

That week has whizzed by, hasn't it?

Firstly, well done to all of our Y6 children! They have showed true resilience and determination in their approach to the SAT tests this week. All of the Y6 children were in school each day for their SATs (super attendance Y6!) and the Y6 SAT breakfast club was a success too! The early breakfast enabled all of the children from Y6, who chose to attend, to have a social time with their friends before settling down to complete their SATs. A big thank you to the staff that came in super early to school to help prepare the breakfast club treats. The SAT test papers have now all been sealed and the papers have been sent off for marking - the children can do no more! The focus for Y6 now will be continuing to support the children in preparing for their high school transition; Y6 staff will also ensure the children will enjoy the last few weeks of primary school and I know the staff have lots of lovely activities planned for the Y6 children to mark the end of their time in primary school (behaviour dependant, of course!).

As part of the celebrations to end SATs week, the Y6 children were treated to an ice cream! Steve, a local ice cream van/business, sent his brother, Dave, to visit the school today and the children (and staff) chose a delicious, tasty treat, myself included! Y6 also had the now traditional end of primary school photo taken by Tempest, with all of their peers and Y6 staff included in the photo! Y6 children also had an individual photograph taken to mark the end of their time at Woodlands.

Y3, Y4 and Y5 children must be praised for their super behaviour this week whilst SATs have been taking place. The children moved around school so quietly and were respectful of the need for quiet to enable the Y6 children to concentrate; well done children!

Whilst Y6 have been undertaking their SATs in classrooms, the Y5 children have been busy in the KS2 hall practising their assembly. Y5 children are looking forward to showcasing their assembly to parents next week on Wednesday 21st May at 9.15AM or 1.45PM – we look forward to welcoming parents/carers into school!

On Monday, after school, Mrs Dutton held a meeting for parents of current Y3 children. She shared information with parents about the planned residential for Y4 next year to Menai; this residential has an arts-based focus and the children take part in lots of creative activities linked to the curriculum work in school. For more information, Mrs Dutton has shared the powerpoint on Seesaw for parents to look at. I already have this trip booked into my diary!

In their outdoor learning sessions, EYFS children have been busy continuing to learn about the safety of being outdoors. The children learnt different commands that informed them of what safety precautions to take outside in the forest school area. Mrs Ahmad shared that the children have had fun, were engaged and are learning lots when in the forest school area. With Y1, Mrs Ahmad worked with the children exploring and taking time to ensure that the newly planted trees are safely in their guards. Children in Y2 enjoyed working in groups to create a shelter. They used their communication skills and brilliant teamwork exploring a range of shelters – well done!

Some of our brilliant Y5 children took part in the prestigious Everton Mini Kickers tournament final, having earned their place after winning their previous tournament — an incredible achievement in itself! The team represented our school with pride, passion, and impeccable behaviour throughout the morning. Their determination and teamwork were second to none, and they gave everything they had in the semi-final match. After a hard-fought game that ended 1-1, the result came down to penalties. Despite a brave effort, the team narrowly missed out on a place in the final but their heads remained high - and rightly so. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Reaching this stage is an outstanding accomplishment, and their attitude, sportsmanship and spirit were truly exceptional. Well done Y5 - you've made everyone at Woodlands proud! Thank you to Mrs Edwards too, who accompanied the team to the tournament.

A couple of reminders for next week...

Y1 & Y2 are visiting Chester Zoo on Tuesday. Miss Roberts would like to remind parents that the weather is due to be warm so can parents please ensure their child has plenty of water, a hat and sun cream applied before school. Miss Roberts has also requested that if children are members of the zoo, can parents please pass their membership card to either Miss Roberts or Mr Barnes on Monday morning, please.

Miss Tyrer and Mrs Edwards are hosting a parent meeting for Y5 families to share information about a residential trip planned for next year for the current Y5 children as they move into Y6. Miss Tyrer will share information relating to the residential to Condover, Shropshire. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st May at 3.30PM.

Finally, huge thanks to those parents who are respecting our request of not using the staff car parks before and after school– it is helping to keep all of the children safe. This rule also applies to parents/carers collecting children from academic or sports clubs.

Enjoy your weekend everyone – the sun is still shining!

Mrs Liversey