

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th October 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

In our assemblies, we have started to explore the theme of Black History. This week, we have been focusing on the life of famous women: in particular Mary Seacole. We shall continue to celebrate Black History Month throughout October.

Yesterday, we said goodbye to Mrs Davies. She has worked at our school for 34 years and before that she was a volunteer. We celebrated her dedication and commitment to our school in a special assembly for staff and children. We shall all miss her as she starts her retirement.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Year One parent workshop; if you are a Year One parent please do try to attend this workshop which will take place in the infant hall.

In a look through the school's history, we learn that children had to sleep at school in the afternoon – something that I remember too!

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins

A Page from History: The Woodcock Hill Archives

In September 1954 Chris Evans (née Prince) was one of the first pupils to enter Woodcock Hill School as a reception class child. She was five years old and joined Miss Andrew's class.

Chris remembers, *"I decided on the first day that I didn't like school. So I ran back across the road to my house. I was immediately returned to school by my mother!"* She goes on to say *"As a small child it seemed such a long day but I soon got used to it. It was thought that small children needed plenty of sleep, so we were each given a blanket and expected to have a nap in the afternoon."*

...to be continued



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DIARY

9th October – 9.10am

Year One Parent Workshop

10th October – 9am

Coffee Morning:
Meet our SENCo – Mrs Nash

16th October

Parents' Evening

21st – 24th October

Harvest Snack Food Collection

25th October

Non Uniform Fundraiser

25th October

MacMillan Coffee Morning

28th October – 1st November

Half Term Week

31st October

Deadline for Secondary
School Applications

4th November

Teacher Training Day

5th November

Autumn Term² starts for children

11th – 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week

12th November

PTA: Toy and Book Sale

13th November – 9.10am

Reception Parents' Workshop



Celebration Assembly

Today in our assembly we celebrated the achievements of:



Year One
Charlie and Miya

Year Two
Ailey and Joana

Year Three
Ava and Kyron

Year Four
Scarlett and Trevonte

Year Five
Jixiao and Olivia

Year Six
Amaya and Roxanne

Children in Need

Each year the children challenge Mr Higgins to do something silly. In turn, they sponsor him and all the monies raised goes to support the BBC Children in Need Charity.

Last year, Mr Higgins sat in a bath of cold porridge and the year before a bath of cold beans. On each occasion the children paid a small fee to douse him in the cold porridge or beans.

What would you like Mr Higgins to do this year? Place your suggestions on a piece of paper and place it in the Children in Need suggestion box in the school foyer. Mrs Clarson and the school council will review all of your suggestions and choose a suitable challenge for this year.

So, get you thinking caps on and suggest something challenging!



School Councillors



Our School Councillors this year are:

Year One – Charlie and Miya, **Year Two** Ellie-Rose and Horace, **Year Three** – Lola and Muneeb, **Year Four** – Andrea and Leo, **Year Five** – AJ and Olivia and **Year Six** – Amaya and Oscar.

Harvest Food Collection

This year, our harvest food collection will be in aid of Birmingham Christmas Shelter's snack bar. We will be collecting donations of crisps, chocolate, wrapped sweets, shop bought cakes and biscuits along with bags of sugar, jars of coffee and tea bags. Please ensure all items do not have an expiry date **less than 31.12.24**.

Your donations should be sent into school between **Monday 21 October** and **Thursday 24 October**.

Thank you!

Reception Class 2025

Applications open on 1 October 2024 for reception class places for entry in September 2025. **The closing date is 15 January 2025.**

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. **An e-mail offer of a school place will be sent on 16 April 2025.**

To make your online application go to:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Woodcock Hill's open day for Reception Class 2025 will be on **Thursday 14th November at 2pm and 4pm**. Further details will be on future newsletters.

SENCO Coffee Morning



Some of you will have received a personal invitation to a coffee morning with our SENCo, Mrs Nash.

Please do attend if possible as this is an invaluable opportunity to meet with her. You will also be shown how you can locate information to support and influence the school's SEN policy.

10th October @ 9.00am

Our School Values: *We are respectful, ambitious, creative, inclusive, independent and we persevere.*