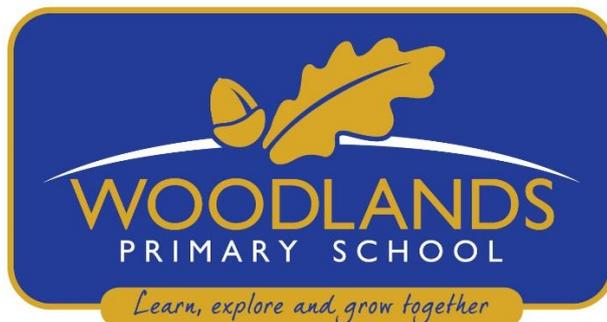


Woodlands Weekly



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Year 5 have had great fun at Carrotty Wood this week when each class spent a day and a half developing their team building and independence skills. Each class fired arrows during archery, climbed up high on the climbing wall, tried to maintain their balance on the low ropes course, navigated their way in and out of the maze, communicated and listened to each other in team games and made as many splashes as they could in the swimming pool. The teachers report back that they have been great fun and have really shown excellent growth mindset approaches during all the challenging activities.

Quotes from the children included:

"Wow, this is such fun, I must come here every day"

"I've loved all the activities"

"This spaghetti bolognese is much better than my mum's" (sorry to all you mums!)

"I can't wait to go to the Isle of Wight as you do this all week and you go to a different country" (Perhaps geographical skills need some thought here....)

Quotes from the teachers:

"Have you brushed your hair?"

"Whose jumper is this?"

"Alarm clocks are being added to the kit list as I'm not being woken up again by children dressed and standing in the corridor at 3.30am"

Thank you to the children for representing Woodlands so well and being polite, full of energy and showing great team skills. Thank you to the entire Year 5 team (and other helpers) who give their own time to make such a lovely experience for the children. Special mention to Miss Ridger who, as well as taking her own class, runs the campfire each night.

Local Schools' Pupil Council

Children from Woodlands, Wateringbury, Sussex Road, Long Mead, Borough Green and Royal Rise had the first

meeting of a joint schools' pupil council here at Woodlands this week. Dexter, Millie and Owen, together with the pupils from the other schools, had a great afternoon discussing our PHSE (Personal, Health, Social and Economic) curriculum and thinking of new ideas to tackle this area of school life. Suggestions included holding an Enterprise Week, including more role play and more keeping fit days (not sure about this one!!).



Class Assembly – 4 Bay

We really enjoyed meandering through 4 Bay's assembly which told the story of The River through poetry and song. Thank you for your enthusiastic story-telling 4 Bay and lovely singing.

Year 6 Secondary School Application Forms

Please remember that Secondary School Application Forms should be completed by **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. Please apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. Please email a copy of the form or confirmation of the application form to the school office as soon as you have applied.

Sports News

Fun Run – Dunorlan

30 children from Y1-Y6 attended the fun run event at Dunorlan Park on Wednesday. They had to run a set route and had a fantastic morning. Thank you to everyone who came to support. The children were awarded with certificates in Celebration assembly today. A special well done to Luke in 6 Lime who finished 3rd in the Y5/6 race and was awarded a medal donated by Tonbridge Athletics club.

Netball News

Well done to the Netball team who had their first match last Thursday against Long Mead. It was a slow start but the girls really came together as a team with passes and interceptions improving through the match. Long Mead took the lead and won 3-1 but the girls remained positive throughout. We are looking forward to our next match on Tuesday 20th November against Hildenborough.

A few reminders please:



Bikes and Scooters

If your child is riding a bike/scooter to school please could you ensure that they are not riding it on the school site or on the pavements down the hill at the front of the school. This is dangerous – not just for them but also for the pedestrians who may be knocked over. Last week a child fell off into the road in front of a van.

Children may only ride unaccompanied if they are wearing a helmet and are in Y6.

Behaviour before School

Please make sure that your child waits with you outside their classroom (or on the playground in upper Key Stage 2).

The adventurous equipment, the grassed areas, the woodlands areas and the field are out of bounds at this time.

It is embarrassing for both children and their parents - if we have stop them in front of you and so we would be grateful if you could say 'no' for us.

Thank you.



FE.A.S.T

Project FEAST is running again on Tuesday October 23rd (during half term). If you and your children would like to enjoy a freshly prepared, tasty and nutritious meal - plus access to a community larder – please speak to Mrs Hardcastle or look at www.feast.org.uk to see the menu and find out more information about the project.

Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.1
1	94.7
2	94.4
3	95.3
4	96.2
5	96.3
6	92.2



Remembrance Day Poppies

We will, as usual, have the Royal British Legion Poppies in school next term. If you would like to send in a donation with your child during the first week of next term they will be able to get a poppy for themselves. We also have other items to sell on behalf of the Royal British Legion:

Rulers	£1
Erasers	50p
Pencil Sharpeners	50p
Reflectors	50p
Pencils	50p

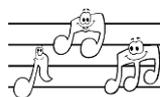
These items will be on sale from the school office from 3.00–3.30pm each day from Tuesday 30th October.

Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2019

If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please note that we are holding two Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These will take place on 13th and 20th November at 9.30am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.

Smoking in Cars

A few of our neighbours have noticed that some adults are smoking in cars with children in them before and after school. For obvious health reasons, this is now illegal.



Music News

Over the last two weeks children in KS2 have had African drumming workshops in their music lessons provided by Richard Latham of Rich Rhythms. The children enjoyed learning about the drums and performed different rhythms together. Photos will soon be on the website!

If your child is interested in making music over half term you may like to know about this:

ORCHESTRA ONE PROJECT 21 - THEME HALLOWEEN

A four day course run by Kent Music with a concert to finish!

Orchestra ONE is an open access large ensemble for all singers and instrumentalists aged 8 – 18. Members of Orchestra ONE come from a wide range of musical backgrounds and create their own original music during each four day project. Every project offers a new

experience influenced by changing themes, collaborations and specialist tutor teams but most importantly by the young musicians' own interests, styles and instrumentation. Project 21 will take place on 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th November 2018 at New Line Learning in Maidstone. During the four day course members will create their own new music inspired by the theme of Halloween. More information about the project is in the attached document and on the Kent Music website: <https://www.kent-music.com/county-groups/orchestra-one/>.

The project costs £20 to attend, for all four days (sibling discounts are available). If the cost is a barrier to young people, Kent Music is able to offer Financial Assistance to those who meet the criteria. I have attached the information for you. To apply for assistance, please go to <https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>. If students do not meet the criteria, but would like to discuss support, please contact our Financial Co-ordinator Gail on gbatty@kent-music.com.

How to book:

EXISTING MEMBERS:

<https://goo.gl/forms/R7xp1QA6ZQCYbwOD2>.

NEW MEMBERS: <https://www.kent-music.com/county-groups/orchestra-one/>.

If you have any questions relating to Orchestra ONE, please contact Cara McCormick: 01622 691212 cmccormick@kent-music.com

Tonbridge Family Carol Service Saturday 15th December at 4pm. The Senior Choir are performing at this. Please send in your slip to say if your child is able to come as we need to know numbers. Parents and friends need to buy tickets.

Tickets are selling fast and you need to buy them now as they will soon sell out. Please visit

<http://www.tonphil.org.uk/tickets.html> to buy tickets or go to Wolfit Pet Shop or Country Gardens Florists.

The Junior Choir are singing at the Methodist Church on 22nd November at 2pm and all are invited to attend and support them. If you already help in school and could help on the day please let Mrs Jones know.



Superstar Corner

A big WELL DONE to Abdu (6 Lime), Alec (6 Olive), Ella (6 Lime) and Zoe (6 Lime), who all attend drama classes with Playworks Speech & Drama and performed brilliantly in their show, 'Imagine' at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks on Saturday 6th October! The audience, which included the Mayor of Sevenoaks, really enjoyed the show and commented on how powerful and moving it was.

Congratulations to George (2 Palm) who recently played for Tonbridge Juddians U7s at the Blackheath Festival, and was 1 of 2 players chosen from TJ's to play in the final Barbarians game.

PTA NEWS

Fireworks ticket stall in the Co-op tomorrow
We will be selling firework tickets to the general public tomorrow, Saturday 20th October 10am-4pm from the Co-op in Martin Hardie Way. Cash only.

AMAZON SMILE - FREE FUNDRAISING

We have just set up our charity with Amazon Smile. It doesn't cost you anything but when you check out on your Amazon account they will donate directly to our PTA. With lots of Christmas shopping coming up this will soon add up to worthwhile funds for your PTA.

Please use this link to join your account.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1090106-0>

KS2 DISCO - FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Please see attached poster for details

Years 3 & 4: 5pm - 6.15pm

Years 5 & 6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm

If you can help out at either or both of the discos, please email Julia.Thompson@live.co.uk

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Tickets for parents/carers are still available to purchase via ParentMail. Orders will then be collated on a weekly basis and tickets sent home. If you have any problems with the tickets please email: woodlandsfireworknight@gmail.com. Alternatively tickets can be purchased by the general public online:

<http://event.bookitbee.com/19363/woodlandsfireworksnight2018>

BAG2SCHOOLS CLOTHING COLLECTION - FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Collection bags are coming home today - any bags are fine to use, the more the better!

SECRET PRESENTS - FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

More details to follow

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 11.30AM-2.30PM

Community News

As you may be aware, Henry Mann in R Magnolia is Deaf. His mum, Neve Mann is trekking the Great China Wall during the half term, to raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society to acknowledge the care & support this Charity have provided for his family. She will be trekking for 5-8 hours a day for 5 days- up & down steps all day!!

A few people have asked for & if you want to contribute to her fundraising, here is the link to her fundraising page;

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal//fundraiserPage?pagelid=932875>

Showtime Stage Schools are now in your area and would like to raise awareness about Showtime classes at Tonbridge Grammar School on Saturday mornings 10am to 1pm for boys and girls aged 6 and over. For £30 they get two weeks to experience Showtime and upon joining they also receive their free T-Shirt just go to <https://showtime.london/tonbridge-enrol>

Our Website is www.showtime.london which also has details about our upcoming half term workshop, The Greatest Showman.

Tonbridge Methodist Church will be hosting a film night on Wednesday 31st October (as a safe alternative to anything else

that might be going on that evening!), running from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

We will be watching "The Incredibles 2"

All ages are very welcome to come along, drinks and snacks will be provided. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Feel free to wear a onesie or bring a blanket.

Hope to see you there!

Letters Home

All	Kent Music Financial Assistance Scheme
Y3 & Y4	After School Cricket Club
Y4	Egyptian Day
Y6	WW11 Methodist Church visit
Y3,4,5,6	PTA Disco Flyer

Diary Dates

30 th Oct	Y4 Egyptian Day
2 nd Nov	KS2 Disco
5 th Nov	Y2 Drusillas Zoo Park
6 th Nov	Y6 WW11 Methodist Church visit
10 th Nov	PTA Firework Night (tickets on PMail)
20 th Nov	Parent Consultations
20 th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 Acorn Hall
22 nd Nov	Junior Choir to Methodist Church 2pm
22 nd Nov	Parent Consultations
22 nd Nov	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 Acorn Hall
23 rd Nov	Bags to School/Bags2schools/Secret Presents
29 th Nov	Flu Immunisation – Reception to Year 5
1 st Dec	Christmas Fair
10 th Dec	Height & Weight Reception and Year 6
31 st Jan	Senior Choir at Young Voices, O2
1 st Feb	PTA Comedy Night (tickets on PMail)
22 nd June	Summer Fair

Dates which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

8 Nov	4 Chestnut
15 Nov	4 Hawthorn
17 Jan	5 Nutmeg
24 Jan	3 Oak
31 Jan	3 Yew
12 Mar	1 Hazel
19 Mar	1 Juniper
26 Mar	1 Willow
4 Apr	R Magnolia
9 May	5 Damson
23 May	R Cherry
13 Jun	2 Elm
20 Jun	R Tulip
27 Jun	2 Palm
4 Jul	2 Cedar

Term Dates

19 th October	Term Ends
29 th October	Term Starts
19 th December	Term Ends
3 rd January 2019	Term Starts

15 th February	Term Ends
25 th February	Inset Day
26 th February	Term Starts
5 th April	Term Ends
23 rd April	Term Starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday
24 th May	Term Ends
3 rd June	Term Starts
19 th July	Term Ends
22 nd July	Inset Day
23 rd July	Inset Day
2 nd Sept 2019	Term Starts
18 th Oct	Term Ends
28 th Oct	Term Starts
18 th Dec	Term Ends
6 th Jan 2020	Term Starts
14 th Feb	Term Ends
24 th Feb	Term Starts
1 st Apr	Term Ends
16 th Apr	Term Starts
4 th May	Bank Holiday
22 nd May	Term Ends
1 st June	Term Starts
22 nd July	Term Ends

(Please note that Inset Days for the academic year Sept 2019 to July 2020 have yet to be confirmed)