

Dear Families,

A little good news on this gloomy Friday...I am now able to share the outcome of our Ofsted report with you...

Woodgrange continues to be a good school.

I am delighted with the report but also with the more detailed feedback she gave us that could not be included in the report. This included describing our school as unique and being a long way along the curriculum development journey. The Inspector also noted that:

- Children's **writing is fantastic**
- Staff stand shoulder to shoulder for the good of the children
- The Playful learning approach supports the development of children's independence and they learn with a sense of purpose and behave well on their own.
- Children have strong attitudes to learning. Children love learning and reading.

The full report is attached with this newsletter and will be published on the Ofsted website next Friday.

A massive well done and thanks to everyone on the staff

Last shout for tomorrow's big event...

Just a final kind request for donations of baked goods for the bake sale stand on Saturday- homemade or shop bought, anything you can manage (mince pies, cakes, biscuits, sausage rolls, samosas etc) would be very gratefully received! Please bring into school on Friday if you can't make the fete on Saturday, or straight to the bake sale stand on Saturday from 12pm.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday
£1 adults, children free... come and join the fun
Thank you!!



NNLP Update

This update keeps you informed about our soft federation of local schools and our work together. At the beginning of September, our partnership held a successful conference at the University of East London. Every staff member (420), from across the partnership, and some governors took part in the day focussing on 'The Learning Power Approach.' We heard from key educationalist, Guy Claxton, as well as shared and collaborated on ideas. Learning Power Champions from each school continue to work together to identify how best to develop the characteristics which will support our children to become more effective learners. The work which they undertake will then be implemented and embedded in each school. Our Ofsted Inspector was very impressed with children's learning powers.

Also this term, subject leaders from each school have met to discuss national and local developments in the primary curriculum, share best practice and again, focus on the learning powers. This is an important part of staff development as we learn from each other and share successful strategies and ideas to make sure all children make excellent progress.

We have 1 more week at school. We are, as far as possible, keeping to our normal routine and with learning. Children are tired, staff are tired but this is a lovely time of year to be with young children. I hope to see many of our Early Years parents at the nativity performances next week. Year 1 children are off to the pantomime in January (8th). We are asking for contributions towards the cost of the tickets. We try to only do this once in a year.

We close next Friday at 3.30pm and re open on Tuesday 7th January.
Have a restful holiday

Sarah & Staff