

Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

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Dear Parents / Carers

Safe return of all to school – Wednesday 14 December 2022

The heavy (and unexpected) snow fall locally on Sunday evening in impacting on schools across the region will also have disrupted your schedules. Thank you for your patience as we have worked to assess the situation and to ready the site for the students' return. It is at least the case that students can these days readily switch into *WCHS Remote Schooling*, however, we hope it is a back-up strategy we will only seldom have to use.

With freezing temperatures set to last all week, there is no thaw to help us in our snow clearing mission. Our sizeable school site remains deep strewn with snow. Caretakers have done what they can to clear vehicular access and to prepare routes for pedestrian passage between buildings. We are grateful to them. The site remains icy, however, and on returning **students must exercise due caution**. Until surfaces are safer they will initially be asked to remain indoors other than when in transit. Please do talk to them about the need for care en route to school (roads are clear but pavements are not) and when here. We don't want students to hurt themselves and families to face long anxious waits at over-stretched A&E Departments in the run up to the holidays.

Please ensure students are sensibly shod and dressed for current conditions

- **It is vital that students wear sturdy shoes or boots with good grip in current conditions. (Ballet pumps, slip on shoes etc. are simply not up to the job.) Appropriate boots are acceptable (and sensible) footwear for school in this wintry weather**
- **Advise your daughter to wear layers: a t-shirt invisible under the school shirt, a jumper, a blazer (if she has one) and a coat (plain black or navy).**
- **All students should wear coats to school. While this wintry weather persists, they can wear them in transit throughout the day**
- **Scarves, hats and gloves are advisable. Public transport is subject to delay – even young people begin to feel the cold when kept waiting outdoors for any length of time**

Thank you for your support in this matter. We hope for easier work and travel conditions from the week-end onwards.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy
Headteacher

Candy Cane Service

This Christmas, buy a cute candy cane or Christmas sweet cone with your own personalised message, Mean Girls style. Whether it's for your friends, your family, or even yourself, join in this festive fun and buy a candy cane. All proceeds go towards Crisis Charity.



Candy canes are £1.50

Sweet Cones are £2.00

Sit back, relax, and watch it be delivered to your form room...

[please use this link to confirm personalisation and delivery.](#)

DEADLINE: 14TH DECEMBER 2022

WOODFORD CAREERS

The approaching Christmas holidays provide an ideal opportunity for Year 11 students to continue to search for their work experience placement for next summer, as they meet friends and members of their wider family.

Even a few days in a workplace can be valuable, shadowing someone in their job and experiencing the work environment. Please support and encourage them.

We are still open to any offers of opportunities for students from parents in our school community, and again thank those that have already responded.

Thank you, and wishing you a happy holiday.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has misplaced something, please make sure they check the lost property box as well as the main school office for smaller items as things left behind at the end of the term will be taken to a charity shop.

Thank you



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Dear Natalie & all at Woodford County High School,

Thank you very much for your very kind donation of £150 which will go towards my chosen charities.

Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated, please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Thank you once again,

With kindest regards



Cllr Thavathuray Jeyaranjan

Mayor of Redbridge 2022/23

The Mayor's Appeal

Every year the Mayor chooses local groups and good causes to support through "The Redbridge Mayor's Appeal". This year, the Mayor's chosen charities are:



*Making our hospitals
even better*

Registered Charity Number: 1059455



Registered Charity Number: 1065770



Innovate IFG

HAPPY Holidays

**We hope you have a had a productive term
and are going to have a restful time over
the holidays. From all of us at Innovate, we
wanted to wish you Happy Holidays and all
the best for the New Year.**

Here's a Scottish Tablet recipe for you to try this Christmas!

- 900g granulated white sugar (Yes, that much sugar!)
- 250ml of full-fat milk
- 1 tin of sweetened condensed milk (397g tin)
- 85g butter

Using a large pan start by melting the butter, sugar and milk together, keep stirring to avoid catching on the bottom.

Then once melted, add the condensed milk.

Bring to a brisk simmer, mix will expand and boil over if you don't have a big enough pot.

Once it starts to darken, (or reaches 120°C) take it off the heat and stir continuously for 10 minutes (or place in a mixer) until it starts to cool and thicken

Once thickened, pour into a lined tin and cool for 2/3 hours, then mark out the lines of your portions before putting in the fridge to set.

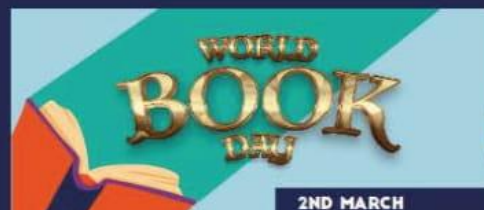
(If your tablet didn't set then it means you didn't get the mix hot enough). You're looking for a crumbly consistency, not to be confused with fudge.

AWESOME THEME DAYS COMING UP THIS SPRING

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH



ASIA



CONSISTS OF:

China, Indonesia,
Pakistan, India,
Japan, Vietnam,
The Philippines,
Bangladesh,
Thailand, Nepal



AFRICA



CONSISTS OF:

Nigeria, Ethiopia,
Egypt, Tanzania,
South Africa,
Kenya, Uganda,
Sudan, Algeria,
Morocco, Angola



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DON'T MISS OUT ON **FREE** SCHOOL LUNCHES EVERY DAY!

Innovate provide delicious, nutritious meals every day in your school. Our chefs cook everything fresh each day with a huge choice at break and lunch.

Amazing food with loads of choice and an exciting modern twist is what we're all about. Don't just take our word for it, have a look at the sample menu overleaf!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - WHY YOU SHOULD USE IT

Free school meal funding can bring over £400 a year of fantastic fresh food.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the allowance means that they can choose one of our **GREAT MEAL DEALS** at breaktime or lunchtime. This will be completely **FREE OF CHARGE** up to the free meal allowance with no extra to pay. We only ask that their choices consist of a balanced meal.

Confidentiality is ensured as the allowance is automatically loaded onto your child's account. They then use their balance in same way as all our customers with their card or the biometric system. You can also add extra money on to their account, if you wish, which does not impact on the funding at all.

IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE, DON'T MISS OUT! IT'S A COMPLETELY **SAFE AND DISCREET WAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO ENJOY A **DELICIOUS** LUNCH EVERYDAY**

To find out if you are entitled then visit
www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



SO MUCH CHOICE



You can **choose from a great range** from modern and traditional main meals from roasts and curries to international street foods with stir fries, noodles pastas, burritos and wraps all made from fresh ingredients every day. There's a great selection of vegetarian and vegan meals plus a tempting salad bar and hearty fresh soups.

You can choose from our wide range of fresh, tasty meal deals up to the free school meal allowance at break or lunch **free of charge.**

All we ask is that they are nutritionally balanced **e.g., Main meal and dessert, hot wrap and flapjack or a baguette and a drink.**



OUR MENU



WEEK 3

	Classic Favourites MONDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE TUESDAY	Great British Roast WEDNESDAY	KURRY THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	CLASSIC BEEF BOLOGNAISE 50/50 Pasta	HOUSE RUBBED JERK CHICKEN Rice & Peas	ROAST TURKEY Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	THAI RED CHICKEN CURRY	BATTERED FISH/ SALMON FISHCAKES Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	ROASTED PEPPER & QUORN MOUSSAKA	MIXED BEAN ENCHILADA Rice & Peas	CAULIFLOWER CHEESE & GREENS PASTA BAKE	VEGETABLE BALTI	BEAN BURGER Chips
VEGETABLE	SWEETCORN MIXED SALAD	SWEET CHILLI SLAW	SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD	LIME & CORIANDER SLAW	BEANS GARDEN SALAD PEAS
PASTA POTS	TOMATO & BASIL				
	QUORN BOLOGNAISE	CARBONARA	PESTO	ARRABIATA	CHEESE SAUCE
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	APPLE & BERRY PIE Vanilla Sauce	WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE Chocolate Sauce	JAM SPONGE Custard	PANCAKE BAR Fruit Toppings	BANANA BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING Custard
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

TRY OUR HOME-MADE
SOUP
WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

LOOK OUT FOR
AMAZING BLUE DOT
MEAL DEALS

PIZZAS, WRAPS & PANINIS
FRESH OPTIONS
EVERY DAY

ALL OUR
MEAT
IS HALAL

LUNCH MEAL DEAL
Check out what's on
offer today!
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WATCH OUT FOR OUR
POP UP
& STREET FOOD
PROMOTIONS

All of Our Deli Range,
Sandwiches, Salads
& Desserts are
**FRESHLY MADE
HERE DAILY**





**HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
& FOOD PROGRAMME**

Winter Holiday Fun



Is your child in Year
Reception to Year 11
and in receipt of benefits-
related Free School Meals?

Redbridge's HAF programme
is delivered by approved providers
and offers **physical fun, nutritional
education** and an opportunity
to **make new friends**.

Activities include **multi sports,
arts and crafts, drama, cookery**
and much more!

Every child attending gets
a free meal every day.

**Wednesday
21 - Friday 23
December 2022**

To find out more and book
your place - scan the QR code
below or visit:

<https://find.redbridge.gov.uk/haf>

Booking is essential for all
activities, so **book early** to
avoid disappointment!

For any queries, please email:
haf@redbridge.gov.uk





REDBRIDGE EDUCATION AWARDS

supported by Lead Sponsor **Parker Smith Inclusion**

**Celebrating individuals
who are shaping
extraordinary futures**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we settle into the new school year, I am thrilled to announce on behalf of Redbridge Council, the launch of the first ever Redbridge Education Awards! The awards are an amazing opportunity for you to say **thank you** to a teacher or member of staff who you think deserves to be recognised and celebrated for all that they do for young people in Redbridge.

With 14 award categories to choose from, there is something for everyone. If you can think of an individual or team who has made a positive impact on your child's learning, development, or extracurricular activities, now is the time to give them something back!

If the person or team you nominate are shortlisted, they will be invited to a spectacular awards ceremony to be held in Wanstead next April 2023 – it will be a night to remember!

Making a nomination couldn't be easier, simply head to www.redbridge.gov.uk/redbridge-education-awards or scan the QR code at the top of the page. Please also encourage your child to make their own nomination!

If you have any questions or need assistance making a nomination, please speak to a member of staff, or contact educationawards@redbridge.gov.uk.

Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN 2022		
Term	Monday 5 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Half-term	Monday 24 October 2022	Friday 28 October 2022
Term	Monday 31 October 2022	Tuesday 20 December 2022
Non-Contact Day	Friday 7 October 2022	

SPRING 2023		
Term	Thursday 5 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
Half-term	Monday 13 February 2023	Friday 17 February 2023
Term	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Non-Contact Day	Tuesday 7 March 2023	

SUMMER 2023		
Term	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Half-term	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 June 2023
Term	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
Non-Contact Day	Wednesday 28 June 2023	



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

15/16 December—School Christmas Lunch
20 December—End of Term—School Finishes at 2pm for KS3 and
2.10pm for KS4
5 January—Back to School

REMINDER

Please remind your daughter to bring in her lanyard, locker key and fob to school every day.

