



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

July 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, almost at the end of a second school year that has been significantly disrupted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Everyone has been affected in many ways and, whilst things are gradually opening up, we are still in the situation of not knowing quite what the future will look like.

And yet there is much to feel positive and hopeful about. Our children have mainly been back at school since March, and it has been a delight to return to teaching and learning in real life. My continuing admiration and gratitude goes to **our pupils, our families and everyone in the Woolmore Team** for their resilience and dedication to getting on with our most important job which is to educate and care for our children. I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer. Thank you for your amazing support.

Ms Argent
Headteacher

Gorsefield and seaside day-trips

Sadly, we couldn't go on our residential school journeys this year. However, our Y5 and Y6 classes have been enjoyed some amazing days at Gorsefield, a beautiful house and grounds in Essex. And Y2 had a lovely day out at the seaside! You can see the fun they had on our Twitter feed @WoolmoreTweets and a few pictures here!



Loving Gorsefield



Y2 on the beach



Ms Argent got to go too!



Farewell Y6

Dates and times

Friday 16th July Last day of the school year
3.00pm finish

Monday 6th September First day of the new school year
8.50-9.00am start

From September we will have new times to start and end the day:

Start of the day 8.50–9.00am – please note the earlier start so we can make the most of learning time

End of the day 3.15pm for all classes
School gates will open at 3.05

Term dates for 2020/21 are on the school website

Farewell Year 6

We wish our amazing Y6 students the very best of luck in their new secondary schools. You have all been superstars managing your final two years of primary school in a global pandemic. You have learned so much and we feel sure you will carry the joy of learning with you to secondary school – and beyond. We know you will also take our school values with you as they are not just for Woolmore, they are for life:

Respect Learning Communication
Behaviour Together Care Pride

HRSE CONSULTATION

Thank you to parents for taking part in our HRSE consultation. This week the Governing Body will meet to share and discuss the responses and agree the final policy. This will be published on our website in September. We will continue to have conversations with parents who would like to have further discussion.

Welcome to new governors

Thank you to all our parents who took part in our elections for parent governors at the end of April.

Six candidates came forward and we had an excellent 49.76% turnout in the election.

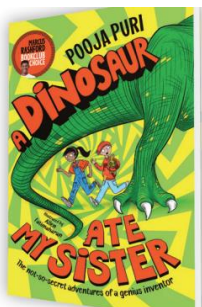
Parents re-elected our serving parent governor **Naaema Ali**, whom many of you know, and two new parent governors: **Aneela Ahmad** (who has a background in computing and IT) and **Reshma Salam** (who has a background in primary education). We welcome all three of them.

We also welcome **Matt Fairclough**, who has been co-opted by the Governing Body. He is a partner at Clifford Chance, a local bank which has a strong history of supporting the community.

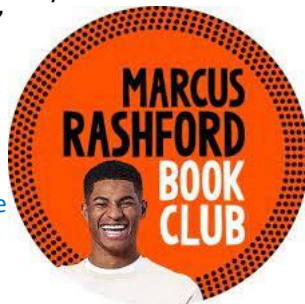
You can contact the Governors via the school office.

Thank you, Marcus,

A few weeks ago, we received 90 copies of the book 'A Dinosaur Ate My Sister' by Pooja Puri. They were sent to us by Marcus Rashford and Magic Breakfast, and they will be coming home with our Y4 children. Inside there will be a letter from Marcus which starts 'Welcome to my Book Club...take this book home and write your name in the front because it belongs to you...'



Thank you,
Marcus. We
love reading
and it is very
special to have
a book from
you.
#TotalLegend



Farewell to some special teachers

This week we are saying farewell to some teachers who have been with us for quite a while: Emily, Francesca, Sherine, Gillian and Dan. Earlier this year we said goodbye to Harish, Mary and Katie. All these teachers have given dedicated service to the children and families of Woolmore and been highly respected and loved by colleagues. Good luck to all of you wherever you will be – Wales...Milan...Hackney... Surrey... retirement... Thank you, we will miss you and please keep keep in touch.

Well done England!

It might not have been the result we hoped for but it's a massive **WELL DONE** and **THANK YOU** to Gareth Southgate and the England Team for giving us something special to share, for team spirit, for your compassion and integrity, for being inclusive, for standing up for racism and for being great young men on and off the pitch. You have helped and inspired millions of school children – and adults. We are proud of you England.



Harry Kane supports Bukayo Saka after the penalties

Annual reports and new classes

We hope you have enjoyed your child's Annual Report and also received the slip sharing their new class and teacher. In September we will have 23 classes and be full. Many of us remember the old school when we had only 8 classes!

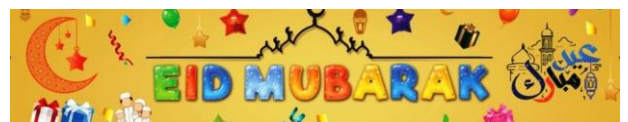
There is a class list on the playground noticeboard and if you don't meet your child's new teacher this week, they will greet you in September.

Summer holiday club

We are looking forward to seeing lots of children at our four-week summer holiday club. You will have received your letter with confirmation of places. Please let us know if you can't make it so we can offer places to children on the waiting list. It's going to be fun!

Happy Eid and happy holidays

We send our best wishes to our Muslim families, friends and colleagues for the festival of **Eid ul-Adha** next week.



We wish all our wonderful families a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you on the 6th September.

If there are changes to arrangements for the start of next term, we will let you know at the beginning of September as the staff team have three training days (1-3 Sept). Thank you everyone.