



## **Headteachers report of the week**

**Students this week have been enjoying the new Vocational Learning Centre. This is designed to provide students with hands-on experiences in various trades and professions. From carpentry and plumbing to motor mechanics. Our centre offers a wide range of experiences to help students develop practical skills and prepare for their future careers. We encourage all students to explore the opportunities available and consider enrolling in a club/course that sparks their interest.**

**Our computer club is buzzing with excitement this week! Members having been working on several innovative projects. It's open to learners of all skill levels, whether you're a novice to a seasoned programmer, there's something for everyone.**

**Recipe of the month: Chocolate Fudge Cake. Who doesn't love a delicious slice of chocolate fudge cake? This week we're sharing a mouth-watering recipe that's sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. Perfect for a weekend baking project or a special treat, this cake is rich, moist and oh-so-chocolatey**

**Best Wishes**

**Jules**





Destiny had fun at Forest School this week and even found a tree with a secret spy hole!!

# Gardener of the Year



Mike has recently  
joined us and has  
achieved  
Gardener of the  
Year!



He went to a  
special ceremony.  
– Amazing Mike,  
Well done!



# Welcome to Woodlands Vocational Learning Centre



The home of Motor Vehicle,  
where Arran in Woodlands  
time was enjoying time with  
Andy and wanted to know all  
about driving!





Andy has been supporting learners in the Vocational Learning Centre making wooden signs for Halloween. Harrison and Ollie have been learning about divots and using the drill to screw the pieces together.

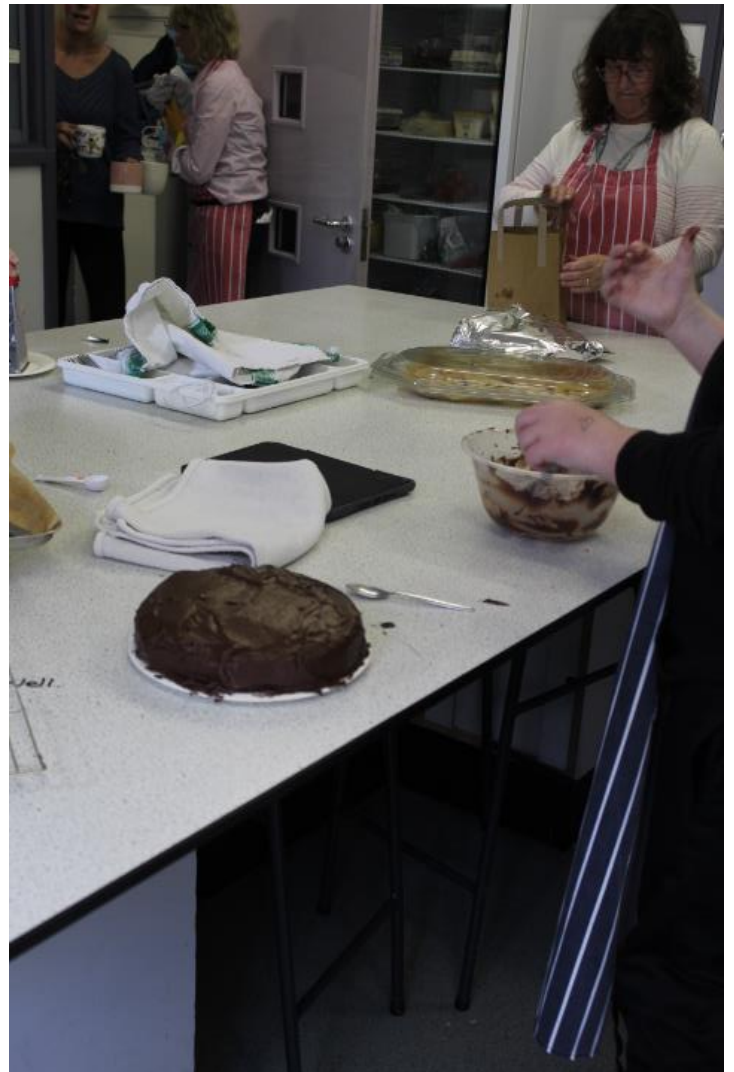




# Chocolate Fudge Cake

Tyler and Leo  
made the most  
delicious cake!

Baking and  
decorating.  
(Smell was  
amazing!!)



# Chocolate Fudge Cake

## - Recipe

### Ingredients

- 150ml [sunflower oil](#), plus extra for the tin
- 175g [self-raising flour](#)
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp [bicarbonate of soda](#)
- 150g [caster sugar](#)
- 2 tbsp [golden syrup](#)
- 2 [large eggs](#), lightly beaten
- 150ml semi-skimmed milk

### For the icing

- 100g [unsalted butter](#)
- 225g [icing sugar](#)
- 40g cocoa powder
- 2½ tbsp [milk](#) (a little more if needed)

### Method

- **STEP 1**

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Oil and line the base of two 18cm sandwich tins. Sieve the flour, cocoa powder and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl. Add the caster sugar and mix well.

- **STEP 2**

Make a well in the centre and add the golden syrup, eggs, sunflower oil and milk. Beat well with an electric whisk until smooth.

- **STEP 3**

Pour the mixture into the two tins and bake for 25-30 mins until risen and firm to the touch. Remove from oven, leave to cool for 10 mins before turning out onto a cooling rack.

- **STEP 4**

To make the icing, beat the unsalted butter in a bowl until soft. Gradually sieve and beat in the icing sugar and cocoa powder, then add enough of the milk to make the icing fluffy and spreadable.

- **STEP 5**

Sandwich the two cakes together with the butter icing and cover the sides and the top of the cake with more icing.



# Computer Club

Ben

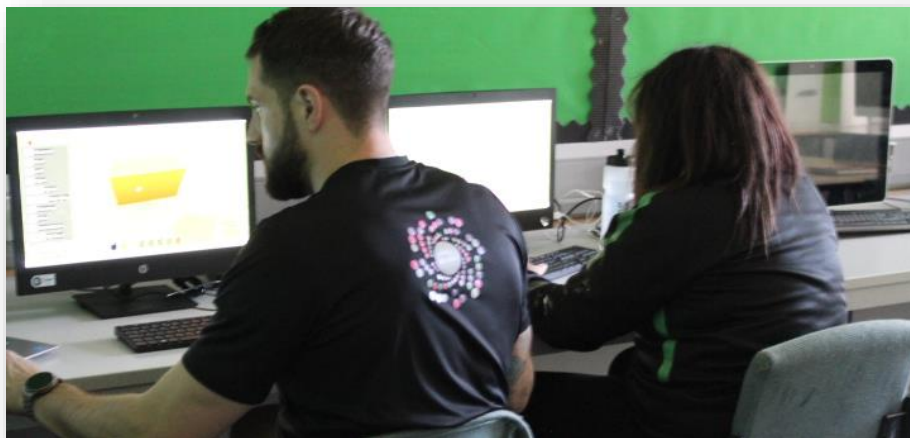
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learners on the

computers to

develop their

skills.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
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CRAFTS GAMES  
**BAZAAR**

FREE ENTRY!

DECEMBER **19<sup>TH</sup>** 1.30PM - 3PM

AT WOODLANDS SCHOOL

GIFTS



FOOD



# Woodlands Houses

**Teme**



**Vyrnwy**



**Severn**



Eco Friendly Recycled Fashion  
Show House Challenge

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

October

I'm hoping to have 2 very special judges; they now know who they are, and fingers crossed all will be revealed on the day...

Destiny	Acorns 1
Arthur	Acorns 2
Joshua	Acorns 2
Riley	Nest
Oscar	Oaks 1
Lars	Oaks 1
McKenzie	Saplings 2
Leo	Saplings 2
Ollie	Saplings 2
Tyler	Saplings 2
Ryan	Saplings 3
Willow	Saplings 3
Romeo	Saplings 3
Emilia	Saplings 3
Arran	Shore
Alexander	Shore
Mason	Shore
Taylor	Shore

**100%**  
**Attendance last**  
**week**



*Shout out to all  
our learners*

# This Week at Woodlands

**Be your best!**



**B**e brave.

**E**ngage positively.

**S**ensible and safe behaviours at all times.

**T**ake responsibility

- **Oaks 2 have worked exceptionally hard in their core lessons. – Great positive engagement well done!**
- **Callum has had the B E S T week, he has been brave and gone into Geography, engaged positively in Maths, taken responsibility to go and find all his lessons and he has been sensible and safe at all times. – Outstanding Callum what a week! Well done!**
- **Shout out to Tyler ST for some brilliant engagement in his maths lesson – Great work Tyler, Well done!**
- **Scott and Caleb have been in their Maths lessons listening well and trying their best. – Amazing work boys!**
- **Callum and Xander have shown great engagement in science – Great work boys!**
- **Shannon has been brave and turned things round and engaged for the whole day – Shannon you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think. All you need to do is believe in yourself like we believe in you!**



## Headteacher Awards

- **Nest – Harrison** for full engagement in the Nest and being the B E S T – Well done Harrison!!
- **Saplings 2 – Callum** for Engaging positively in all lessons and a really positive transition to Saplings 2
- **Saplings 2 – Ollie K** for an amazing piece of work on Africa before slavery and having a really mature conversation about it.
- **Acorns 2 – Noah Hu** for superb maths, investigating cubed and squared numbers.
- **Acorns 2 – Arthur** for superb maths, investigating cubed and squared numbers.
- **Oaks 2 – Jack** for mature attitude to learning.
- **Shore – Arran** for trying really hard with his handwriting.

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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.



## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.



## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.



## 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and **never** attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.



## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.



## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"



Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES



Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.



## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.



## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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