

Wider Achievement Newsletter

The latest news from Woodfarm's Event, Extra Curricular activities and wider achievements.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As Term 3 comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our senior pupils the very best of luck for their upcoming Qualification Scotland Examinations. I know all the learners have been working very hard to meet final project deadlines, complete assignments and attempting to fill gaps in knowledge ahead of the holiday. I know they will make good use of Easter School and Masterclasses which will be running ahead of their examinations and we look forward to welcoming S4 and S5 pupils back to school in June.

To our S6, in this, their last week of school. I would like to wish them all the very best in the next phase of their young lives.

S1, S2 and S3 pupils will have the pleasure of a slightly quieter school for the next few weeks but will also be able to assist with making the Primary 7 pupils comfortable as they will be joining us for our Transitus programme. Over the Easter break, we will hopefully see the completing of our new canopy in the courtyard area. This external structure will not only provide shelter for young people who prefer to be outside during break & lunch, but will also double up as an outdoor classroom.

Exciting times.

Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter. Woodfarm pupils have excelled this term and in this newsletter we give you some highlights of the outstanding achievements of our young people.

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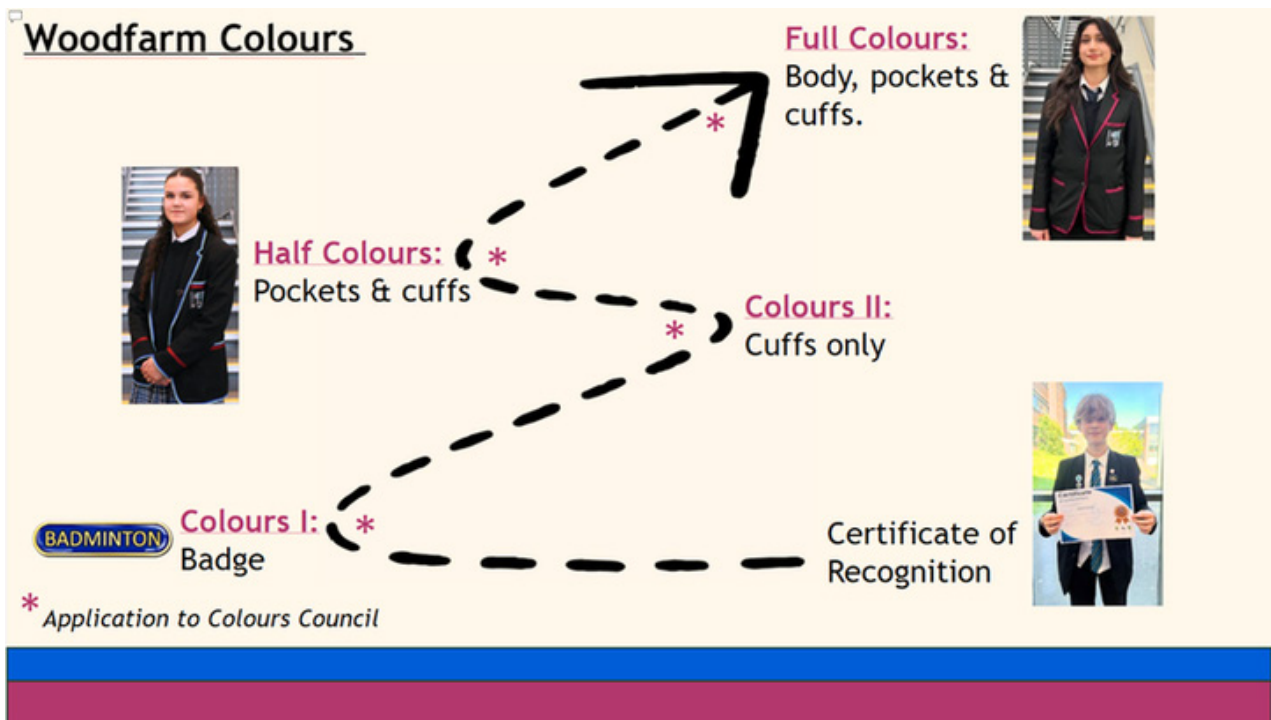
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Achievements, Colours and Braiding

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking our learners to tell us more about their wider achievements. In response to pupil voice, we are introducing a new colours system to Woodfarm. Pupils will be able to recognise their own achievements through Colours Applications via the Colours Council. Woodfarm Colours are recognised by certificates, badges and braiding. Applications will be made available to learners via Google Classroom and will be emailed home also. Colours council will sit in June to collate applications and grade against the criteria.



Key dates for April/May

School reopens	20th April 2026
Holiday	4th May 2026
In-Service Day	7th May 2026 (election day)
Parent Council Meeting	13th May 2026
S1 Reports Issued	15th May 2026
S3 Reports Issued	21st May 2026
Holiday	22nd May 2026
Holiday	25th May 2026
Change of Timetable S1 – S3	26th May 2026
P7 Induction Day	29th May 2026





Industrial Cadet Gold Success in an Innovative STEM Project

Woodfarm High School is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our senior students who have successfully completed their virtual assessment for the prestigious Industrial Cadet Gold Award, delivered in partnership with EDT.

Working to a real-world brief set by their client, the Royal Navy, the team was challenged to design and engineer a sustainably manufactured solution capable of passively filtering micro-plastics from oceans and estuaries. Responding to one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time, the pupils demonstrated not only technical skill, but also a deep awareness of global sustainability challenges and the role engineering can play in addressing them.

The group's project, titled CALYPSO, involved extensive research into ocean pollution, material selection, fluid dynamics, and manufacturing processes.

In addition to achieving the Industrial Cadet Gold Award, pupils will, upon attending the national celebration event, also gain the Young STEM Leader Award at SCQF Level 6. This dual recognition highlights both their technical achievement and their leadership within STEM education.

The pupils' work stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when education is aligned with real-world challenges.

Congratulations to all our pupils involved in this remarkable achievement and we look forward to celebrating their success at the upcoming national final.



Connecting young people with industry and inspiring STEM futures





Industrial Cadets Silver Award

Our S3 pupils, Saaya, Niamh, Erin and Heather met virtually with British Council officials in the UK and Istanbul to discuss their Collaborative Online International Learning project.

The pupils continue to work alongside peers in Brazil and India to develop an engineering proposal as a response to offshore energy challenges.

Our partners learned about the girls' thoughts on regional English and social proficiency tests, the intricacies of their design ideas, their thoughts on collaboration and how they are addressing challenges with the project.

Pupils will continue to refine their proposal throughout the next term and present their work to the European Marine Energy Centre in Orkney when concluded.





School Captains Award Ceremony 2026

Many congratulations to Ben and Tilly, our School Captains on receiving the School Captains Award from East Renfrewshire Council.



This event, held at Eastwood House, recognises the excellent work and contributions made by all the School Captains from our secondary schools.





Convener's Award for Outstanding Achievement

The East Renfrewshire Convener's Awards for Outstanding Achievement honor pupils from all secondary schools and Isobel Mair School. The annual awards recognize achievements in sports, personal achievement, creativity, and advocacy.



Woodfarm pupils were recognised for their contributions in the following areas:

- Public Speaking - Lilou D and Ben M**
- Sport (Muay Thai) - Innes P**
- Sport (Volleyball) - Sehr B and Roshni S**
- Advocacy - Saif S**
- Volunteering - Rebecca C**





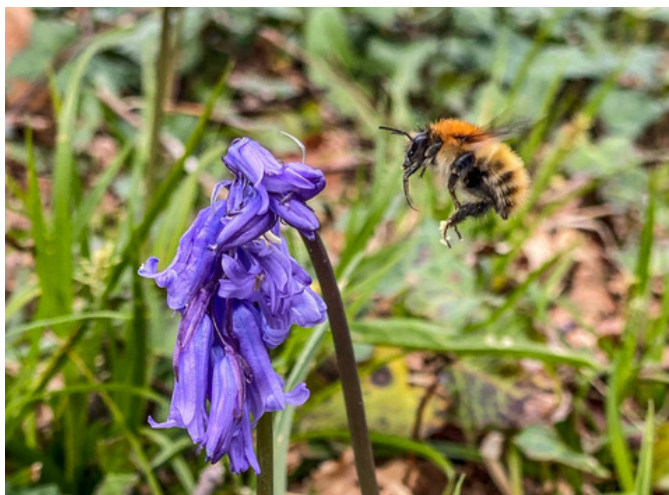
Rotary Club Photography Competition

Pupils from Woodfarm did exceptionally well at the recent Rotary Club Photography competition, with James P Winning the Intermediate Category, Thom S awarded runner up and Hope R receiving a commendation



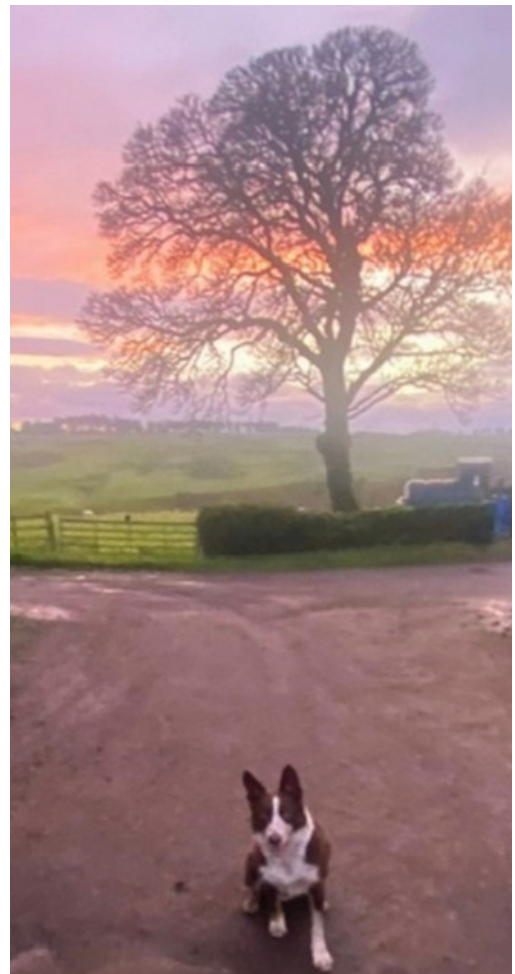
**James P - Winner
Judges Comment**

"A superbly seen and executed image, one I would have been delighted to have taken myself."



**Thomas P - Runner Up
Judges Comment**

"The photographer has recorded the scene nicely; the background has been thrown out of focus allowing them to isolate both the flowers of the bluebells and the bee coming in to land on them. "



**Hope R - Commended
Judges Comment**

"A really well caught scene with a dog in a state of high anticipation - The dog is sitting in front of a lovely natural scene of the wintery sunset behind the impressive tree."





This session's clubs

Woodfarm always offers an extensive range of clubs and activities for all pupils. Clubs run at lunchtimes and after school. Check out our timetable below to find a club that suits you!!

Monday					
Movie Club		Pupil Support Staff	All	The Hive	Lunchtime
Vocal Group		Ms Carroll	All	Music Room 1	Lunchtime
Hot Chocolate Club		Orchardhill Parish Church	All	Contemplation Room	Lunchtime
World Equalities		Ms Sannachan	All	2.3	Lunchtime
Rights Respecting School Group		Mr Thomson	All	1.9	Lunchtime
Junior Debate Club		Ms Wilson	S1-S3	English Department	Lunchtime
Boys' Football		Mr Noble	S3-S4	Football Pitch	After school
Girls' Football		Ms Brown	All	Football Pitch	After school
Netball		Ms Brown and Seniors	All	P.E Department	After school





















Tuesday					
Board Game Club		Pupil Support Staff	All	The Hive	Lunchtime
Lego Robotics Club		Mr Eunson	S1-S2	Graphics 2	Lunchtime
Mindfulness Club		Miss Redden	All	2.4	Lunchtime
Cricket Club		Mr Williams	All	Games Hall	Lunchtime
Senior Band		Ms Papiransky	S4-S6	Music Room 2	Lunchtime
Urdu Homework Club		Ms Naeem	S4-S6	2.9	Lunchtime
Boys' Football		Mr McFarlane	S1-S2	Football Pitch	After school
Girls' Football		Ms Brown	All	Football Pitch	After school
Baking Club		H.E. Staff	S1	Kitchens	After school





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




Any pupil interested in joining a club or simply wanting to know more about it, should speak to the lead teacher who will give all the details that you need.

Wednesday					
Origami & Paper Craft Club		Pupil Support Staff	All	The Hive	Lunchtime
Art & Design Enterprise Club		Ms Duncan	S1-S4	Art 3	Lunchtime
Eco Club		Dr Murray	All	2.6	Lunchtime
Level-Up: Girls Gaming & Coding		Ms Virhia	S1	ICT 1	Lunchtime
Future Assets		Ms McLaughlin	S5-S6	ICT 6	Lunchtime
Science Club		Mr Thomson	Lab 1	Lab 1	Lunchtime
International Club		Ms McDonald	All	2.7	Lunchtime
Improv Team		Mr Hume	All	Drama Studio	Lunchtime
Duke of Edinburgh		Ms McNicol	S4	ICT 5	Lunchtime
Woodwind Ensemble		Ms Melvin	All	Music Rooms	Lunchtime
Boys' Football		Mr Maguire	S5/6	Football Pitch	After school
Thursday					
Scripture Union		Mrs McNicol	All	1.6	Lunchtime
Craft Club		Pupil Support Staff	All	The Hive	Lunchtime
Sketchbook Club		Mr Neeson	All	Art 1	Lunchtime
Gaming Club		Mr Kelly	S1-S3	ICT 1	Lunchtime
Debate Club		Mr Turner	S4-S6	1.3	Lunchtime
Amnesty Human Rights Group		Mr Thomson	All	1.9	Lunchtime
Brass Ensemble		Mr Kerr	All	Music Rooms	Lunchtime
Future Chef		H.E. Teachers	S3-S5	H.E. Kitchens	After school
Volleyball		Mr MacBride	All	Games Hall	After school





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Friday					
S1 Scalextric for Schools Club		Mr Murray	S1	STEM Hub	Lunchtime
Model United Nations		Mr Thomson	All	Lab 8	Lunchtime
Quiz Fridays		Ms Kirkwood	All	G8	Lunchtime
Urdu Club		Ms Naeem	S1-S2	2.9	Lunchtime
Musical Theatre Group		Ms Carroll	All	Music Room 1	Lunchtime
Bible Friday		Ms McNicol	S6	1.6	Lunchtime
Drama Club		Mr Collingham	All	Drama Studio	After school

Sports News - School Sport Update

Woodfarm has been successful in renewing our Gold Level for the School Sport Award. We will shortly receive our new flag in recognition of the high standards and excellent opportunities on offer to the young people in our school.

Very well done to all involved!





Health and Wellbeing Sports News

Congratulations to Innes P, the new WMO Cadet 75Kg Scottish champ.

The WMO (World Muaythai Organization) Cadet Scottish title represents a top-level achievement in Scottish youth Muay Thai.

This title is the result of many years of dedication to his sport and now Innes will be representing Scotland at the WBC Muay Thai Championship in Bangkok.



Football News

Well done to Louis S and Alex S who recently won their league cup with Giffnock Soccer Centre.





HWB Dance News

ERC Secondary Dance Competition



Congratulations to our Dance Teams on their success at the recent ERC Secondary Dance Competition.

The girls were fantastic and really did the school proud. **Carys R** took **3rd place** in the solo category and the **Hip Hop** team were **1st place winners** in their category.

Special praise to Phoebe G who choreographed, edited music and organised the girls all session.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team who were amazing last Friday despite some of their starting players being out injured.

The girls will now be competing in the finals in Edinburgh over the Easter break.





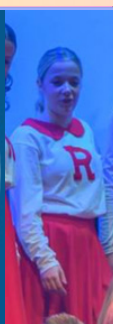
Quick News

<p>Cameron C passed his grade 4 piano exam in March and got 124 out of 150. Well Done</p>	<p>Owais N now currently ranked 247th in Scotland for mens singles in Badminton</p>	<p>Sophie S came 1st in the individual category and 1st in the team category in level 1 for the east renfrewshire gymnastics competition.</p>
<p>Elise B Competed in west districts long course swimming championships and Won gold for 100m backcrawl, gold for 50m backcrawl, gold for 50m fly, bronze for 200m individual medley. Brilliant effort!</p>	<p>Layla M came 1st in the individual category and 1st in the team category in level 1 for the east renfrewshire gymnastics competition in school.</p>	<p>Carys R qualified for the Dance World Cup. She did this by submitting a video of her dancing through her dance school. She qualified in the lyrical section and came 6th. This means that she qualified for the World cup this year taking place in the summer.</p>
<p>Olivia L got a scholarship with the BATD to perform a solo dance.</p>	<p>Katie G has successfully completed her lifeguard training and has also been selected as a commonwealth games volunteer.</p>	<p>Rhys R won his junior Muay Thai fight on 14/02. Well done Rhys.</p>

Social Subjects

Pupils of the month winners for March.

- Trailblazer** – Holly O S3
- Creative Genius** – Eilidh C S1
- Superstar** – Zoe L S1
- Team Player** – Adam B S1
- Problem Solver** – Robbie S S2



Performing Arts

Angus D (S3) and Mia McL (S5) both appeared in Grease with Harlequin Youth Theatre last week.





Cultural Appreciation Week

This week at Woodfarm we have been celebrating our Cultural Appreciation Week, a chance for everyone to celebrate their Culture. We have had assemblies, displays, food tasting and a fashion show to name only a few of the ways in which pupils and staff have celebrated our diverse community at Woodfarm. Here are some pictures to illustrate our week.

Cultural Catwalk





Cultural Appreciation Week

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Cultural Catwalk and Food Experience

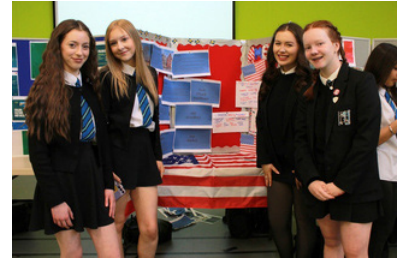




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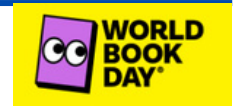
Making Sense of Culture Stalls

Our culture stalls gave pupils an opportunity to share their cultural heritage with their peers, giving details of national dress, cultural music and food. Here are some of the stalls.





World Book Day



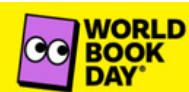
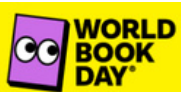
On Thursday, 5th March, we celebrated World Book Day. This is a day to encourage children from all backgrounds, to develop a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure, and to benefit from the improved life chances this brings them.

As part of the day, staff dressed up as well known characters from literature, pupils took part in a book swap and we had a great visit from Victoria Williamson author of well-known children's books such as Norah's Ark, Feast of Ashes and Hag Storm. Here are pictures from the day.





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House Competition Update

Here is the latest update on this session's House Competition. These scores include the additional merits obtained through achievements. A good battle ongoing between Bute and Tiree this year.

Arran		Arran	Arran
Ambition	9389	Achievement Points	Current Grand Total
Belonging	2604	Dec 751	21038
Curiosity	5039	Apr 415	
Respect	2840		
TOTAL	19872		

Bute		Bute	Bute
Ambition	11263	Achievement Points	Current Grand Total
Belonging	3323	Dec 893	24179
Curiosity	5036	Apr 370	
Respect	3294		
TOTAL	22916		

Cumbrae		Cumbrae	Cumbrae
Ambition	9457	Achievement Points	Current Grand Total
Belonging	3069	Dec 866	22120
Curiosity	4624	Apr 455	
Respect	3649		
TOTAL	20799		

Tiree		Tiree	Tiree
Ambition	10118	Achievement Points	Current Grand Total
Belonging	3529	Dec 887	23381
Curiosity	4808	Apr 280	
Respect	3759		
TOTAL	22214		



Tell us about your achievements

We are always keen to know and celebrate pupil achievements outside of school. Please share these with your Pastoral Care Teacher, Principal Teacher of Wider Achievement, Mr Kelly, and your Year Head as we want to celebrate these with you!

You can also do this with the QR code opposite or email the school office. Photos greatly appreciated.



Saltire Awards

The Saltire Awards are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising and rewarding the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland. If you are at Woodfarm and volunteer, register with Saltire and ensure that you are recognised for the good work that you do. Speak to your Pastoral Teacher, Mr Kelly or Mrs Bell if need help with registering.



THE CHALLENGE



THE APPROACH



THE ASCENT



THE SUMMIT

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