



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

At the end of the first full week back it has been great to see the children engaging with their new topics. Please do ensure you have a look under the class pages on the website as there are some great pictures on there and it gives you a great idea of what they did last term and is always a great conversation starter with your children.

It is with regret however, that I must share some sad staffing news with you. Mrs Smith our Deputy Head will be moving on at the end of this academic year, as she is planning on moving to Dubai. Even though she will be here for the next 7 months and is fully committed to the journey, we are on at Wooden Hill, I want to thank her for the fantastic impact she has had on the quality of education provided at Wooden Hill. As she has given me so much notice, it gives us a great opportunity to advertise early and find someone who can hopefully fill the very big shoes she will leave behind.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

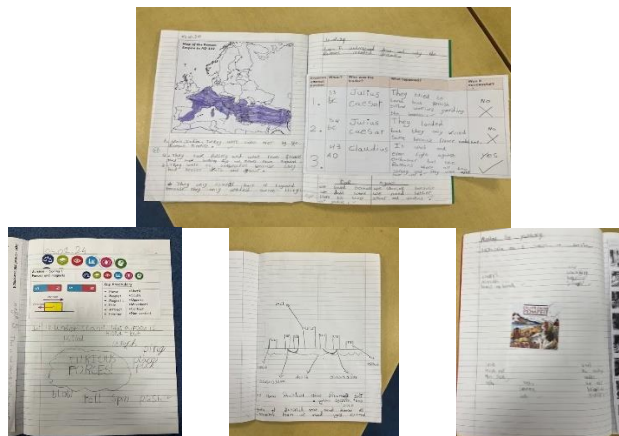
Mr Garner

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to term and have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn! We have begun our Topic 'Gladiators' by exploring the expansion of the Roman Empire, mapping their movements, the attempts to invade Britain and the famous Hadrian's Wall. The children have thrown themselves into our new writing unit, inspired by the tragic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have been using the 5 senses to enhance our descriptions and prepositions for detail. In Science, we were amazed by the quantity of verbs children were able to generate, just by moving objects around their table. We can't wait to see the fantastic outcomes as we move through the term.

House Points

This week, we introduced House Points for our new House Teams – Earth (Green), Fire (Red), Air (Yellow) and Water (Blue). House Points will be awarded to pupils showing effort and perseverance in their work. Children will also be rewarded with Raffle tickets for being READY! They will be awarded a ticket if they demonstrate our school values. Class teachers will draw a raffle ticket from their class box each week and the 'Class Value Champion' can chose an individual or class reward. The 'Class Values Champion' will then give their raffle ticket to Mr Garner/ Mrs Smith- who will draw a school champion in Friday assembly (there will be a prize!)



Parking

Please park legally and safely during school drop off and pick up. There have been incidents of near misses reported to us through the dangerous driving and parking. If this type of parking and driving continues the likelihood of an incident where a person is hit will increase. **Also, please do not park on grass verges or block driveways**



Save the date; February Disco - Friday 9 February, tickets on sale next week!

Also - watch this space for very exciting news about a Legoland Inset Day...

Don't forget you can follow Wooden Hill Fundraisers on Facebook by clicking this link:

[Facebook page](#)

Diary Dates

Year 5 Residential Meeting Tuesday 23rd January 2.30pm

Ask Inge Parenting Session Tuesday 30th January (2pm – 3pm)

Reception Height & Weight Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January

Y2 Cake Sale Friday 2nd February

No Clubs W/C 5th February

Parent Consultations Tuesday 6th February / Wednesday 7th February

School Disco Friday 9th February

Half Term Monday 12th February – 16th February

INSET Day Monday 19th February (school closed)

First Day of Term Tuesday 20th February

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance:	96%
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Top class for attendance:	Kite
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Fantastic attendance from Kite last week with 99% attendance – well done! Our whole school attendance is up on the previous week's figure.

Website Class Pages

We have updated the Class Pages section on our website. Please do take a look at some of the wonderful work the children have done. Click the link below, then click on the relevant year group and then Our Learning.

<https://www.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=26>