

Woodend Farm School Newsletter - November 2023

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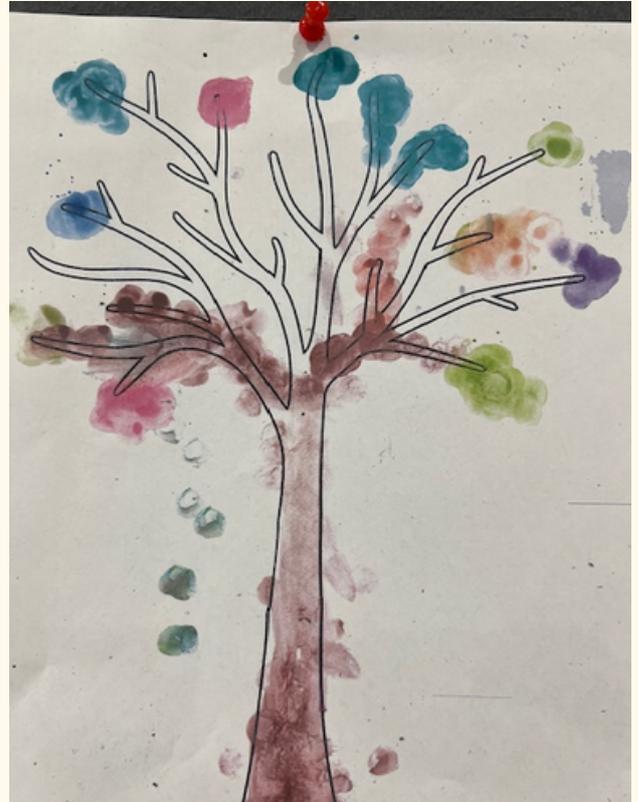
I hope you and your families enjoyed the October half term.

Across our curriculum, we have been focusing on 'Teamwork' and working together collaboratively. In all lessons, we have been talking about, and working on, subjects such as friendship, sharing and participation. The children have learnt some really important life-lessons, whilst having lots of fun at the same time!

Some of our children have also been having non-contact boxing lessons - they have absolutely loved these sessions and have enjoyed showing off their skills. Boxing increases fitness and confidence, and teaches children important values and ethics.

This half term, we look forward to speaking to you at our parents evenings and updating you on your child's progress. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01376 790202.

Mrs Overland
Head of School



Maddie's Tree, Beech Class



Harley's Boat, Oak Class

Parent contact details

In order to keep in touch with parents and to contact you quickly if needed, we need to make sure we have the correct phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses for our pupils.

Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed and we will update them.

Thank you!

Daily Pupil Updates



We enjoy updating you via our daily phone calls about your child's day at Woodend Farm School.

The school days can be very busy and although we can't always guarantee an exact time to call, we will call by the end of the day.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying our brand new Sensory and Movement rooms!

The rooms provide the opportunity for our pupils to regulate and relax, whilst also having the chance to move their bodies and explore new sensations, textures and colours.

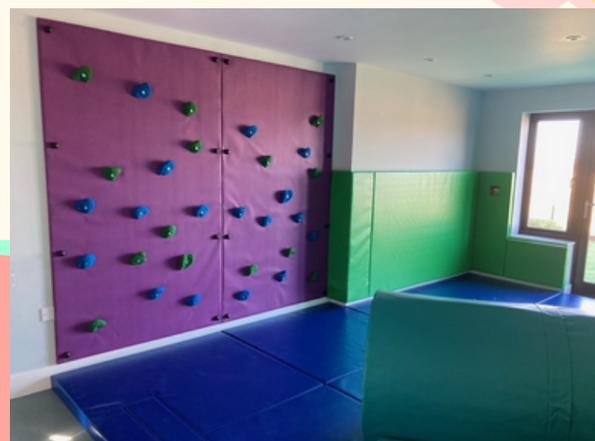


PE Kits

Please could you ensure your children have the correct PE kit with them each day they attend school.

We have a lovely outside area which we will enjoy for as long as the weather is good, so we need to make sure children have everything they need to enjoy their PE lessons.

Thank you.



Please could we ask parents to return any items which belong to school which may have made their way home.

Sometimes things like books, spare clothes and toys can go on little adventures - if you spot anything in your child's school bag that isn't theirs, we would be grateful if they could be returned.

Thank you!

We are proud to be working with support groups and local businesses which provide items and services to our school and our families. Recently GK Cycles in Witham completed a free bike safety check for us. Witham Hub have sourced a multitude of items needed for our school and some of our school community.

Perriwoods Garden Centre in Tiptree donated £30 towards seeds and flowers for the WFS Gardening Club. Many families in the Witham community and school staff have also made generous donations.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved for their support and kindness.



Shirt artwork by Oak Class

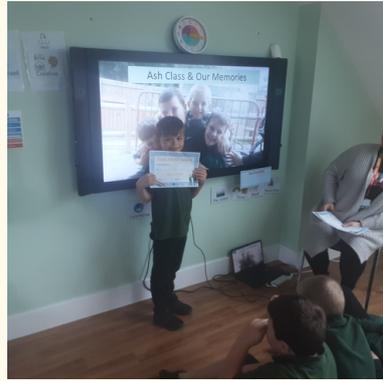
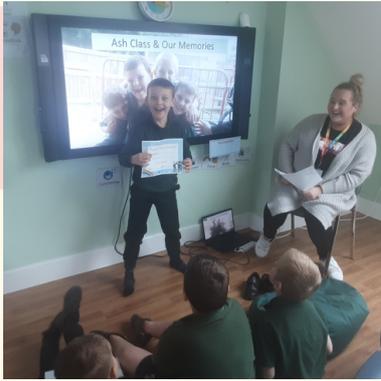
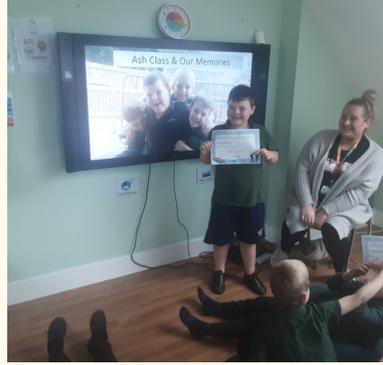
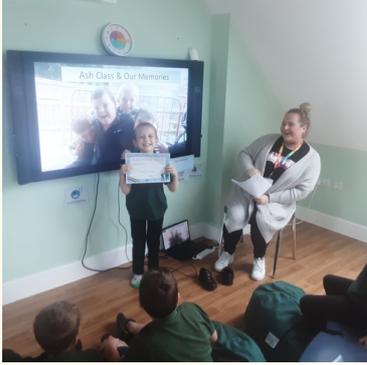


Artwork by Ted, Ash Class



UK Artwork by Beech Class

ASH CLASS CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP!



Ash Class celebrated friendship - each pupil received a certificate for something kind and friendly that they had done! They talked about the importance of friendship, and what it means to be a good friend.



Black History Month Assembly



Woodend Farm School pupils learned about Black History month during an informative whole-school assembly.

The children discussed what is fair and what isn't, using different 'real-life' situations to help their discussions.

Pupils gave extremely kind and thoughtful responses, and really enjoyed listening to everyone's ideas and input.

The national celebration of Black History month aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general.



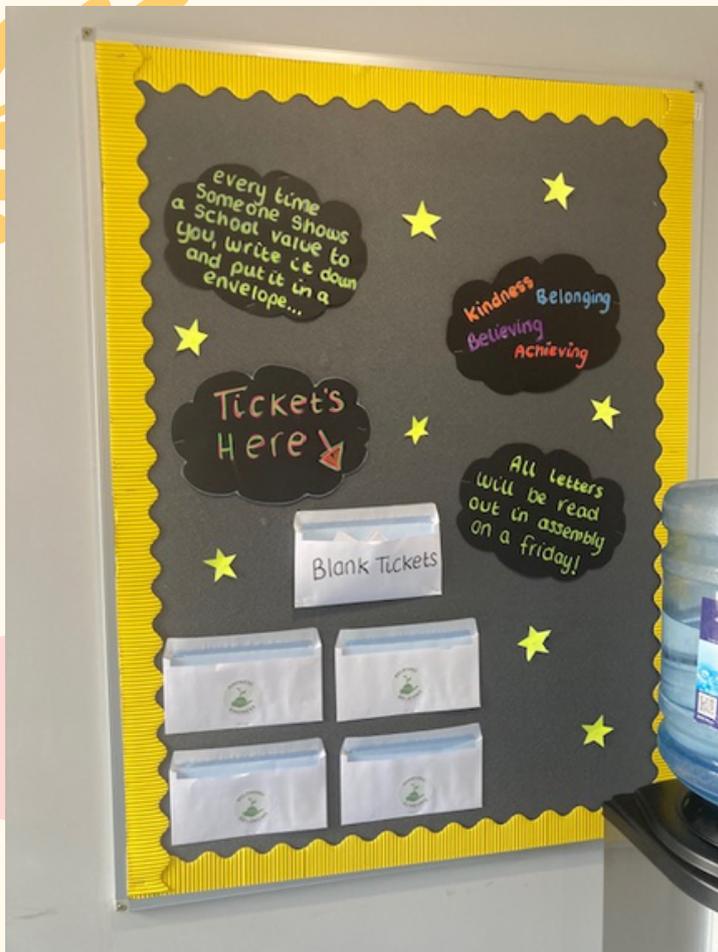
Kindness, Belonging, Believing and Achieving!

Here is our school values display board!

Children and staff can nominate a pupil who has displayed a particular value. They then put that child's name in to the value envelope, and these are then celebrated in Friday's assembly.

Since we introduced the board last half-term, it has worked really well. Children are delighted when they are recognised for an act of kindness, or when they are celebrated for working hard on something.

School values are very important to us and it is wonderful to celebrate these with the children, and to see them in action!



Introducing Bluey and Snowy!

We are very excited to announce the arrival of two beautiful white female rabbits!

They will live in the Thrive Room, and children will be able to have regular time with them on a 1-to-1 basis.

Time spent with animals such as rabbits teach children valuable life lessons, like responsibility, trust, compassion, respect and patience. While animals offer a lot of benefits to children, children also have a lot to offer - both children and animals enjoy play time, as well as having cuddles!

