

Woodlands Weekly



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A very warm (or perhaps slightly chilly!) welcome back to Term 2.

We started off the week with assemblies in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which focused on our emotions. Key Stage 2 pupils discussed why we have emotions – and linked these to our hormones. They learnt that it is normal to have a range of emotions and discussed how to look after our emotions and the **importance of sleep**. The children learnt that the following were important:

- Consistent routine even at weekends
- Bath or shower before bed
- No tablets or phones close to bedtime (parents, please keep all these downstairs!)
- Exercise at some point in the day (not too close to bedtime)

In Key Stage 1, we looked at a story called, 'The Lion Inside' and how we all have an inner mouse and an inner lion and that we need both. This is a lovely story – and well worth a read with your child. Please feel free to borrow my copy, should you think this would be useful for your child.



On Tuesday, Year 4 started their new topic with an 'Ancient Egyptian Day' where each class undertook a whole day of history activities. The children were visited by Oliver Naylor from 'Steps in Time', who provided them with a fascinating workshop all about the world of the ancient Egyptians - from battles between the gods to tomb raiders and mummification.

'On Tuesday 30th October we had an insane Egyptian day! First, we mummified bright red, juicy apples which was great fun. We also had to write instructions on how to mummify an apple. After break, we went into the hall to watch an outstanding show about Egypt run by the hilarious Oliver. He told us a story about the 5 gods and

how Seth chopped up his brother in pieces because of his jealousy! We also learnt how to become tomb raiders!

After lunch, we had a lesson on hieroglyphics. It was really fun because we got to write our name in hieroglyphs but, although fun, it was quite hard because I had to draw a very detailed lion, a knife and noose. I don't know how people carved them onto rock solid walls of tombs. Then to finish the day we wrote our name on a cartouche, which is a yellow oval with a pharaoh's name on it placed on the walls of a tomb'.

*Oh what a fun day it was!
Leo in 4 Bay*

Charities

Over each school year, we raise funds to support two charities. This year we are already committed to the NSPCC and would like to find a second charity. If your child has a charity in mind could they please write a letter to Mrs Priestley giving reasons for their suggestion by Friday 16th November? School council will then select one of the charities to support.

Thank you
School Council.



Christmas (yes, already!)

Please note that the dates for all the Christmas performances have now been added to the newsletter. There are also lots of other events run by the PTA in the lead up to Christmas and these are listed in the PTA section of the newsletter.

Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.4
1	98.3
2	96.8
3	96.8
4	97.4
5	96.6
6	95.7

Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation evenings are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November for all year groups between 3.30 and 6.30pm. **We aim to see all parents** – they are a vital part of our partnership with you and enable your child's progress to be discussed and celebrated and future plans to be agreed.

We will be using the ParentMail booking system enabling you to view available appointments yourself and book the one that is most convenient for you.

Children in KS2 who take Maths with Mrs Littlejohn will get feedback on their Maths progress within the main consultation. If, however, you would like to see her separately, please email direct to arrange a convenient time: alittlejohn@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

You will not be able to book appointments with our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Tarrant Blick by using the online system. If you wish her to join your consultation, please let your child's class teacher know.

The ParentMail booking system will be available from 10am on Monday 5th November 2018.



Year 2 Drusillas Trip Reminder

Year 2 will be visiting Drusillas on **Monday 5th November** and we are all very excited! Please remember each child needs a back pack to put their packed lunch in. Children need to wear sensible shoes and a school sweat shirt or fleece. Otherwise please make sure that warm clothing is worn with a waterproof coat. Thank you from the Y2 team

Family School Photographs

The family group photographs taken by Braiswick were sent home with your child earlier this week. Orders need to be placed online or be back in school by Monday 12th November at the latest. **Please note that due to the delay in receiving the family photographs because of the school holiday, Braiswick have extended the deadline for individual photograph orders until Monday 12th November.**



Remembrance Day Poppies

If you would like to send in a donation with your child 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 are on sale from the school office from 3.00–3.30pm each day.



Silly Billy by Anthony Browne

This book is about a boy who worries a lot about the rain, clouds (this made us laugh) and lots of other things. So his Grandma tells him about worry dolls. He made worry dolls to tell his worries to. But, one night he worried about the worry dolls. So he made more worry dolls and then he made more dolls for all of his friends. Billy then slept really well. We liked this book because Billy made lots of worry dolls for his friends. He was kind and nice to his friends and he could sleep well.

Reviewed by 2 Cedar Class



Year 3 and 6 Reading Pairs:

On Thursday afternoon, Year 3 and Year 6 children paired up to listen to each other read a variety of different books. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to hear each other read and the atmosphere in the classrooms was so relaxed and positive. The Year 6 children were fantastic role models and even shared some of their lovely writing from the year so far with their partner. Moreover, Year 6 children are looking forwards to sharing their times tables games that they have been making on Scratch with their partner at the end of the term too.

Book Fairs

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fairs alongside Parent Consultations with books for sale on Tuesday 20th November and Thursday 22nd November between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please note that the sales will take place in Acorn Hall. The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school! The children will be bringing home a leaflet tonight. **Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Book Fairs Ltd and not Woodlands Primary School as stated on the leaflet.**

Admissions to school in September 2019

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 you can make an online application for a place from **Monday 5th November 2018** at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and a booklet explaining the admissions procedure is also available online. If you have any questions please contact the school office, the Primary Admissions Team on 03000412121 or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are holding two Open Mornings on the 13th and 20th November 2018 at 9.30am. Please contact the school office (office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk), if you would like to attend.



Firework Safety reminder

Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents. Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even as a joke.

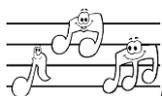
General sparkler safety reminders:

Children under five are too young to safely hold a sparkler and don't really understand why they might be dangerous. Avoid giving them one to hold.

Children over five will still need you to supervise them when they use sparklers. It's safest if they wear gloves when they're holding them. They might seem harmless but sparklers can reach a temperature of 2000°C. Teach them not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run with them.



Many apologies for the confusion around school clubs this week – our fault. Clubs will run until the end of term and start again in January – in the second week of term. They will then run all the way through until Easter. There are sometimes changes to individual clubs but you will be informed of these via ParentMail. Thank you for your patience with us.



Senior Choir – orders for T- shirts for the Young Voices concert must be completed and paid for on ParentMail by 9th November (Acorn office please). Children who do not have one can wear a white T-shirt on the night.

Family Carols on 15th December: tickets are nearly sold out – please go to the Tonbridge Philharmonic Society's website.

Junior Choir – a Parentmail has been sent regarding our trip on 22nd November to the Methodist Church at 2pm. All are welcome.

Both choirs will be singing at our Carol Service on 13th December and letters will be sent out soon. There will also be a Music assembly on Monday 17th December at 2.30pm when all the music clubs will be performing. If your child would like to perform a solo at this assembly please let Mrs Jones know. Solo performers will receive a letter to confirm they are on the programme.

Would your child like to learn the saxophone? We have one in school at present which is not being used and we have a teacher, so please let Mrs Jones know if you are interested.



Superstar Corner

A big WELL DONE to Abdu (6 Lime), **Alec (3 Oak)**, 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 Alice in 3 Fir who recently competed in the Orpington Dance Festival and was awarded 3rd place bronze with merit in the Song & Dance category.

Well done to Alexander in 6 Olive who completed a 4 day Sailing Course with 14th Tonbridge Sea Scouts during half

term and achieved the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Stages 1 and 2 qualification. He worked so hard and the water was very cold!!

PTA NEWS

Christmas Fair raffle tickets are being sent home today, £2.50 per book - lots of great prizes to win! Extra books are available from the Acorn office.

Christmas Cards

Thank you for all your beautiful artwork! This has now been scanned and will be coming home in your child's bag today. Information of how to order your cards can be found via www.apfs.org.uk. Examples of the items available to order can be seen in Acorn office.

Log on using the code on the back of your child's artwork and you will be able to view, edit and personalise your cards.

Order by 12th November at the latest! (there will be a fee for late orders).

Payment will be taken on the website and your printed cards will be delivered to the school on 28th November.

KS2 DISCO - TONIGHT!!

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Yr 3 & Yr 4: 5pm - 6.15pm

Yr 5 & Yr 6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm

£2 entry (includes a drink and a bag of sweets at the end) Popcorn and sweets available from 20p. Glow and tattoo accessories 50p - £1.50.

Please collect children from their teacher at the side entrance to the hall (not the main building entrance).

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 be some worthwhile funds.

Please use this link to join your account.

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

BAG2SCHOOLS CLOTHING COLLECTION -FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Collecting bags are coming home today - any bags are fine to use, the more the better! There will also be a collection point late afternoon on Thursday 22nd November so you can drive up to the school rather than carrying heavy bags at drop off time!

SECRET PRESENTS - FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

More details to follow

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

Letters Home

All	Guide to managing children's screen time
Reception	Reading Questionnaire
Year 6	NHS Wellbeing Questionnaire

Diary Dates

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
3 rd Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production 2.15pm
4 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production 9.15am
4 th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Production 2.15pm
4 th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Production 7pm
5 th Dec	Reception Christmas Production 9.15am
6 th Dec	Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm
10 th Dec	Height & Weight Reception and Year 6
10 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production 2.15pm
11 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am
11 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Production 2pm
11 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Production 7pm
13 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service 6pm
31 st Jan	Senior Choir at Young Voices, O2
1 st Feb	PTA Comedy Night (tickets on PMail)
22 nd June	Summer Fair

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)

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