

Children in Need 2019

A sensational £2,158 was raised!!! Wow! A new record for Woodside School!

Well done to the School Council for organising our Children in Need events and to everyone who contributed. Thank you.



Please check the school website for Christmas dates

<https://woodsideschool.co.uk/>

BBC Rickshaw Challenge 2019

As part of the Children in Need fundraising this year, Matt Baker and a team took on an eight day challenge to cycle 400 miles from Holyhead to London. As part of their route, they came through Oswestry so a group of us went to cheer them on!

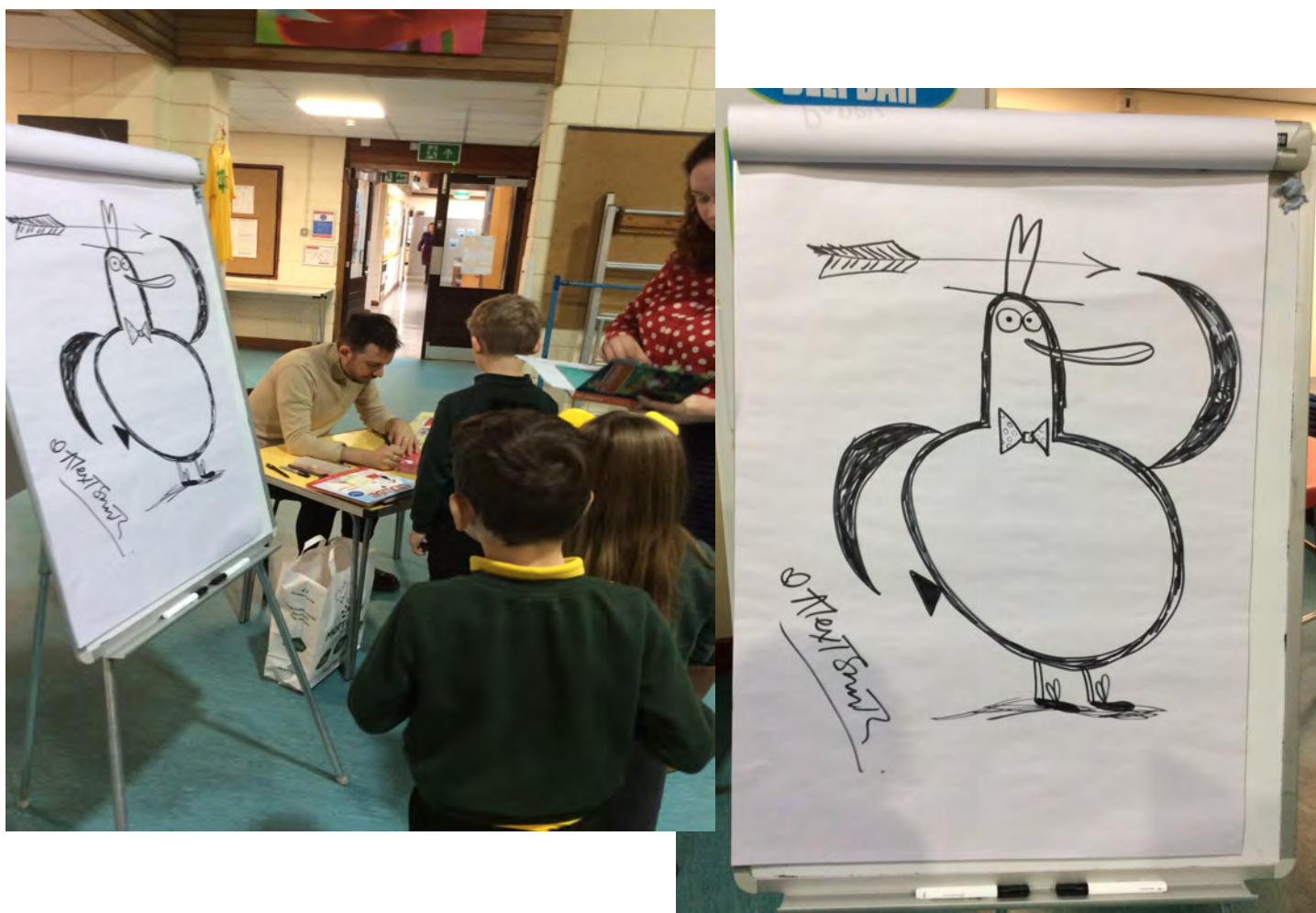


Alex T Smith

Author Alex T Smith came to visit us at Woodside on Tuesday 12th November. He was really funny!

Alex showed us some pictures of him drawing when he was little and also drew some of his pets. He showed us all how to draw Mr Penguin and taught us something called SIS which stands for Special Illustrator Scribbling. He finished his time with us by reading some of his new book.

By Ffion , Year 4



I like Alex T Smith because he has really funny books like Claude and Mr Penguin. When he came to Woodside he drew his dogs.

He read a bit of his new Mr Penguin book for us.

By Eva, Year 4

Harvest 2019



A huge THANK YOU for the generous donations of food for Oswestry Food Bank. We sent 24 large boxes of food and the staff donated shower products, etc.

Rock band in school!

This term the children enjoyed watching and listening to the Shropshire Music Service's rock band perform in our main hall. The children got to listen to a range of different songs including 'Senorita', 'Eye of the Tiger' and 'Another One Bites the Dust'. The children and adults got to join in with the singing with some children even getting up to dance with the props! We all had a fantastic time!



Year 2 Bikeability



Bikeability training is delivered through Learncycling, an accredited national training scheme who use a team of professional local cycle instructors who visit schools to carry out the training.

The sessions prepare young children with the skills they will need to ride a pedal bike, using games and balance bikes to develop bike handling and awareness skills.

Our children loved it and were a credit to Woodside.



Anti-bullying at Woodside



The children have all been learning about the importance of a small act of kindness as part of our work on Anti-Bullying Week.

This year's theme was 'Change Starts With Us' and so all the children were asked to write a pledge - something they would actively change to make a difference to our school community.

We then created a Pledge Tree for all the children to see. We had lots of fun and also participated in a range of team building games in our PE lessons and discussed the importance of being kind to everyone you meet. The children learnt a lot and especially enjoyed creating their pledge leaves.

As part of our work during Anti-Bullying Week, our Year 2 children were invited to visit Oswestry Town Library for a storytelling workshop.

Whilst at the library, the children enjoyed a variety of stories themed around kindness, linking to Odd Socks Day.

The children then got creative and designed their own odd sock to be displayed in the library.



School Council 2019–2020



Introducing our School Council 2019—2020. Our new councillors already have lots of ideas about how to make our school even better! They've started their year of service well by leading on the Children in Need fundraising in school resulting in a record amount raised at Woodside. Well done School Council! We'll keep you updated on the School Council's work over the coming year.



Winter weather



Here's a quick reminder of the emergency procedure in the event of snow...

If there is overnight snow or icy conditions

which are causing problems on the roads and might make it difficult for families/staff to travel to school then please note the following:

1. If the school needs to close then all parents/carers will be sent a text to let them know.
2. Any closure will be on the school website www.woodsideschool.co.uk.
3. Closures will also be on the Shropshire Council website www.new.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures.
4. We will inform Shropshire Council who will in turn contact all local radio stations. Announcements will be made via the radio after 8am. The school will be referred to as Woodside Primary School, Oswestry.
5. Signs will be placed at the school gates announcing the closure of the school.
6. School phones will be staffed after 7.45am to answer any queries. Please do not phone school UNLESS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL as we will need to use the phones to inform staff of the closure.

Hopefully, we will not find ourselves in a position in which we have to close the school but it is important that you all know

R J Palacio

In collaboration with Booka, the award winning independent bookshop, Woodside School hosted globally bestselling and award-winning author R J Palacio. She spoke to our Year 5/6 children about her debut novel, Wonder and also her new novel, White Bird.



On Tuesday 19th November an author called R J Palacio came into school and talked about her new book called White Bird. She told us about the book and how she came up with the idea for it. It was about a girl who lived in a town that the Germans invaded during the war. The girl hid in a church bell to escape from the soldiers who were taking children away. A boy from her school, who no-one liked, came and rescued her. The story sounded very exciting and made me want to read her book. R J Palacio also told us about the first book she wrote, 'Wonder'. She talked about how it was made into a film and the famous people who played the characters. I really enjoyed her visit and she inspired me to want to be an author when I grown up!

By Emily, Year 5





Remembrance

Thank you to you all for supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised a stunning **£942!**

Another fundraising record for Woodside.

We were so proud of the children in our remembrance assemblies.

They were respectful and knowledgeable about why we mark remembrance day in school.



Trees on front playground



We have been advised that the trees in the planters on the front playground need to be removed as they are beginning to encroach on the buildings and, even if trimmed back, are too big to remain indefinitely. We will therefore have them removed in February half term 2020. We have chosen this time as it will have minimal impact on nesting birds and other wildlife. The shrubs will remain and we have some other ideas which we'll share later in the year.



Happiness Club

workshop for parents/ carers

**On Monday 20th January 2020,
Katie from Happiness Club will be
running an information workshop
for parents/carers. This will take
place in the main hall from 3.00—
4.30pm. More information will
follow in the new year.**



Some of the opportunities Woodside children have had over autumn term 2019...

- ⇒ Live band
- ⇒ Marches Taster Days
- ⇒ Rugby competition
- ⇒ New Age Curling competition
- ⇒ Football competitions
- ⇒ Hockey competitions
- ⇒ Gymnastics competition
- ⇒ Cross Country competition
- ⇒ Booka trips
- ⇒ Library trips
- ⇒ Lego club
- ⇒ Health & fitness clubs
- ⇒ Cookery club
- ⇒ Musical theatre club
- ⇒ Choir
- ⇒ Library club
- ⇒ Dance club
- ⇒ Plastercine animation club
- ⇒ Christmas craft club
- ⇒ MD Warriors
- ⇒ Gymnastics club
- ⇒ Ukulele lessons
- ⇒ Eco Committee
- ⇒ Fire Service assembly
- ⇒ School Council elections
- ⇒ Sports Leader training
- ⇒ Lakelands & Marches information meetings
- ⇒ Bikeability
- ⇒ Happiness club
- ⇒ Authors (Guy Bass, R J Palacio, Tom Fletcher, Alex T Smith)
- ⇒ Singing at the Lighting ceremony
- ⇒ Singing at the Heritage Centre
- ⇒ Christmas play
- ⇒ Christmas Parties
- ⇒ Christmas discos
- ⇒ Carol Service

...and much, much more!



Christmas at Woodside

As we work our way through our many year group plays and performances we would like to thank you for your help with costumes, learning song words/scripts and supporting our Christmas Fair and Carol Service.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020!

