



## WE DID IT!

We ARE getting our new School  
A NEW SCHOOL = A NEW FUTURE

*Left: Pupils, parents, governors and staff outside Mulberry Place*

### Well Done Team Woolmore!

I have nothing but admiration for the parents, pupils, governors and staff of Woolmore School: as soon as we heard that the Council had voted against the new school we had been working on for the last year, they stepped into action. Here is just some of what happened:

- Parents wrote heartfelt letters to Councillors saying how important the new school is for Woolmore children, now and in the future. They also signed a petition.
- Year 6 wrote letters about wanting to leave a legacy for future pupils. Councillor Oliur Rahman visited and was very impressed with their thoughts and opinions (and the handwriting!)
- Governors and staff got involved by writing and speaking about the Woolmore expansion project and helping to mobilise support.
- On the evening of the Council meeting more than

120 pupils, parents, staff and governors walked with banners and placards to Mulberry Place to show how important the new school is for all of us. We chanted ..... we sang .. and then some of us went into the Council meeting...



*Banners and placards at the ready!*

### The Council meeting

In the meeting the Councillors discussed the expansion of Woolmore; they asked questions; they discussed; and then they voted. Would they or wouldn't they vote for a new school building fit for education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Would they agree with us? It was a nail-biting time, but when the Councillors voted unanimously **for** the new school there were cheers and claps from the audience. We couldn't believe it! What a fantastic result!



*In Mulberry Place, after the Council meeting*

### Thank you to Councillors

Everyone at Woolmore would like to say thank you to the members of the Strategic Development Committee who voted for a bright future for Woolmore. We really do appreciate it.

### Thank you to YOU

Thank you to our amazing parents, our pupils, our staff and our governors for your passion, your hard work, for not giving up and for making the new school happen.



Lots more news overleaf including dates, skipping, trophies and a half term challenge...

## Headteacher's Times Table Award (HTTA)

I am delighted to announce that the following children have achieved their HTTA this year. This means that they know all their multiplication facts up to 12x12, division facts, square numbers, square roots and fractions – **off by heart! Well done!**

**Year 5:** Shamim, Muddabirul and Sheima

**Year 4:** Syeda, Labiba, Salman, Humairah, Romiz, Ayyub, Ishaq, Nkemjika, Mohammed, Saima and Maryam

**Year 3:** Aadil, Ishtiaq, Nayyirah, Nadiyah and Aida

The above children have all received certificates and goody bags.

## Year 6

Last week Year 6 took their SATs. Well done to all of them for their hard work and determination to do their very best indeed.

## Lateness update

We have been working hard this half term to ensure that everyone gets to school before the bell goes so that everyone is on time and ready to learn. There has been an improvement, however there are some families who are late almost every day. We will be meeting with these families next half term.

## Attendance

We have also been working hard to improve school attendance which dipped in the second half of the autumn term and the first half of the spring term. As you will see from this chart, we are improving but it still needs to get better. Unless your child really is unwell then children must be in school every day.

Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
92% <i>Oh dear</i>	95% <i>Getting better</i>	96% <i>Better still</i>

Can we do better than 96% in the next half term?  
**YES WE CAN!** Please help us.

## Hot off the press – Trophy Day

In assembly today we awarded **159** 100% attendance certificates. We also awarded our attendance trophies to:

**1<sup>st</sup> place trophy: Y5**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy: Y2 and Y6**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy: Y3 and Y4**



## Dates for your diary

Mon 27 – Fri 31 May.....	Half term holiday
Monday 3 June.....	Back to school
Friday 7 June .....	Year 4 Skipathon
Week beginning 10 June .....	Year 6 school journey to Norfolk
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> June ....	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
Friday 28 June .....	Summer Music Concert
Thursday 4 June .....	Speak Out Festival
Tuesday 16 July .....	Year 6 Leavers' Show
Wednesday 17 July .....	Year 2 Graduation
Wednesday 17 July .....	Mini- Summer Fair
Friday 19 July.....	School finishes for the summer holidays
Monday 22 July .....	Inset day for all staff
Wednesday 3 September.....	First day of the autumn term

## SKIPPING DAY – WHAT FUN!



Last Friday was 'Skipping Day' at Woolmore. Every class had a skipping workshop with a Champion Skipper where the children practiced all different kinds of skipping. In the afternoon assembly we were all amazed by the incredible skipping skills that Woolmore children have – forwards,

backwards, knees up, sideways, hopping, crossed-arms, super-fast, Double Dutch and lots of others too. The children who demonstrated their skills were truly terrific.

What a great way to spend some of your half term – skipping – it's brilliant exercise and also lots and lots of fun!

## Speak Out Half-term Challenge

This term our whole school learning focus is on speaking and listening. We are working hard to help all pupils at Woolmore become confident and competent speakers. We are getting interested in finding and using new words so that we improve our vocabulary. This is really good for speaking, listening, reading, writing, in fact, the whole curriculum – and life!

**The Challenge:** Can you find out what these words mean, how to use them and then start to use them when you are talking? We will talk about the words in assembly after the holiday. Good luck!

competent

legacy

wise

diligent

possible

almost