



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 19th
April 2024



Diary Dates for Parents Summer Term 2024

Monday 6th May 2024 -
Bank Holiday—School Closed

Saturday 11th May 2024 -
Italy Trip

Monday 13th May 2024 -
Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 21st May 2024 -
KS2 Rewards Celebration
(Invite Only)

Thursday 23rd May 2024 -
KS3 Rewards Celebration
(Invite Only)

Thursday 23rd May 2024 -
National Sandwich Week
Theme Menu

Friday 24th May 2024 -
Year 8 HPV Vaccination

Friday 24th May 2024 -
School Closes at 3.35pm for
Half Term

Hello everyone.

We have been doing our 'sun dances' this week to try and encourage it to come out more often - It is not working though!

- Biddulph High School business studies event: we have a transition programme in school that allows some of our year 8 students to go to the high school over the course of the year to participate in a 'taster' session on various subjects. This week was the business studies one and we had very positive feedback, from both our students and the high school teachers. Well done to all of those who took part.
- Whole-school Assembly: Mrs McKeown took the assembly this week, with a number of students, to talk about the world of art and its significance in our society. Well done to those who presented - it takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of our whole-school community and speak!
- Girls' Rugby: Mrs Bowers took the KS3 girls' rugby team to a match this week at James Bateman. The rain contributed to the activity but our girls were brilliant - they demonstrated real resilience and determination. Well done ladies.
- Year 8 Football: due to the weather, our year 8 boys were unable to play their game against Churnet View this week but it has been re-arranged for another date.

On another note, I was very fortunate to visit another middle school this week in the north. It was really super to see other students in their environment and talk to them about how great their school is. It reminded me so much of our own school and how lucky we are to be here.

Have a lovely weekend and keep your fingers tightly crossed for the sunshine!

Mrs Farr



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

ABSENCES: Can all absences, including a reason for the absence, please be reported by 9am on each day by contacting the dedicated absence line below;

Tel: 01782 973600 option 2, alternatively please email:

absence@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS: You can book school meals and top up dinner monies via the Arbor App. If you have pre booked a school meal on Arbor that is no longer needed can you please ensure it is cancelled via the App also.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL: Don't forget you can check; homework, housepoints, trips, consents and many more via the portal. If you have any questions or problems with Arbor please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

POLITE REMINDER: Please can we ask parents to ensure that pupils come into school with all the resources needed for the day e.g. PE kit, cooking ingredients.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2

NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

[Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19)

PRE LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform 'take away' stock: We have been running an after-school event for parents and students who may need additional uniform stock. This is all in a good condition and free for anyone. However, we have not had much of a response to this so, going forward, we will still keep this stock in school and any parent can contact the office if they would like to check what we have.

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP

LARGE GLUE STICK
ONLY £1



Black pen 10p

Purple pen 10p

Pencil 10p

Bookmarks 25p

Open every lunchtime
in the foyer

From the Staff

The Careers and Enterprise have asked us to share this survey to provide the Careers Hub and individual schools/colleges with valuable insight into the level of knowledge and confidence of parents to support students with technical and vocational routes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/woodhouse-academy-parents-24>

On Tuesday, Biddulph High School hosted a Business transition afternoon with 10 students from both James Bateman Middle School and Woodhouse Academy. Students investigated the reasons why businesses brand and if paying the premium price for branded products means better taste. Students were given samples of 5 different products ranging from melted chocolate to tomato soup to see if they could identify the branded version.

All students were superb! The High School said a big thank you to them for taking part and it was great to meet them all. 😊

#AchieveExcellence



Please click on the link to see the updates from the Science, DT and Food department: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Ch1jTVVgUtl4nK9J?ref=Link>

From the Staff

Shout outs!

Shout out to Rhys in Y8 who broke the school record for high jump today. Rhys was able to clear a whopping 1m 54cm beating the previous record of 1m 53cm which has been in place since 2009!! Mr Baddeley believes Rhys can go even higher during Sports Day.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Astra Zeneca who have donated us new seating for our Library area as part of their furniture recycling scheme



MFL News!

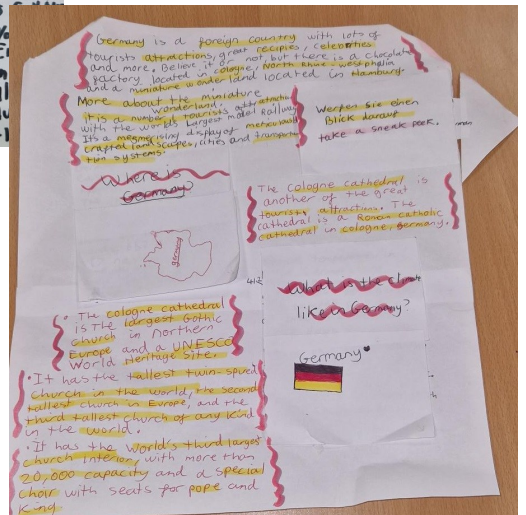
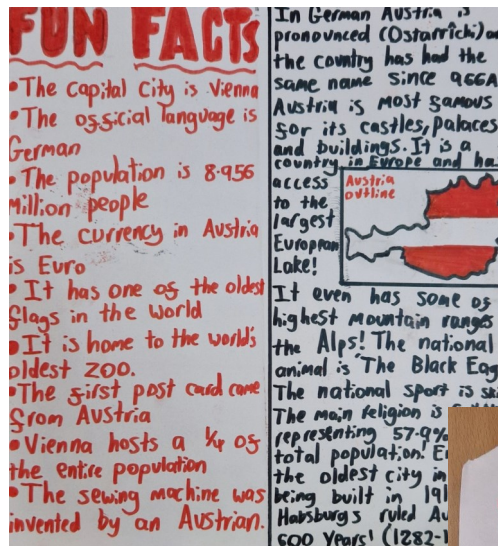
Jude of y7 received the prestigious headteacher's award for a fantastic piece of optional homework done about Austria. Below is what it looks like and you can read some very interesting facts.

Jamie of y7 completed a fabulous piece of work about Germany with facts about Berlin, Cologne (Köln) and the overall German culture. She included a plethora of information and even added a pull-out arrow to make it interactive! She also earned a Headteacher's award. See below.

Elsie J of y6 has written an amazing letter in Spanish to her Spanish penpal. The children in Spain will receive their letters very soon and I know from their teacher they are very excited about receiving them. Well done making them look so neat. They look really good, some with creative drawings on as well! The other letters, which have been brilliantly written in Spanish and on time are from Harriet and Flo of y5 and from Sophia of y6.

Keep up the great learning about your target language and different places and cultures!

Mrs Taylor



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

(7pm to 9pm) £24

Book now via the website

Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**

THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24

Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS
Biddulph Library, 'Bounce and Rhyme', 10:30-11am	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Community Café in partnership with Oasis Community Church 9:30am to 11am, tea, coffee and refreshments.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm Soup and Sandwich (10am to 1pm).	Biddulph Local People's Group at Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. Over 50's Social Group 10am to 12pm. Arts & crafts, board games. £2.00 refreshments and materials included.	Staffordshire Moorlands Childrens Centre, 'Wake Up Shake Up Breakfast Group' 9:30am to 11am, Healthy breakfast for parents/ carers and children under 3 yrs.		
Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank St John's Church, Knypersley 11am to 1pm	Biddulph Local People's Group, Biddulph Town Hall Over 50's Social Group 10am to 12pm. Arts & crafts, board games. £2.00 refreshments and materials included. Free hot food 12-1pm.	Biddulph Town Hall Beth Johnson 10:30am to 12pm Bereavement Group 2 nd Wednesday of each month, group meal (after session).	Biddulph Town Hall Approach Dementia- carer support café, 10:30-12:30, 2 nd Thursday of each month.	Biddulph Library, Coffee Morning Cheesy oatkakes, 10am to 12pm	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	
St Lawrences Church, Congleton Road 'Nibble and Natter' 10:30-1:30pm, soup lunch, board games and refreshments.		Biddulph Town Hall 'Feast and Flicks' Warm Light Lunch 12:30 to 1:30pm followed by a film.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. Community Pantry 11:30am to 1:30pm, free food collection. Fruit & Veg— 12:30pm to 5:30pm, £3.50 a box. Pre-order by 1pm previous Tuesday.	Victoria Centre, Station Road Friday Coffee Morning & Christian Aid Stalls 9:30am to 11:30am, Hot drink & a snack.		
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Youth Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm - £1.50 inc refreshments. Aimed at ages 9+, sports, craft, café, PS4 etc.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre, Albert Street 'Back 2 Basics' 1-2.30pm. Free drop-in session for families with little ones; refreshments provided.	Christ Church, Biddulph Moor 'Brunch Club' 10.30-1pm	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Youth Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm— £1.50 inc refreshments. Aimed at ages 9+, sports, craft, café, PS4 etc.		Oasis Community Church Worship, Biddulph Town Hall 10:45am Refreshments served before and following worship. Adult Worship, children and youth groups and a creche area.
	Victoria Centre, Station Road Film Club, includes tea/coffee, 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Indoor Bowling 1:30pm to 3:30pm, £1.50 inc. refreshments.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. SMILE Over 50's Social Group 1:30pm to 3:30pm, £1.50 inc refreshments.	Twilight Market Biddulph Town Hall Friday 1 December 3:30pm to 7:30pm Refreshments provided - pay what you can. Please check www.biddulph.co.uk for 2024 dates.		Biddulph Methodist Church, Station Road Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits.
		Dementia Friendly Cinema Biddulph Town Hall Wednesday 14 December 1:30pm, includes tea/coffee and cake in the interval; accessible for people with dementia and open to everyone.	Oasis Youth Club (7-14years), Gospel Mission Hall, Church Road 6pm to 8pm, £1.00 entry and free refreshments.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm		Life Stream Church. Worship at 10:30am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
		English Martyr's RC Church, Church Road 11am to 2pm, free hot drinks, soup and sandwiches.	Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank English Martyrs Church, 6-8pm			Hill Top Methodist Church, Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
			Biddulph Methodist Church 'Dementia Voices' (fortnightly) 2-3:30pm			St Lawrence's Church, Traditional Service 9:15am, Contemporary service 11am (with children's and youth groups) tea/coffee refreshments between services.
						English Martyrs Church Mass, 9-10am


93 Bus Service Fares

Adult day ticket- £2.00
Young person (under 19) day ticket- £1.00

- You can:
- Use it as a return ticket to attend one of these sessions, or access other services in the town.
 - Make a break in your journey
 - Use it for a recreational/ social ride around the route

There are also many volunteering opportunities available with these groups, which would appreciate your support. Volunteering can help you learn new skills, meet new people, gain confidence, build relationships and make a difference. Skills and knowledge you acquire could also help you move towards paid employment.

Biddulph Works Together 2023-4 A Warm Welcome



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Useful Numbers

Biddulph Town Council (Community Help Point)	01782 498480
<i>The team at the Town Hall can make referrals to the Foodbank and provide advice on cost-of-living issues.</i>	
Biddulph Library	01782 485491
Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre, Albert Street	01782 297970
Biddulph Local People's Group	07898 322998
Biddulph Methodist Church & Victoria Centre (am only)	01782 513218
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road	01782 244288
Hill Top Methodist Church, Chapel Lane	01782 513218
Life Stream Church, Newpool Road	01782 515122
New Road Methodist Church, Hot Lane	01782 513218
St John's Church, Knypersley	01782 512240
Christ Church, Biddulph Moor	01782 512240
Oasis Community Church	07736 953860
St Lawrence's Parish Church, Congleton Road (am only)	01782 513891
Beth Johnson Foundation	07867 003313
The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street	01782 852131
Approach Dementia Support	01782 214999
Citizens Advice- Local Advice Line	0808 278 7876

Biddulph Works Together 2023-4

A Warm Welcome

Introduction


For the second year, Biddulph Town Council and partners are working to offer warm friendly spaces and free food opportunities, creating a network of places where Biddulph people can come together to try new things and seek support or advice. All groups offer a friendly welcome, with safeguarding policies and food hygiene rules in place.

There is lots of information about local groups and services here: <https://www.biddulph.co.uk/biddulph-directory/> or you can collect a paper copy of the Biddulph Directory from Biddulph Town Hall.

This leaflet contains information about how to access food via the different services and the Foodbank, but you can also contribute food items. The Stoke on Trent Foodbank welcomes food donations. They can be dropped at Sainsburys on Wharf Road in Biddulph, at your local church or at Biddulph Town Hall.

There is lots of information available on the Staffordshire County Council website about how you can live well in your own home: www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Type in 'Happy at Home' for more advice, which will also link to energy saving tips and local support agencies.



We've taken care to ensure the accuracy of this information; no responsibility can be accepted for errors or omissions. If you feel some information is incorrect or details have changed, please let us know. We are keen to support as many people in our town as possible. Please let us know if you can't get to these activities or would like something different.

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Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse



parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

◉ Rectangular Snip

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

TEXT: 07520 615722



Feeding and nutrition



Child development

Parenting advice and support

Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties

Family health



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.