor if they are unwell or unable to attend school. We also ask that supporting evidence is provided where appropriate, particularly when children need to leave school during the day for appointments.

We are pleased to report that our whole-school attendance currently stands at an impressive 95.6%. Highest attending classes this term:

Yew 3 – 98%
Hazel 5 – 97.1%

A huge well done to all the children and staff in these classes for their excellent attendance.

If you require any support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact me: Harriet Shaw, Attendance and Family Support Worker. We are here to offer advice, guidance, and support, and we encourage families to get in touch if they have any concerns or require assistance.