

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high

British Science Week

Through Science in school, we aim to stimulate the natural curiosity, knowledge and understanding of all children about the world they live in. This year, British Science Week marks its 30th anniversary and we celebrated by joining in with thousands of schools across the UK by having lots of fun exploring science, technology, engineering and maths. Through hands-on activities and experiments, the children demonstrated great critical thinking with their ideas and have been exploring shadows, ramps and measuring time. More information about the week can be found on the British Science Week website [here](#). Manchester Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) are now taking bookings for their free holiday programme which includes an Early Years Play Zone and can be accessed [here](#).

Author Visit

We were very excited to have Sheena Garg, author of Myra Plays Holi visiting school on Monday 25th March. Sheena is a children's picture book author from Hazel Grove, who writes to encourage cultural diversity and is passionate about diversifying bookshelves in homes, libraries and schools.

You can purchase a copy of her book [here](#). If you'd like a signed copy of 'Myra Plays Holi' for your child, please email her proof of purchase by 20th March. All the details can be found on the poster sent out this week.



Red Nose Day

On **Friday 15th March** it is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. It will be normal school uniform on that day and we kindly ask that children **do not** bring any accessories into school. For more information about Comic Relief please click [here](#).

Kids Club/Pre-School Fees

A polite reminder that all fees for Kids Club and Pre-School must be cleared by **Friday 22nd March**.

Eid Celebrations

The Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr will take place over the Easter Holiday so we will be celebrating it in school during the first week back with activities in the classrooms. If any of our parents who celebrate the festival would be willing to come in and speak to the children about it, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the school office either on 0161 549 7100 or via email at admin@woodfordprimary.org.uk to let us know your availability.



Important Dates

20th Mar	Parents' Evening
21st Mar	Parents' Evening
22nd Mar	Spring 2 fees due
25th Mar	Sheena Garg Author Visit
25th Mar	Academy Committee Meeting
26th Mar	Rev. David Russell - Assembly
28th Mar	14.40 EYFS Spring Sing

For a full summary of dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed [here](#).

Why does my child forget stuff?

Amongst the many common experiences we have as parents and teachers, one of the more perplexing is those that end in the thought 'but you knew this yesterday!' The key point for this piece is that when we 'learn' something for the first time, it is natural for us to forget it and to then need to relearn it again (and sometimes several times) before it goes into what is known as 'long term memory' and is truly learned (rather than just temporarily remembered). My intent in sharing this is to hopefully mitigate the frustrations we naturally feel when supporting children with reading at home. As counter intuitive as it sounds, forgetting is actually a necessary part of the learning process and every time we forget something, the work that goes into trying to recall it, while sometimes deflating, is actively helping the process of truly learning it. A useful visual for this was developed by German psychologist, Herman Ebbinghaus whose work on memory theory included the development of the 'forgetting curve'. This tracked the average time it took someone to forget a piece of information but also the fact that each subsequent time it is 'relearned', it sticks that little bit more.

