



Welcome

This half term has been an exciting one for Woldgate School and for our Transition calendar. The building work for our new school began this month, and we look forward to sharing more details with you as the construction progresses. You can find out more about this in the Wonder Learning Partnership section of this newsletter. In addition, our pupils at Woldgate School have had the opportunity to take part in some fantastic extracurricular visits, including international visits to Berlin and Iceland.

Mrs McDonough and I enjoyed our visit to St Martins, Fangfoss this week, to present some prizes for a range of transition competitions, including our Festive Photography competition. Well done to all of those who entered, and to Isabelle, whose winning entry was amazing! You can see the picture that

Isabelle took below. We will be visiting more primary schools after the Easter break to deliver some more competition prizes – don't forget to enter the competition in this Newsletter to be in with a chance of winning!

Next half term, we will begin our more formal transition visits. With the help of Mrs McDonough (our Year 7 Care and Achievement Coordination), and Mrs McKie (our Senior SENCO), I will be

visiting all our local feeder primary schools. The purpose of these visits is to inform pupils of the transition from primary to secondary, but to also answer any questions and get to know pupils prior to them joining us in September.

We have also launched our Easter Competition. More details can be found on Page 9 of this newsletter. There are many ways for pupils to get involved — such as taking a photo of an egg, or designing a pattern for an Easter Egg. We can't wait to see all the amazing entries that our Year 5 and 6 pupils submit! As with our Festive Photography Competition, the Transition Team will judge each category and the winners will receive a selection of goodies from our Woldgate School Reward Shop.

As always, our dedicated transition email address, transition@woldgate.net, can be used by parents/carers for any transition-related questions or queries. In addition to this, our transition X (formerly Twitter) account, @WoldTransition, posts regular updates on our transition activities and life for our Year 7 pupils.

After the Easter Break, we will be sending out our Welcome Packs to all Year 6 pupils joining us in September. Please do keep an eye out for these arriving in the weeks following the Easter break – they contain a range of exciting tasks for pupils to complete and information on life at Woldgate School

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Mr Williams
Primary Transition Coordinator





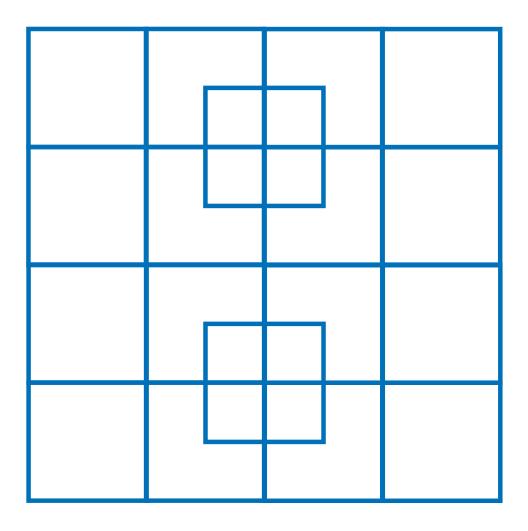
"Wonder is the beginning of wisdom" Socrates



Woldgate School - DfE Schools Rebuild Programme Start Date - 11th March 2024

Exciting news! After 2 years in the planning, working with DfE and Wates Construction, the DfE Schools Rebuild Programme is started at the school on Monday 11th March. The enabling works will be the first phase of the work and will consist of creating a haul road to give access to construction traffic so the main entrance and car park on the school grounds are not used by the contractors. Hoarding and heras fencing will be erected to create the building site boundary and a new fire assembly area for the school to ensure safety is the top priority across the school grounds and throughout the construction site.

The demolition of I Block, Attenuation and MUGA are all part of this phase and will start following the enabling works so there will be regular updates and pictures as the project develops so watch this space!



Brainteaser competition: Win an Amazon Kindle Fire!

Have a look at the puzzle below. How many squares are there?

Submit your entries here:

https://forms.office.com/e/GKJ0g9bKvR

Entries close Friday 24 May 2024



Democracy in Action

One of the ways that we aim to put into practice the British Value of Democracy is through our Form Representatives. Earlier in the year, pupils decided whether they wanted to stand as a representative for their Form Group and the other members of the Form Group then voted for them.

As a Year 7 group of Reps, we meet regularly to discuss the issues raised by the forms and it is really helpful to discuss the priorities for Year 7. The Reps present their ideas and concerns and then we record these to either be discussed at later meetings or they can be passed on to Mr Sloman or other members of the senior team. Some forms have created suggestion boxes where pupils collate their ideas in preparation for the meetings.

Items raised include lots of positives: choices of food at lunchtimes; the reduction in litter around our area as a result of the litter rota; plans for trips in the Summer Term; teachers who are very encouraging; rewards and the range of clubs and enrichment on offer. They have also brought concerns, such as the queues at lunchtime, although they recognise that these have improved since the re-opening of M Block, and the request for more non-uniform days.

A really encouraging request was for some charity events such as a Bake Sale where Year 7 suggested pupils could raise money for a chosen charity and also equipment for Year 7 to use at lunchtime. Mrs McDonough and I have been very impressed with the maturity of the contributions from our Reps, and we look forward to more useful meetings in the future.





She enjoys being part of a team and has competed in a range of competitions along with her friends. She likes the outfits they wear, too. "Trampolining", she says "is amazing fun and feels like when you are with your friends at the park spinning round on the rides".

Well done, Evie; keep aiming high!



Cross country successes!

Recently, Evie and Ava in Year 7 took part in the Humberside Schools Cross Country. Both girls did brilliantly, finishing 36th (Ava) and 57th (Evie) in a race of more than 120 pupils from across the county.

The competition took place over three fields in Scunthorpe and was approximately 2.2km and the girls were picked having done well in their previous competitions.

Ava and Evie have both enjoyed Cross-Country running since they were in Year 4 and Year 3 so it is something they are developing skills in. Evie said that her previous school used to run a "Daily Mile" which prepared her for running longer distances. Since being at Woldgate School, they have joined the Cross-Country club after school on Mondays with Mrs McDonough. They had discussed tactics as part of the sessions at the club and both agree that the plan to pace themselves in the opening stages and end with a sprint finished worked well.

Both girls said that they would recommend it as a hobby, they said it does sometimes get very muddy, but they do not mind!



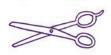
Hair raising for charity

During the February half term holiday, Polly made the brave decision to donate her hair to charity. She had supported The Little Princess Trust when she was at Primary School and felt it was a worthwhile thing to do. The charity uses donated hair to make wigs for children who have had treatment or lost their hair for medical reasons.



Polly Walker

for kindly donating your hair









On the morning of the haircut, she felt a little bit nervous, but also excited to see what the new haircut would look like. The hairdresser put a bobble on her ponytail, top and bottom and cut the hair. She then styled the hair. In order to donate, the hair needs to be at least 12 inches long and Polly's hair was 13 inches long.

I am sure that you will agree the new style really suits Polly and we are really proud of the way that she is thinking of others and also the £140 which she donated to the charity through sponsorships. We asked Polly if she would do it again or recommend supporting the charity and she said: "Definitely!" The charity are grateful for Polly's support and sent a certificate to thank her.



Woldgate School Year 6 Easter Egg Hunt!

Our next Year 6 challenge has an Easter theme! We are on the hunt for some incredible Easter eggs. Can you help us find them?

Here are a few ideas...



Decorate a real egg.

Design a pattern for an egg.





There will be prizes for the winning entries. Good luck everyone!

Please ask your parents/carers to post your Easter Egg Hunt entry on X.



Please tag the @WoldTransition account.

Alternatively, email transition@woldgate.net

Entries close on Monday 8th April 2024



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