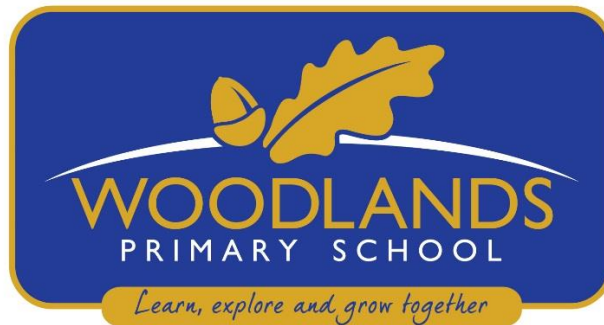


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Happy New Year!

We started the week with another whole school assembly during which we considered how being brave when we find something hard and keeping on trying helps us to succeed. We watched a lovely clip of a baby ibex climbing an almost vertical dam accompanied by her mother (Brian Cox, 'Forces of Nature' BBC1, if you would like to watch it too!). It was incredible. I shared with the children things that I find difficult, for example running, and then how I am trying really hard to run three times a week



I asked them to think of something that they find HARD and to think about how they could plan to get better at it. I wonder what they came up with - perhaps you could ask them?

Plea for Picnic Blankets

KS1 are trying to set up an outdoor reading trolley so that children can read outside at lunch time when the weather gets a little warmer. If you have a spare picnic blanket (ideally with a waterproof back) you would be willing to donate to the school, we would be very grateful.

Indoor Athletics Competition Report by Y6 Pupils

On Thursday, 9 girls and 9 boys went to the Sportshall Indoor Athletics competition at the Angel Centre. We competed in 4 track and 4 field events each. We were very successful and came 2nd out of 9 teams! Kieran even won a heads and tails competition out of everybody and we also had a dance off. It was an amazing day and we are very proud of our 2nd place!

Year 2 Guitar Club

Please note that this lunchtime club, run by Mrs Buxton, will not start until Wednesday 18th January.

After School Clubs Collection Arrangements

We are changing the arrangements for collecting your children from all after school clubs. Please look out for the letter which will be coming home today.



Club Help – our pupils need you!

Eco Club is thriving at KS2 but we would love a couple more parents to come and help us. No prior knowledge needed but an interest in gardening and the environment would be useful.

The Y5 and Y6 Netball Club is run by Miss Woodger but unfortunately all their matches have been arranged on a Wednesday after school which is when we have staff training meetings. We are hoping that a parent (or two!) would be willing to help us out with both the matches and the weekly running of the club session. Come on you netballers, we know you are out there and our team needs you.....

Please contact the school office if you could help with either of these clubs.

Music News

Senior Choir is looking forward to their trip to the O2 Arena on 17th January. New members are welcome from 18th January and we will then start work on our songs for the Choir Competition taking place on 23rd March, 6.30pm at Tonbridge Baptist Church.

All music clubs start back next week at the same times. Junior Choir will be held in 5 Mulberry's classroom for this term and next as the Hall is needed for a sport club. Please encourage the children to keep practising!

Our drumming teacher Henry Newsome has space for more pupils. If you are interested, please contact him on henrynewsome@ymail.com. There are also spaces for flute and clarinet pupils. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding we are able to assist with the cost of lessons. Please contact Mrs Jones for all queries regarding instrumental lessons.

Y4 children are starting to work on a new unit in our Charanga music scheme and the code needed to unlock this at home is being sent out to you by ParentMail. We hope the children have lots of fun using this resource.

Contract Dining Company

Jolly January Winter Warmer

On Thursday 19th January, a Winter Warmer menu is being offered:

Chicken Strips with BBQ Sauce
Quorn Sausages
Saute Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Fruit Pots, Yoghurts

If you would like your child to have a lunch on this day, please make sure you complete a Payment Calendar. The cost will be £2.30 as normal.

Relief Cleaning Vacancies

We are looking to recruit several Relief Cleaners to cover sickness and emergency absences within our cleaning team. The rate of pay is £7.42/hour and would be on a zero hours contract. The hours of work would be between 3.30pm and 8.30pm but it may not be necessary for all 5 hours to be worked. Some shifts may also be required during school holidays. If you are interested in applying for this role, please ask for an application form or e mail personnel@woodlands.kent.sch.uk



Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:

Phoebe (6Juniper) and **Thomas Grange** (4Peach) who finished their first 5k Parkrun on Saturday 31st

December, both completing it in 34 minutes.

Charlotte Goodall (5Beech) who received a medal and certificate this week for achieving her level 1 British Gymnastics proficiency award.

Woodlands Primary PTA – Comedy Night

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Comedy Night which is being held on Friday 3rd February.

The flyer with booking form is attached.

FAB Club

FAB Club resumes this Friday 6th January from 7.00-8.30pm at Tonbridge Methodist Church. All children in Y3-6 are very welcome to come along. If you have any questions, please email Victoria@tonbridgemethodistchurch.com

Community News

Tonbridge Junior FC are offering the highly acclaimed Indoor Futsal training programme - skills training based around ball control, perfect for winter training and player development. Open to boys and girls, it starts Monday 23rd January and runs for 5 weeks at Judd School Sports Hall. 6-7pm for U8-U10 (Years 3,4,5) and 7-8pm for U11-U13 (Years 6,7,8). The cost is £30 for the term but a full refund will be given if, after the first session, you wish to change your mind. To register your interest, please email futsaljfc@gmail.com with your child's name and school year. Payment is via direct debit so complete a registration to secure a place by visiting <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0000NEXGSPMR> for the 6-7pm slot <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0000PPCS07NS> for the 7-8pm slot

Letters Home

All PTA Comedy Night Booking Form
Y4 Charanga Recorder Scheme
After School Cricket Club
Y5 Royal Observatory Trip (sent 3rd Jan)

Diary Dates

All Class Assemblies start at 2.45pm

17th Jan Young Voices Concert O2
20th Jan Y1 Victorian Day
20th Jan 5Beech Class Assembly
3rd Feb Comedy Night
6th Feb Y5 Royal Observatory
10th Feb 4Olive Class Assembly
9th Mar 1Yew Class Assembly
10th Mar 3Nutmeg Class Assembly
14th Mar Maidstone Museum visiting Reception Classes
16th Mar 10Oak Class Assembly
16th Mar Parent Forum 6pm (Social, Emotional and Mental Health)
23rd Mar KS2 Choir Competition
30th Mar 1Fir Class Assembly
28th Apr 5Rowan Class Assembly
26th May 4Lime Class Assembly
22nd May Y6 Isle of Wight Trip
23rd June 3Damson Class Assembly
29th June 2Chestnut Class Assembly
6th July 2Bay Class Assembly
13th July 2Hawthorn Class Assembly

Dates which have been changed or added

Term Dates

10 th February	Term Ends
20 th February	Term Starts
31 st March	Term Ends
18 th April	Term Starts
26 th May	Term Ends
5 th June	Inset Day
6 th June	Term Starts
21 st July	Term Ends