

## Fine Motor and Handwriting

The children have been having fun and working hard on their handwriting and fine motor skills with Mrs Pert in Acorns this week. They consolidated their knowledge on ascenders and descenders, as well as continuing to practice their cursive letter formation.



## Frogs in Year 2

The Year 2 children have been witnessing the growth of tadpoles, which were kindly donated by two of our families. Over the half term break, they developed into frogs! We released them into our brand new ponds, up in our fantastic Outdoor Learning Area. We can't wait to see how they grow and change further!



## Attendance

To recap, the attendance for the whole of Spring Term was as follows:

- 1st Panda 98%**
- 2nd Koala 97%**
- 3rd Starfish 96%**

Well done everyone for a successful return to school after the half-term break. Please remember to be in the playground and lined-up ready **before school starts at 8:55am**. This ensures the best start for our day of learning!

### Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

**Which would you choose? Cuddles with a hedgehog or being kissed by a jelly fish?**

Why?

#### DIARY DATES:

**Community Day**  
27th April

**Nursery Stay & Play**  
29th April - 8:45am-10am/  
1pm-2pm

**Healthy Eating/Lifestyle Workshop**  
30th April

**May Bank Holiday**  
6th May

**Big Read**  
10th May  
2.45pm-3.15pm

**Walk to School Week**  
20th May

**Last Day**  
24th May

**Inset Day**  
3rd June

**First Day Back**  
4th June

**Class Photos**  
5th June

**150 Year Summer Fair**  
8th June

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

## The Big Outdoor Read

We are delighted to invite you to our Big Outdoor Read on **Friday 10th May at 2:45pm.**

Our previous Big Read sessions have been extremely successful and have been enjoyed by both adults and children. Weather permitting, we will aim to sit outside so please bring a picnic mat/blanket and we will provide the books.

We look forward to seeing you in school!



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## Magic Beans in Reception!

In Reception our current theme is 'Growing'. This week we found a magic bean!

We made our own magic beans and imagined what might grow from them.

We are learning to write our own sentences using our phonic knowledge and trying hard to form letters with correct formation.



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## Art with Year 1



In Art this week, the Year One children have been experimenting with paper and using it to make 3D tree sculptures.

They learned how to roll the paper to make a tree trunk and then worked hard to attach their sculptures to a base to make it stand up like a real tree!

Some of them even have branches and leaves!  
Well done Year One!



## Nursery Stay & Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Monday 29th April**.

Morning session 8:45 – 10:00 am

Afternoon session 1:00 – 2:00 pm

(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)



Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



## Community Day - 27th April

Last summer we held our first Community Day which was a great success and the start of the journey to transform our outdoor learning environment. During the year we have also invited parents into school during the day to help enhance the area further.

The school and the PTA would like to invite you once more to take part in another Community Day that will take place on **Saturday 27th April from 10am to 2pm**. Please note, we will not be able to have children present due to health and safety requirements and the number of tools being used throughout the day, but all adults are welcome.

Please join us and your local community – you'll be part of a change that will have benefits for years to come. If you're able to join, please complete the following form to register your interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/CKYaeubF0q>  
**Please see the email that was sent on 14th April for more details.**



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!



### Cyberbullying

The link below provides expert tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child/ren at home. These are organised into the categories '6-10', '11-13', '14+' and 'my child is vulnerable'. The headings for each age group are broken down into:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about
3. What to do next
4. Getting further help

[www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/](http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/)

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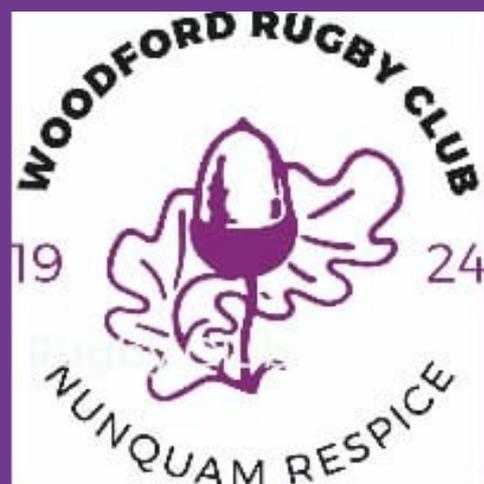
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# **SISTER SUNDAY** **Sunday 28 April**



Calling all active girls in Years 1 - 8!

Join us for Sister Sunday and give rugby a go in a safe and fun environment.

Sunday 28 April 10 - 11:30 am. We can't wait to welcome you.

Questions? [girlsrugby@woodfordrugbyclub.com](mailto:girlsrugby@woodfordrugbyclub.com)  
High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB - pedestrian access Nesta Road

# Healthy Lifestyle Session

Date: Tuesday 30 April 2024 at school

Time: As you drop the children off

For parents/carers of Reception children (other year group parents/carers also welcome)  
Please join me for a healthy eating/lifestyle informative session, once you have dropped the children off at school. This session will last approx. 35-40 minutes

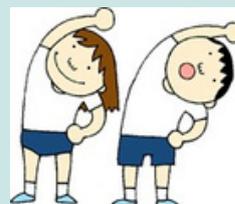
- Get tips on leading a Healthier Lifestyle
- Learn more about Healthy Eating:
  - Healthy Breakfast options*
  - Healthy vs Unhealthy snacks*
  - Sugary Drinks*
- The importance of Sleep, Exercise and Oral Health
- Find out what activities and support is available in Redbridge for you and your family.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the session at your child's school – you can contact us to book one of the following:

- Virtual Healthy Lifestyle Session (online)
- 1-2-1 Virtual appointment (online)
- Telephone appointment
- 1-2-1 face to face appointment at your child's school or local health centre

Please contact us to book via: [RedbridgeHITreferrals@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:RedbridgeHITreferrals@nelft.nhs.uk) or alternatively, call: 0300 300 1579 (Option 1) and ask for a member of the Health Improvement Team

Please let us know if you require an interpreter or a British Sign Language interpreter — this can be arranged.



Any queries, please call Anna Woolnough,  
Healthy Lifestyle Advisor on 0300 300 1579 (Option 1)  
or email: [anna.woolnough@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:anna.woolnough@nelft.nhs.uk)