

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing just 17 days in one year can mean dropping a full grade at GCSE.

A child on holiday for 2 weeks during term-time will miss fifty 'one hour' lessons. Some pupils never catchup!

TOP ATTENDANCE:

Year 7	GBr	99.1%
Year 8	EMo	96.7%
Year 9	AFi/RBo	96.5%
Year 10	NTa	99.2%
Year 11	RId	96.7%

PARENTS' HOUR

Andy White is available to be seen by parents, without appointment, every morning 7.15am until 8.15am and Thursday evenings 5.15pm until 6.15pm.

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Duty Pupils

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Lily Stribling	Ryan Biggs
George Bonett	Amber Burdett
Sophie Cackett	Jessica Coughlan
Laura Deacon	Jordan Dean
Mazey Hall	

VLE - Have you got the Internet at Home?

If so, then you can access your subject resources (class work and homework) from your home computer using the following link; <https://www.klp.rm.com>

You will need your VLE username and password in order to sign in. Any problems see our ICT Technicians (Mr Robinson, Mr Connelly, Mr Roth) or Mr Reay (Head of VLE).

You can also access your "my documents" folder from home too, using the following EASYLINK web address. <https://folders.woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk>

You then need to enter your username and password for your school account.

"If your browser tells you that the 'certificate' has expired, please IGNORE this message and select the red option (which will take you directly to our Easylink site)"

GLEE COMPETITION

TOWNGATE THEATRE

1st MARCH 2011

The Glee Club are taking part in an inter-school singing and dancing competition which will take place on Tuesday 1st March at the Towngate Theatre. By the end of this battle one school from the Basildon area will be declared to have the best Glee Club and win the opportunity for further performances and even get to meet Josh Dubovie, the local lad who last year was England's Eurovision entry! If you would like to support the school and have a great night's entertainment, tickets can be purchased from the following website: www.showchoir2011.org.uk, or ask Miss Moreton for more details.

Woodlands Weekly

~ Keeping You In Touch With The School ~

18th February 2011

Assembly Theme for Next Week
"Tolerance"

Issue No. 775

The Theatre of War - Khaki on Campaign



Mrs Warren reporting...



On Friday 4th February, Richard Knight of 'Khaki on Campaign' spoke to Year 9 about World War One and the subject of trench warfare. Richard has been increasingly used by TV and Film companies to advise on World War One. He has been seen in the Hovis advert as the boy runs through History with his loaf of bread past all of the World War One soldiers. Blink and you might miss him! He has also appeared in the Family at War series interviewing celebrities about their family's involvement and experiences in the Great War.

World War One was like no other war before it in history. The main theatre of war, the Western Front, was deadlocked from a few months after the war started in 1914 until a few months before its end in 1918, stretching in a continuous line of trenches from the English Channel to the Swiss frontier. By 1916 the forces of Germany, France and the British Empire, armies millions of men strong, measured advances in terms of a few miles (or kilometres) gained over several months. Casualties for each big attack or 'push' ran into hundreds of thousands on both sides. Richard Knight spoke about the soldiers experiences of life in the trenches which shocked and intrigued Year 9. Pupils were able to see for themselves what the soldiers had to wear as Richard has many items from the era including uniforms and weapons and in some cases tried the uniforms on! As an introduction, Year 9's study what fighting in the First World War was like and pupils found Richard's expert knowledge an excellent start to their study. They found

out about the terrifying new weapons of war developed to try and achieve victory, such as chlorine gas and the ways in which the soldiers had to deal with this deadly vapour.

The talk was excellent and we thank Richard Knight for his expert knowledge and interactive presentation. Year 9 were fantastic and listened well to the huge amount of information being given to them. Richard himself commented on how good the pupils were.

Well done Year 9!



HAPPY HALF TERM

Could I wish all pupils and staff a restful and enjoyable Half Term holiday next week. It has been a hectic time since Christmas with pupils and staff working very hard both in and out of the classroom. Much has been achieved; in particular in supporting Year 11 pupil towards their forthcoming GCSE exams. **We return on Monday 28th February at the normal time ready for registration at 8.45am and lessons at 9am.**

STUNNING

Many congratulations to all pupils who received awards at last night's annual Awards Evening. As always the evening was absolutely superb – a real pleasure to see so many pupils doing well. The awards were presented for both excellence and effort and rewarded pupils for their performance last year. Our guest speaker, Joan Risby, gave an excellent speech that focused on young people and their achievements. Could I thank parents for your support but also thank Alan Morgan, Jayne Dear, Karen Sandom, the kitchen and caretaking staff, Rich Whiting and Jan Fennelly for all their hard work in organising this important event. It is important that we recognise the successes of our pupils, but also we must remember that Awards Evening only rewards relatively few pupils, whereas there are many more who work hard and achieve much – unfortunately space and time limit the number of pupils we can accommodate at Awards Evening.

HEADLINES by Andy White

FIXTURES

Tuesday 1st March 2011

Years 7, 8 & 9 Netball v Bromfords (h)
Year 10 Football v Bromfords (a)

Wednesday 2nd March 2011

Years 7 (h) 9 (a) Rugby v Mayflower
Years 10 & 11 Netball v Bromfords (a)
Year 8 Football v Bromfords (h)

Thursday 3rd March 2011

Year 8 Rugby v Mayflower (h)



DIARY

Monday 28th February 2011

FIRST DAY OF TERM - 8.45am start
Year 8 Homework Review

Tuesday 1st March 2011

Year 11 Maths resits (2pm)
Glee Competition - Towngate Theatre (7-11pm)

Wednesday 2nd March 2011

Year 10 GCSE Core Science Exams and Year 11 re-sits (9am)
Year 11 Single Award Art trip to aid exam

Thursday 3rd March 2011

Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening (4pm)
GCSE Standardisation Dance

Friday 4th March 2011

Staff Conference - school closes at 1.15pm

The winners of the Essex Youth Parliament elections are **The Zeus Party!** (Mayflower 6th Form)

Congratulations to all of the pupils who took part and to all of those pupils who voted!



Appssolutely useful revision apps

Do you have a phone that does as much as your computer? Do you have a snazzy new I-Pad? If so, why not use them for something useful?

BELOW IS A LIST OF HANDY APPS THAT CAN BE USED FOR REVISION:

Irevise lite (free) revision timetable, notebooks to write summary, prompt cards for key words, audio recording with gaps for answers.

iCardSort (free) is a brainstorming tool, where you can add text to any number of cards which can then be moved around the screen. This can be used for sorting vocabulary (e.g. masculine, feminine, neuter nouns), or creating sentences.

Infinite Pinboard for Todos and Notes Free can be used in a similar way. This is for brainstorming and creating To Do notes, and there are more options to change the colour of notes, text and add icons. This could be used for revision purposes, or colour coding types of words.

Idea Sketch (free) is a mind-mapping app. There are a number of these available, but this one is simple and uncluttered. You can change the colour and shape of the text boxes, add notes and view it as a list. Great for vocabulary revision.

i-Prompt Pro (free) turns the iPad into a teleprompter. Use to record audio or video from a script. Type in the script and set how slow you want the text to move.

FRENCH APPS:

1. **Allocine app** Films, Bandes-annonces, Cinémas, Séances, Stars et News : tout AlloCiné disponible sur iPhone et gratuitement !
2. **cosmopolitan.fr/**
3. **Jeuneafrique.com** premier journal sur l'actualité africaine vous présente son application Iphone : politique, économie, sport, société, culture, finance..
4. **Bescherelle conjuguer** (£0 :59) to conjugate French verbs.
5. **Sports.fr**

Introducing your SCHOOL COUNCIL

Pupil Voice Team reporting...

The School Council is an elite branch of Pupil Voice whereby existing Tutor Representatives write a letter of application to the Deputy Head and are then selected to oversee the events and meetings held by Pupil Voice.

All members of the School Council have been specifically chosen for their commitment and enthusiasm for making a change at Woodlands - they attend all meetings and are impeccable when participating in the many opportunities offered by Pupil Voice. There is only one more space available if anyone from Year 10 missed the deadline.

A welcome applause for your School Council 2011!

"To become more noticed around school, I applied for the School Council. I have always been interested in how to help Woodlands get even better! In my old school I was never chosen for the School Council, but I always tried to get involved and like to think I am a very good leader."

George Chapple, 7DBE



"I applied for the School Council because it is a new experience. You are able to represent your year group and help out others. Also, being involved in the School Council will look good on my CV and application forms for college."

Kathryn Spinks-Dear, 8RMT

"I decided that I wanted to be on the School Council, as I wanted to help put my opinions across to students and staff and put my ideas into helping our school."

Grace Sumner, 9JGt



"I applied for the School Council for the second year running because I really enjoyed it last time. I feel you can get more involved on the School Council and help out in different ways. I also decided to apply as I wanted to express my opinions and actually do something about it. Plus, it looks great on my CV."

Tia Orchard, 9TPa

"I wanted to be on the School Council because I'm in my final year now and am going to college next year - therefore, I felt really proud adding it to my application and CV as well as future university applications.

I belong to the Year Council and am also a prefect so the School Council is another way that I could give my view on how to improve the school."

Niamh Jones, 11NSh



Discussing Change

Pupil Voice Team reporting...

Last Thursday we all attended our Pupil Voice meeting to discuss the three top issues on our agenda:

Praise Systems - what works in different year groups and how can we ensure the right students are being praised?

Litter - how can we campaign against this in school and how will we change the way Woodlands is perceived by the community?

E-Mentoring - how can older years get involved with guiding primary school pupils on their move to Woodlands?

After discussing these issues with our tutor groups, we will be feeding their ideas back to our Heads of Year.

The voice of pupils at Woodlands is very important so please get involved. Let us know what you think this week so we can really make a difference!

January 2011

German Pupils of the Month



Winners:

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| Year 7 | Harry Davie |
| Year 8 | Anisha Dupree |
| Year 9 | Luke Williams |



Nominations

Year 7
 Preema Patel
 Danielle Sutton
 Kye Kelly
 Shea oToole
 Abby Partridge
 Jasmine Curtis
 Reece Bilton
 Libby Cox
 Ellese Stallard
 Ritchie Ramalinga-Chetty
 Lauren Smith
 Harry Davie

Year 8
 Amy Port
 Nathan Hubble
 Sian Kelly
 Justine Hudson
 Sophia Miller
 Ellie Wiltshier
 Chloe Andrews
 Anisha Dupree
 Mazey Hall
 Alex Lacey
 Kelsey Gray
 Lauren Gray

Year 9
 Bobbi Wildes
 Lucy Harris
 Jack Musgreaves
 Hannah Cross
 Samantha Peck
 Charlie Tutte
 Aaron Barnes
 Kayla Wakerly
 Catherine Smith
 Luke Williams
 Ryan Cross
 Charlene Hirst
 Elliott Jennings
 Kelsey Cooper