

‘Together we all discover, learn, grow and succeed’

Together we have started the year with a whole school mini-project to embed our school values:

W	A	R	M	T	H
Well-Being	Aspire	Relationships	Motivation	Trust	Holistic

Here is a small selection of the exciting learning that has happened across the school:

Foundation - Our new reception children spent the first two weeks building positive **Relationships** and **Trust** with the adults that work with them. They have learnt how to make friendships and think about the **Well-Being** of their peers. They loved taking part in our fundraising active challenge by exploring the park on a very long welly walk! The children will continue to learn about and consolidate their understanding of our school values throughout this term.

Key Stage 1 - Children in Years 1 and 2 developed their understanding of all our school values through a range of fun activities such as **Trust** games and collaborative challenges.

Year 3/4 - Children explored their understanding of **Well-Being** by planting a range of seeds in the school garden showing how nature can support us to be still, reflective and develop our nurturing skills. They worked together to sew individual leaves to create the Woodlands Park tree logo to represent our **Holistic** value. ‘Room on a Broom’ was the perfect story for the children to focus on attributes needed to build positive **Relationships** and worked collaboratively to make puppets to retell the story to their younger reading partners in Foundation.

Year 5/6 - Our oldest children in the school focused on the value of **Aspire**. They identified their goals of what it is they would like to achieve at Woodlands Park Primary School and consider what other challenges maybe available to them in the wider world to broaden their horizons. The children also used their entrepreneurial skills to either bake biscuits, make a game for children to play or produce a craft product to sell at our open afternoon on the last day of the project. The **Motivation** for this was to raise money to buy new playground equipment.



Raising Aspirations

One of the key outcomes of the project was to embed our **ASPIRE** value. To achieve this, we asked for volunteers from the school community to talk to our children about an achievement in their life or their interesting job. Each class listened to presentations from two or three visitors and compiled a variety of questions to ask. Our children now have a developed understanding of the huge opportunities that lie ahead and know that they can achieve great things if they focus on their goals. Thank you so much to all of our visitors – I am so grateful for your support.



Fundraising Active Challenge

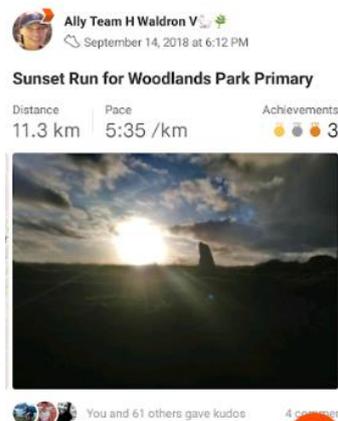
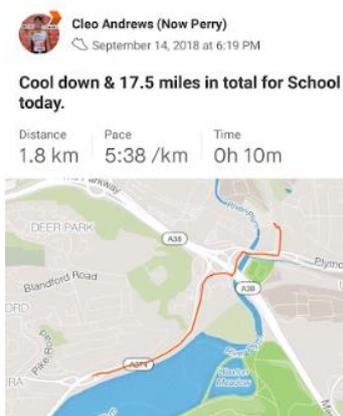
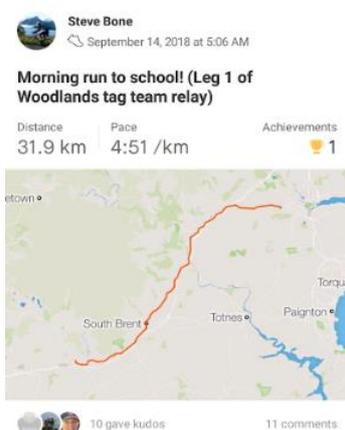
During the project, the children collected sponsors for the active challenge that took place on Friday 14 September; this was completing laps of the park. Congratulations to our Eagle Owls who completed the most laps. All of the teachers were extremely proud of how the children pushed themselves physically and mentally. Sponsor money has been trickling in and so far we have collected well over £1,000! This is amazing! Please can any remaining sponsor money be brought in to school as soon as possible. All of the money raised will be spent on lunchtime play equipment. Mrs Flory, our PE leader, will be working with a group of children to decide what to purchase.



Our Final Challenge!

As part of the project, I wanted the teaching team of Woodlands Park to achieve something collaboratively. I challenged the staff to join me in a Tag Team Relay throughout the day. Our target for the day was to complete a double marathon (52.4) miles as a team. Members of staff signed up to walk or run a mile or more during the day to create a continuous chain of activity. The chain started at 5.00 am in the morning as I left Newton Abbot on foot before (virtually) tagging Matt Hoey (parent governor) at 7.30 am who completed a run before work. Activities were completed continuously during the day and the mileage crept up as people walked around the field whilst their children were completing their active challenges or went for a walk or run before or after their work shift (or at lunchtime). The relay continued on Friday evening with Mrs Pipe completing a kilometre swim with her family in Exeter before 'tagging' Ms Waldron who ran her second 10k of the day and saw the sunset on the moor above Ivybridge. This concluded our challenge.

In total, the team completed 105 miles during the day; the equivalent of four marathons. I am hugely proud of this achievement (but won't be running to school again in a hurry!) This success demonstrates the amazing things that can be accomplished through team work. It is wonderful that your children benefit from this great team spirit of the staff at Woodlands Park every day!



Our Open Afternoon

It was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us on Friday so that your children could share what they had achieved during the first two weeks of term. Staff, pupils and parents all commented on how positive the start of the year has been and valued the chance to meet and share informally so early in the term. I look forward to working with you this year to ensure that your child has a fantastic year at Woodlands Park.

Kind regards

Steve Bone

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