



Dear Parents and Carers,

In the last newsletter in March, I reflected on how short the term had been. It feels quite the opposite in the Summer Term, with us into our 14th week now. I hope all will agree it has been a very successful one for the school community and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parents and most of all the pupils for all the hard work this year. As always, it has been a pleasure speaking to parents throughout the year and sharing your child's many successes.

Whatever your political views or your opinion on the Euros football, it has certainly been a busy time recently with lots of changes and big national news stories. The pupils are not immune to these, and we always try to ensure they have an awareness of national events. We encourage them to ask questions to ensure they understand how these affect them.

This term we have had several wonderful events on site, including our Sports Day hastily rearranged due to the weather, the Year 11 goodbye party full of both tears and laughs, the explosive Science Theme Day and a large number of exciting trips and visits culminating in our first Legoland trip! Many of these events are included in greater detail in the rest of this newsletter.



Headteacher Message

You should have now received your child's school report for the Summer Term. We hope this provides a guide as to how your child has achieved this year and highlights areas where more progress can be made. On an extremely positive note, almost all pupils are meeting expectations, (99%+) with a large majority exceeding expectations, (60%+). This outstanding progress highlights how well pupils are achieving across the curriculum on offer and is among the highest levels of progress the school has ever reached.

This year we have launched our Love to Read programme which included an number of literacy and reading elements, such as; the renovated Book Nook, the Book Fair, Reading Eggs and Rapid Reader to name a few. These were offered alongside an intensive phonics programme for those who require it, (Read, Write, Inc). We can already see a significant boost in many pupils' literacy levels and enjoyment of reading and look forward to this continuing next academic year. A huge thank you to our Reading Team for all their hard work here.



This summer we say goodbye to some incredible staff. Ms Ulamoleka has been with us for five years and has put so much work into the Science department, creating a culture of fun, achievement and safety across all her lessons. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very happy retirement. We also say goodbye to Kevin who has been with us a TA (and previously an apprentice) since the pandemic. Kevin will be missed by all, but we know he will make an outstanding teacher! Ilhan and Alicia will also be leaving us this term after a year at Woodlane, and I want to thank them for their contributions to the school during this time.

Headteacher Message



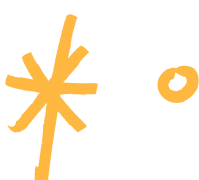
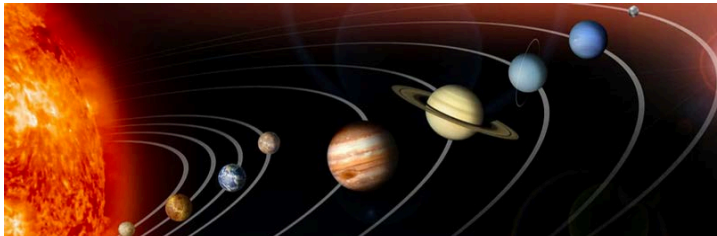
As we enter the summer holidays, I want to wish everyone a restful break and hope you all find plenty of opportunity for quality family time. As always, if you need to contact school during the break, you can do so via email at the usual admin email address for the quickest response. You are able to telephone but the office will only be open at certain times throughout the break. Staff will aim to respond to any messages get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Thursday 5th September!

Nut Free School

In September, the school will be moving to become a Nut Free school. As the number of children (and staff) coming to Woodlane with an allergy increases, we are making this change formally to protect pupils from harm. If your child has a packed lunch from home, I hope you will support this change by ensuring you send no products to school that contain nuts. This will be repeated a number of times in the new academic year too, and prior to any requests for pupils to bring in a packed lunch.



Science Theme Day



In June the whole school took part in Science theme day. This year the focus was on Space.

Pupils made space cookies, textile planets and took part in a space hunt. We were fortunate enough to have some samples of soil and rocks from the moon and some meteorites that have landed on Earth. The samples were brought back by astronauts on Apollo missions. They were given to the UK by NASA and the American Government. Each year a few schools are able to have them on loan.

There was a Silly Science show in the hall where pupils got to see and take part in some great experiments.

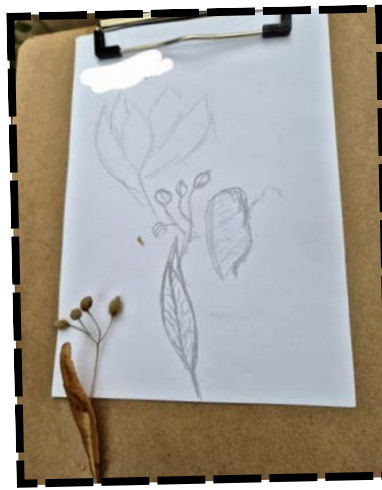


Science Lessons

Year 8 have been learning about renewable energy resources. This term they tested solar cells and mini wind turbines.



Year 9 Kew Gardens Trip



On the 9th June, Year 9 pupils went to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. They got to see some of the amazing plants, including the giant water lilies and some impressive sculptures made by a London artist, Marc Quinn.

After lunch, pupils took part in a workshop where they got to show off their great observational and artistic skills.

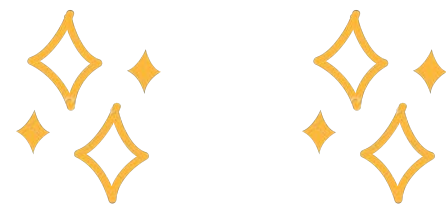


Goalball Competition

On Wednesday 3rd July, Yara and Jaylen represented Woodlane at a local Goalball event. Goalball is a sport specifically designed for athletes with a visual impairment. A ball with a bell inside is rolled to each side of the pitch with the aim to roll this into your opponents' goal. Thank you to Tracey and Saliha who had to make up the numbers and played blindfolded.



It was also a wonderful opportunity to check out the range of activities at West Youth Zone which is a purpose-built facility in White City for young people aged 8-19. A membership costs only £5 a year, or you can join the youth club for just 50p per session - definitely a fabulous resource to access over the holidays!



If you would like to find out more about West Youth Zone, please visit www.westyouthzone.org



EHCPS and Annual Reviews

Annual Reviews at Woodlane are a really important way in which we can celebrate the progress and achievements of pupils. It is also an opportunity for parents, staff and professionals to share our views, and set outcomes moving forward.

We like to make this process as supportive as possible, therefore, if you have any questions about your child's EHCP, or the review process, please contact Ms Jermain on the school's main number, or you can email: jjermain@woodlane.lbhf.sch.uk



Ms Jermain
(SENDCo)



Year 11 Annual Reviews

Year 11 Annual Reviews will take place over the course of the Autumn Term and you will receive a letter in September with your appointment slot.

Year 11 parents often worry about making choices about college, and we fully understand that this can be a confusing and nerve-wracking time. There are lots of ways in which Woodlane will support you with college applications and choosing the right setting for your child. One opportunity to discuss these next steps will be in the Annual Review meeting and this is why we advise every parent to let us know well in advance if they will be unable to meet their scheduled slot.

If you haven't already started researching Post-16 settings, and your child is currently in Year 10, it is worth making a start. Local Authorities will ask for your preference list, most often during the Annual Review, so that they can start consulting with your chosen provisions. Being informed in advance is advisable, but if you need further guidance, please know that we are here for your questions.

I hope you have a wonderful summer with your family and I look forward to meeting with you all next year.

Ms Jermain



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



Hannah Vine OT

This term, our new Food Explorers programme was introduced to pupils. The Woodlane Food Explorers programme supports pupils who may find it difficult being exposed to different types of foods. The programme has a relaxed approach when exposing the pupils to new foods and there is no pressure for pupils to touch, taste or smell them. Our Food Explorers have been very creative with new foods and have experimented with a variety of different textures. They put their food preparation and presentation skills to practice using techniques like peeling, cutting and mashing. Take a look at some of their amazing creations!



A huge well done to our
Woodlane Food Explorers this term!

Samra NC KS3

Theadora NC KS3

Ademini NC KS3

Lucca NC KS3

Sam 10SW

Eddie 10SW



YEAR 10 HISTORY LESSONS

Year 10 historians have been learning about 1920s American society and how similar or different it is to American society in 2024. Students have studied a variety of topics such as gangsters like Al Capone, the banning of alcohol (prohibition), flapper women, Hollywood, Native Americans, Sacco and Vanzetti and the Wall Street Crash.

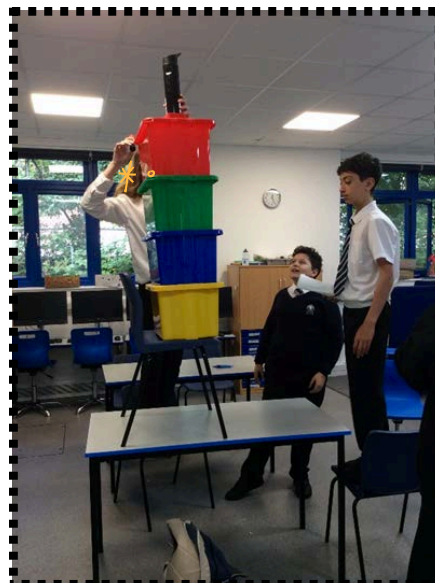


KEY SKILLS EVENT

KS3 took part in a key skills event. They acquired important skills that we all need to use in our lives.

Pupils took part in some fun team-building exercises such as, building the highest tower, careers games, Kahoot and activities developing social skills.

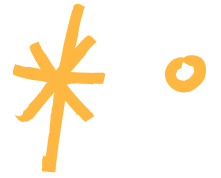
The Key skills event links in with our PSICHE curriculum and helps pupils to prepare for adulthood. All pupils were actively engaged and learned some useful new skills.



Medical and Personal Care

Hello all, my name is Demi and I am the Medical and Personal Care TA here at Woodlane. My role consists of ensuring pupils' medical and personal needs are met throughout the school day -this includes physiotherapy, school nurse visits, and routines for personal care.

It is important to make sure you get plenty of exercise during the 6 week summer break as it has many benefits to your body. Consistency with physiotherapy reduces pain, improves mobility, physical functions and improves your balance. Another huge benefit to exercise is that it uplifts your mood! Lets enjoy the summer and stay active!



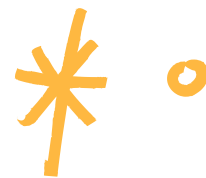
Year 11 First Aid Training

Once their exams were over year 11 had the opportunity to learn some basic first aid techniques.





Sports Day



Sports day at BDA was a washout this year, but that didn't stop the students competing ferociously in the indoor sports day at Woodlane.

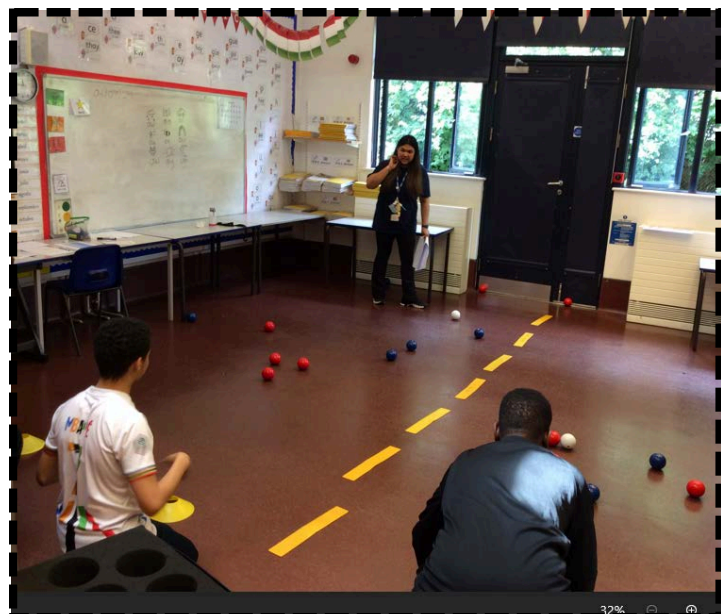
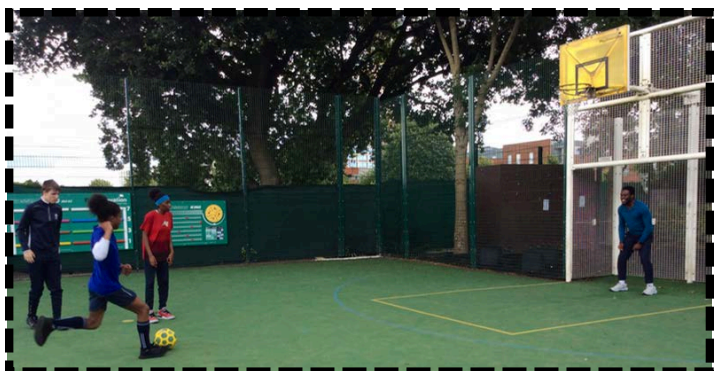
With the unpredictable weather meaning sports day had to be indoors, the students competed in a range of different events. These included: Boccia, Curling, Goalball, Football, Basketball, Throwing, Yoga, Orienteering and Dancing.

Students were awarded points based on effort and performance. The top three in each group were then awarded the respective gold, silver and bronze medals.

As with every sports day, students prior to the day were allocated a team colour. Every student's points would then contribute towards their overall team points. It was closely contested and the leading team colour changed throughout the day, as students continued to be awarded points. However, it would be the black team who would be crowned this year's sports day winning team with a sum of over 950 points!

A special mention must go to all students who participated in such an enthusiastic and positive manner all day. In the heat of battle students continued to support and encourage each other and helped contribute to a different type of Sports day. It was a fantastically fun day all round.

We are hopeful for good weather next year so we can welcome parents and carers to support pupils in their 2025 Sports day!



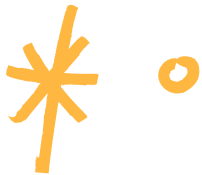
Reading Eggs



Home Reading

We now have 'Reading Eggspress' at Woodlane. This means you have a whole library of online books available to read at home. You should have received your login, so please ask your form tutor if you have misplaced it.

Once logged in, just click on:



Then:



or



To find a whole range of amazing books!





When you read a book and complete the quiz, you earn golden eggs.



Golden eggs can be spent in the virtual mall, and used to buy clothing, pets and furniture for your apartment.



There are lots of other areas to explore and lessons to try, but we are particularly interested in you exploring the books in the virtual library.



Spanish Cafe

It has been a busy term for trips in Spanish! Pupils from KS4 Nurture class, 9NM and 9MU have all had the opportunity to try some Spanish churros and desserts.



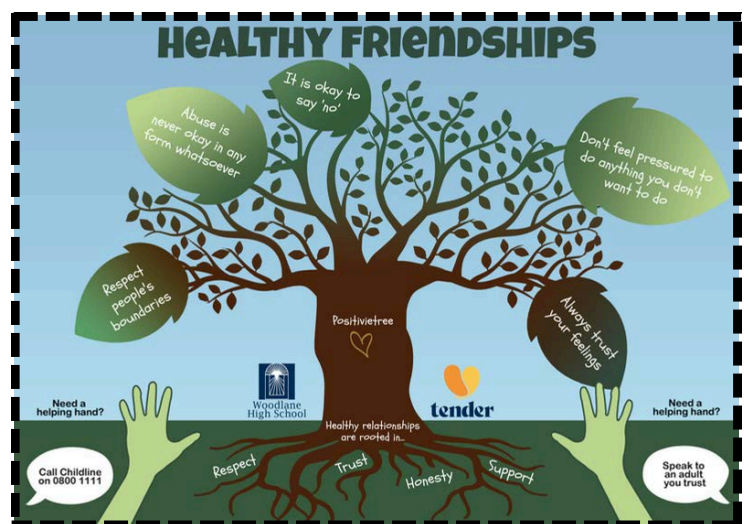
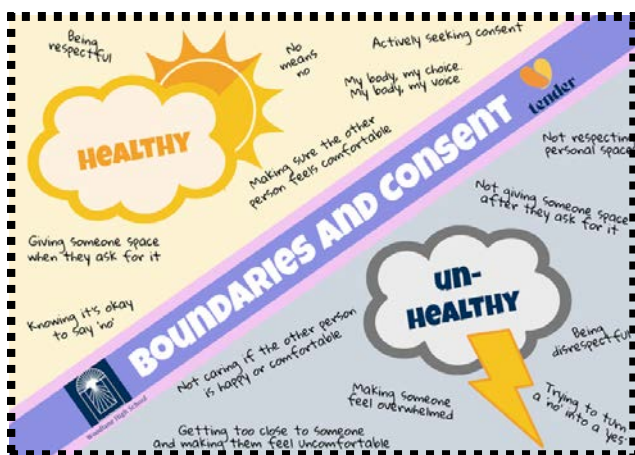
Both 9NM and 9MU really enjoyed tasting some traditional Spanish and Mexican food at Taco Bell. They learned how to use key vocabulary to order and say what they were eating.

KS4 Nurture class visited the Knot Churros in Westfield where they took some fun photos, then made their way to buy some 'Spanish pastel' -Delicioso! We are hoping to return soon in September, with some other groups!





Tender UK has worked with 9NM during the Spring term to equip them with the skills they need to build healthy relationships, explore sensitive topics safely and develop an understanding on how they can maintain positive relationships. 9NM have created these fantastic posters, which are all based around healthy and un-healthy relationships, boundaries and consent, healthy friendships and a role play to show a positive engagement with others. The pupils have worked very hard in creating these posters, which were then passed on to a graphic designer who brought their visions to life, all provided by Tender UK. All of the posters are displayed around the school and in classrooms to help pupils feel empowered around these topics. Tender UK also came in to school to carry out a celebration assembly to share the posters with the other year groups. Tender awarded certificates to pupils for their amazing work and contributions in the workshops.



MASTERCHEF

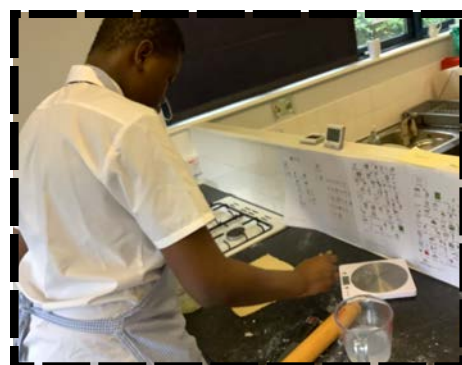


Years 7-10 took part in an exciting Masterchef competition this term showing great skill, determination and positivity!

Round 1



Years 7 and 8 made bruschetta



Year 9 made chelsea buns



Year 10 made fishfingers



Semi-finals

Well done to Nourhan, Joel, Jean-Louis and Kamal who all reached the Year 7 and 8 semi-final where they made croque-monsieurs.



Another big 'well done' to Daniel, Theo, Jaylen and Tiffany who reached the Year 9 and 10 semi-final where they made spaghetti bolognese.

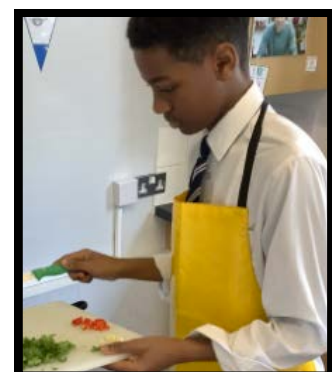


Finals

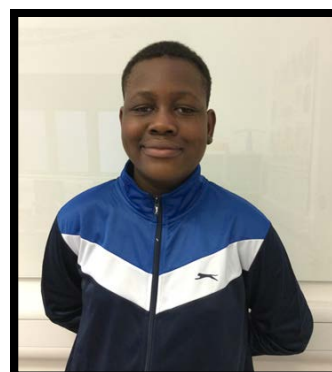
A HUGE congratulations to Joel and Kamal who made chana masala and Daniel and Jaylen who were tasked with making lemon coriander chicken curry in the FINAL!



And the winners of Masterchef Woodlane 2024 are...



Kamal



Daniel



MASTERCHEF NURTURE



Nurture class ran their own Masterchef competition



Well done to Sihaam who was the worthy winner after making a sandwich, fruit kebab and tzatziki!



YEAR 9 ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL TRIP



Lewis 9NM

'I really enjoyed walking around inside the Cathedral. There were a lot of coffins in the crypt which had writing and poppy flowers on them.'

Myia 9NM

'The Cathedral was very interesting and grand, I liked the gold and the decorations.'

Maael 9NM

'I found the statues and the crypt to be the most interesting.'

Muna 9MU

'The Trip was very interesting and enlightening, I learn a lot about a very important building.'

Ryan 9MU

'It was the best trip I've went on; we learnt so much about the history of St Paul's. I can't believe it survived WW2!'

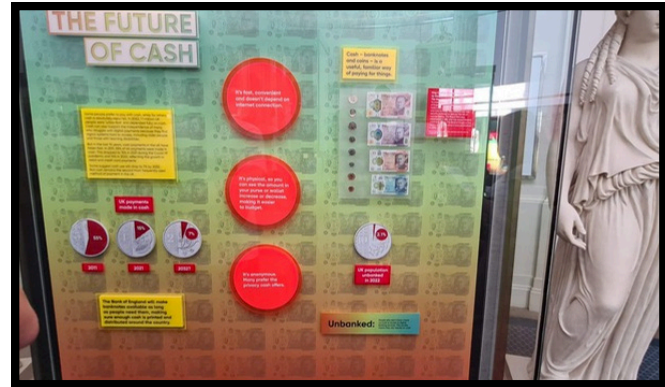
* Year 9 Bank of England Trip *

At the end of the summer term, pupils in Year 9 visited the Bank of England Museum. Pupils were able to develop their financial literacy skills; exploring how money and the way we use it has evolved over the years including exploring digital and contactless payments we now have access to as individuals and businesses. This was a great opportunity for pupils to explore how the role of money and finances impact our everyday life and why this is such an important life skill for pupils to develop.

Comments:

"The Bank of England Museum was really fun! I love absolutely everything about money, so it was great learning about how money has evolved over the years".

"I really enjoyed the day and found it really interesting learning about money. We worked in pairs to complete the problem-solving challenges, as we moved around the different sections of the museum".



NURTURE CLASS



Nurture Class studied the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit', which is full of very expressive letters. Then we wrote our own letters to friends and family. We put on addresses and stamps and posted them in the local postbox. Lots of us even got replies!

TWIST TRIP YEAR 11

Year 11 embarked on an exciting journey to Oxford Street to experience the Twist museum as part of the celebration plans for their last week at Woodlane. They explored a range of optical illusions and took part in many creative activities as they adventured through the museum.

Pupils enjoyed the various themed rooms which enabled them to be part of lots of the illusions and also work with their peers to create new ones. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to view commercial Art with a 'Twist.'



HOLIDAY GAME IDEAS

Playing games during the holidays can help support many areas of language and communication development. Some of the skills games can help build include:

- Shared attention
- Turn taking, including anticipating and waiting for a turn
- Working collaboratively/as a team (cooperative games)
- Negotiation and strategy sharing with others
- Asking for help or checking/clarifying
- Following and giving instructions
- Question asking and answering
- Vocabulary and concepts (e.g. colours, same/different, describing words etc.)
- Memory, remembering things
- Emotional regulation, such as feeling excited, managing winning, or losing etc.



Word games when **out and about** that you may be familiar with for consideration

- **I spy** if letters are tricky, play it by describing things 'something that is round, bouncy and you can kick or throw it – a ball'
- **Stop the Bus** – choose 2-3 groups/categories to talk about such as food, countries, animals, names etc. One person says the alphabet and stops on a letter when their partner says, 'stop the bus!'. Both players have to try and name an item from each group beginning with the target letter e.g. 'c' – 'cereal, Croatia and Cameron'

Outdoor or park games examples

- Simon Says or Musical statues
- Scavenger Hunts e.g. find 5 x green things, find 3 x things that spin, 2 x things that are transparent etc.

You may like to explore some commercial **cooperative board games** during the holidays. These are games that players work as a team instead of competing against or opposing each other. These games can help with supporting

- Turn taking while working as a team
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Strategy sharing

We can use **declarative language** i.e. make comments and saying aloud statements about what we see, is happening or sharing our thoughts and feelings to help us during these games. Examples of **cooperative games** you might like to explore, shown from easier to harder in order.



You may prefer some ideas of **travel games** you can pick up and pack for holidays, perhaps you have some already in a cupboard!



Nurture Summer Celebration

On Tuesday 16th July, Nurture Class had their end of year summer celebration! Parents were invited to look at examples of work Nurture class were proud of this year, taste some of their cooking and chat to other parents. As you can see from the smiles on everyone's faces, the event was a success!



Awards

We are delighted to celebrate this year's Woodlane Pupil Achievement Awards. Our awards recognise significant improvement and contribution to school life. This year's wonderful pupil winners are:

Most improved Literacy: **Nicola**

Most improved Numeracy: **Mael**

Most improved Behaviour & Social Skills: **Tiffany**

Most improved Independence: **Muna (Y9)**

Hard work & Effort: **Edmund**



Role Model Award: **Allen**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCIENCE TEACHER

Hello, my name is Mrs Khan and I will be starting in September as your new Science Subject Leader. I like all things "STEAM" - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. I am thoroughly looking forward to meeting you all soon!



School Nurse



Hello, my name is Saffi Nantwi. I am a registered children's nurse and will be your named school nurse from September 2024 😊. I will be in school on Fridays in the medical room, and I am available to support children and young people with a range of emotional and health needs. I work within a multi-agency community team and can liaise with/refer your child to relevant services to further support their needs. Further information about the school nursing service is available here: <https://clch.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing>



The infographic features a central text box with the following content:

Have a confidential chat with your School Nurse Saffi Nantwi

Find me in Woodlane Highschool on Fridays in the medical room.

Surrounding this central text are several circular icons representing various health and emotional issues:

- Relationships (with an icon of two people holding hands)
- Bullying
- Emotional wellbeing & mental health (with a brain icon)
- Stress & anxiety (with a person sitting at a desk icon)
- Alcohol, drugs, smoking & vaping
- Body image worries (with a sad face icon)
- Family matters
- Healthy eating & exercise (with a running person icon)
- Bed wetting, bowel & bladder issues
- Growing up, puberty, & adolescence (with a roller coaster icon)
- Sleep
- Relationships

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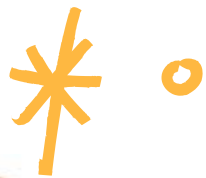


After five years at Woodlane and 20 years as a teacher, Ms Ulamoleka is finally packing away the bunsen burners, removing her protective goggles and hanging up her lab coat for the final time! Ms Ulamoleka has been an invaluable member of the Woodlane team and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a wonderful retirement, full of lots of well-earned relaxation and enjoyment. Put your feet up Ms Ulamoleka - you deserve it!

We know that there will be great sadness amongst staff and pupils to say goodbye to an incredibly popular TA, Kevin Ayree. Having been with us for the last 3 years, Kevin has decided to study English Literature at university and we know he will enjoy enormous success in whatever he chooses to pursue in the future. Good luck Kevin and we will all miss you!



We are also bidding farewell to our much-loved school nurse, Marie Thomas, who has been supporting our pupils for many years. Marie will be retiring this year and we wish her all the very best for the future. We will miss Marie's warmth and humour around the school building.



We are saying goodbye to Ilhan and Alicia who will be moving on to new adventures - we wish them lots of luck for the future.



Summer Holiday Local Activities



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BEGINS 18TH OF JULY UNTIL 22ND OF AUGUST
EVERY THURSDAY 10AM-1PM
AGES: 14+

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29th July - 30th August 2024

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WEST fun whilst schools are off!

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For Junior WEST Members, ages 8 to 12.

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Summer Holiday Project

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Description

Youth service for disabled young people aged 11-25. A wide range of fun and accessible activities offered free of charge for all LBHF residents.

Have a wonderful Summer holiday!

Year 7 pupils start: Wednesday 4th September

Years 8-11 return: Thursday 5th September