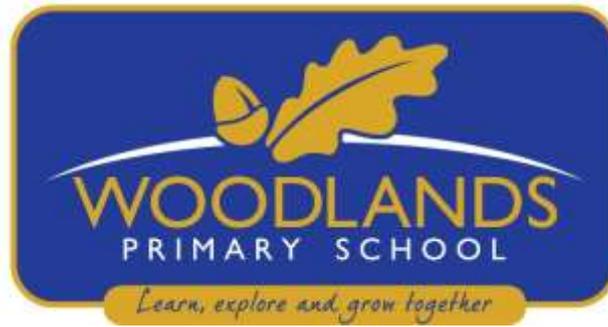


Woodlands Weekly



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We have had a week very much focused on our environment and the world around us. Year 1 created their own ephemeral art using plant matter collected from around the school site. Here is their butterfly....



The theme of our assembly on Monday was 'Climate Change'. We started to look at what climate change is, why it is happening and what the impact of it is and may be in the future. As we explained to the children, this is a lot to cover in one assembly(!), so teachers have continued the discussions in class and I know some pupils were interested to discover more about how little changes that we initiate can make a big difference.

Here are two of our pupils joining in the Climate Change awareness group in Tonbridge last Friday....



The same family also took part in a litter pick as part of the Great British Beach Clean at the weekend...



Let me know how you and your family are making a difference to the environment! If you send me an email with a picture, I will continue to publish them to share our efforts as a community.

As you may know, we are working hard to design a curriculum that is 'even better'. As part of this, we are reviewing our personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE). We had planned a parent forum on the renewed PSHE curriculum in October but have decided to postpone this until later in the year. This is due to guidance continuing to come through in preparation for a September 2020 start. We would prefer to have made final decisions before the forum. PSHE also includes relationships education so we want to have time to consult with staff and parents before updating this part of the curriculum.

Lastly, the government are keen for '60 minutes a day' to become as commonly understood as '5 a day'. This new slogan refers to ensuring children are physically active for at least one hour a day from when they rise to when they go to bed. This is an initiative to help children to grow up as active people who understand the important role of exercise in keeping both physically and mentally fit. As a school, we are already looking at how we support children to be active. I would ask parents to consider the time spent on electronic devices, especially through the winter months, and ways that children and their families can enjoy activity together. A simple action could be to walk to school or park further away from school (which would help make the area around school safer!) and walk the rest of the way. Again, I'd like to hear how you get on with this.

I will be launching my autumn term Headteacher's Home Project in next week's newsletter, so keep an eye out for that!

Have an active weekend but don't forget the rest bit, too!

Vicki Lonie
Headteacher



Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.6
1	97.9
2	97.8
3	96.5
4	96.8
5	95.7
6	95.6

Staff News

We are very sad to have to let you know that Mrs Brownell will not be returning this term.

Mrs Brownell has been at Woodlands for over 24 years. She has worn a variety of hats during this time, including English and history lead. Her commitment to the school during that time has been wonderful and she will be much missed. If you would like to add to the collection for her leaving gift, please see our office staff.

Harvest Festival Monday 14th October

We have chosen to support The Gift again with our Harvest donations this year. The Gift provides food parcels to people in need in Tonbridge, helping to relieve immediate stress and restore hope. They also provide supplies for the meals and community larder at FEAST. Please bring your goodies to either Oak or Acorn Hall on Monday 14th October at the start of the school day.



FEAST is running again on Tuesday October 22nd (during half term). It is open to all families who are on a low income or in receipt of any type of benefits. There are no strict criteria and there is no catch! If you and your children would like to enjoy a free, tasty, hot meal in friendly surroundings - 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.

First Class Pictures supplement Reception Classes

The Kent Messenger will be coming to take photographs of our new Reception classes on Wednesday 2nd October. We will advise you of the publication date as soon as possible.

Parent Volunteers

We are always very grateful for the support of parent volunteers and have been overwhelmed by the number of you that are able to give up your time to help. Those of you that have done this previously will know that it is a requirement for parent volunteers to access basic safeguarding awareness training prior to being able to support in school. Mrs Tarrant-Blick [Designated Safeguarding Lead] has asked that all existing parent volunteers attend a refresher session in order to be able to continue in this role.

Could you please email Mrs Tarrant-Blick on rtarrant-blick@woodlands.kent.sch.uk to indicate whether you will be able to attend either of the sessions below, specifying which session is convenient?

Thursday 3rd October or Friday 4th October from 2:30 to 3:00

For all parents wishing to volunteer for the first time there will be a further two session. Parents who support regularly in school will also be required to have a DBS which is arranged via the school office. Again please email and specify which session is convenient to you.

Thursday 10th October or Friday 11th October from 9:15 to 9:45.

Thank you

Phonics Information Evening

Wednesday 16th October at 6.15pm in Oak Hall

We will be holding a Phonics Information Evening, primarily aimed at Reception and Year 1 parents/carers but open to anyone who feels they would like to know a little bit more. We will discuss how to help your child and learn how phonics is taught in school. We look forward to seeing you.

New Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2020

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 Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 19th November at 9.30am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office on 01732 355577.

Maths Evening Wednesday 9th October

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Are you using a calculator to check your children's maths homework? Can you recognise the methods they use? Perhaps you were you taught differently at school... If so, come along to our maths evening to find out how to help your child succeed in their home learning. Our pupils will be on hand with all their top tips to work out addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. They will be demonstrating to parents/carers how to find the answers... without the calculator!

Individual School Photographs

Braiswick will be taking an individual photograph of **every** child in school (**excluding Year 3**) on Monday 7th October.

Family Group Photographs

Braiswick will be taking family photographs and Year 3 individual photographs on Wednesday 30th October. If you would like a family photograph taken of your children (from Reception to Year 6) please email the name and class details of each child to be included to ddale@woodlands.kent.sch.uk by Friday 25th October at the latest. **Please note that without parental confirmation the family photographs will not be taken.**



Music News

Senior Choir: We are delighted to have been invited to take 30 of our senior choir to sing in a combined choir for Children in Need. This includes a live broadcast of a nationwide choir. The members of the choir who will be attending have all been informed by ParentMail. The tracks for them to listen to as we learn the song will be available on the school website. Start with the Full Vocal one! Our date for the O2 is Wednesday 22nd January. The Senior Choir will also be needed for Saturday 14th December for an afternoon performance, details to follow. All the music clubs run by Mrs Jones have now started. Please encourage all the children to practise their songs and pieces so that they make good progress.



Football News

The new season started for our school footballers last Wednesday when Hadlow were the visitors to Woodlands. Against less-experienced opponents, the lads showed an excellent attitude and produced some breathtaking attacking football to run out comfortable winners. Well done to both sets of players – Woodlands for approaching the game in the right manner and Hadlow for their battling performance.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Jake in 2 Juniper who attended the Tonbridge Dementia Friends Art Competition Prize Giving on Friday at Barnes Lodge Care Home. He won 3rd prize and the Chairman's Choice Cup which was presented to him by MP Tom Tugendhat. The winners' artwork will all feature in the charities calendar which will be on sale shortly. Well done to Alice (4-Fir) and Isaac (2-Juniper) who also took part in the Tonbridge Dementia Friendly community art competition, Alice was awarded a 1st place and Isaac a 4th place, their art work will feature in the 2020 Calendar. Congratulations also to Henry (6 Nutmeg) who was awarded a 2nd place and Oscar (4 Oak) who was awarded a 1st place in the Tonbridge Dementia Friends Art Competition.

PTA News

We hope you are all looking forward to our MacMillan coffee morning next Friday, (4th October in Acorn Hall from 9am). We have lots of delicious cakes being made by some of our Helpers Team, so it promises to be a yummy pit stop after the school run.

OUR AGM

As a registered charity we have a legal requirement to have an AGM once a year. So we will be using the coffee morning as an opportunity to circulate our records with you.

Could you collate our raffle prizes?

For both our Christmas and Summer fair we run a raffle. In order for this to run again we are looking for someone to coordinate raffle prizes kindly donated by national and local business. Could this be you? Most of the role is done by email or popping into shops, and then collecting the prizes where necessary. You don't have to join the committee to take on this role and it could be done by a couple of people. If you (& a friend) are interested please email:

woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com

Maybe making teas and coffees is more your thing?

We run coffee mornings a few times a year, as well as serving at the fairs and school events. We are looking for people to help set up and serve the teas and coffees. Again, you don't have to join the committee to take on this role. If you are interested please email:

woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com

OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 1st October 7pm in the staff room - everyone is welcome!

Community News

Sackville School Open Events:

Open Morning 28th September 2019

Open Morning 8th October 2019

Open Morning 8th February 2020

Open Morning 5th March 2020

For more details contact admissions@sackvilleschool.com or call 01732 836447.

BOOSTfit Hi I'm Sherry, a BOOSTfit instructor. I currently teach 2 classes in your area;

* Tonbridge, 7:30pm (Woodlands Primary School, Hunt Road, Tonbridge, TN10 4BB)

* Hildenborough, 7:30pm (Hildenborough Church of England Primary School, Riding Lane, TN11 9HY)

BOOSTfit's unique combination of exercises will leave your body and just as importantly, your mind revitalised

One hour, only £6, no need to book, it's everything you need.

BOOSTfit is a different kind of fitness class. We believe that fitness is not just about your body but about your life too. Every class has different sections to focus on your different needs and to relieve your stress from a tough day, week, year or more. We aim to BOOST you and each other in a fun, safe, no judgement atmosphere. Our class is designed by our team of professionals: qualified fitness and movement-to-music instructors, osteopaths for our stretch sections and black-belt martial artists for our 'combat' sections. It has six distinct sections to BOOST your body in the space of a one hour class in the best possible ways. EVERYONE is welcome at a BOOSTfit class no matter your age, size, shape, fitness level or ability. The class is full of every type of person all with individual goals and we all support each other - that's the beauty of BOOSTfit.

St Gregory's Multi-Sports If your child is aged between 6 and 11 years of age and enjoys a range of sports such as Football, Tennis, Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Basketball, Badminton, Dodgeball and more, perhaps he/she would like to attend

St. Gregory's Multi-Sports course. **WHERE:** St Gregory's School, Reynolds Lane, TN4 9XL

WHEN: Monday 21st Oct Tuesday 22nd Oct Wednesday 23rd Oct

TIME: 10 am – 3 pm **COST:** £15 per day. If two or more siblings

then £12.50 each per day. **WHAT TO BRING:** A packed lunch,

plenty of fluids and snacks. **WHAT NEXT:** If you are interested in

enrolling your child, please complete and sign the reverse. You will receive booking confirmation of your child's place via the text or email. Please book early to avoid disappointment - places are limited. Please contact Noel Bradbury nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk

(If you have any queries or further questions)

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School Open Events:

Open Evening Thursday 26th September 5.30 – 8.30pm (Head Teacher speaks at 6.30pm & 7.30pm)

Open Morning Wednesday 16th October 11 – 12.30pm (Head Teacher speaks at 12 noon)

Open Morning Monday 28th October 11 – 12.30pm (Head Teacher speaks at 12 noon). Please note that there will be no parking on the school site.

The Hayesbrook School Open Events:

Open Evening Thursday 10th October 6 – 7.30pm (Senior Leadership presentation at 6pm)

Open Morning Tuesday 15th October 9.00am

Open Morning Wednesday 16th October 9.00am

Open Morning Thursday 17th October 9.00am

Open Morning Friday 18th October 9.00am

Perform Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Woodlands Primary School** if they sign up by 7th October 2019.

Parents should quote WOIS180120 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

Weald of Kent Grammar School Open Events:

Open Evening Thursday 3rd October 5.30 – 8.30pm (Tonbridge)

Open Morning Tuesday 29th October 9.00 – 10.00am (Tonbridge)

Open Morning Wednesday 30th October 9.00 – 10.00am (Sev) For further information visit www.wealds.org

Hillview School for Girls Open Events:

Open Evening Thursday 17th October 5.30 – 8.30pm
 Open Morning Saturday 28th September 10.00 – 12noon
 Open Mornings Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd October. Tours from
 9.15 – 11.15am. Please contact the school on 01732 352793 or
admin@hillview.kent.sch.uk to book a tour.

Letters Home

Y1-3 Free Football (First Class Football)

Diary Dates

2019

1 st Oct	PTA Meeting 7pm – Staff Room
2 nd Oct	Reception Class Photo (Kent Messenger)
3 rd Oct	Y2 visit from Astrodome
3 rd Oct	Census Day CDC lunch
4 th Oct	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am
7 th Oct	Braibwick Photographic Co – Individuals not Y3
7 th Oct	Y3 trip to the British Museum
9 th Oct	Maths Evening 6.30pm
14 th Oct	Harvest Festival
14 th -18 th Oct	Y5 Carrot Wood trip
16 th Oct	Phonics Information evening 6.15pm Oak Hall
30 th Oct	Braibwick Photographic Co - Family Groups + Y3
1 st Nov	KS2 Disco
9 th Nov	Fireworks Night
14 th Nov	PTA Christmas Card order deadline
22 nd Nov	Secret Presents
26 th Nov	Whole School Flu Vaccination
30 th Nov	Christmas Fair

2020

22 nd Jan	O2 Concert for Senior Choir
24 th Jan	BAGS2SCHOOL
1 st May	KS1 Disco
5 th Jun	KS2 Disco
20 th Jun	Summer Fair
18 th Jul	Y6 Leavers Party

Dates/times which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

8 Oct	5 Chestnut
15 Oct	4 Fir
5 Nov	4 Yew
12 Nov	4 Oak
21 Jan	5 Hawthorn
28 Jan	3 Elm
4 Feb	3 Palm
11 Feb	3 Cedar
10 Mar	5 Bay
11 Mar	1 Cherry
18 Mar	1 Magnolia
25 Mar	1 Tulip
29 Apr	R Baobab
10 Jun	R Acacia
17 Jun	R Marula
1 Jul	2 Juniper
8 Jul	2 Willow
15 Jul	2 Hazel

Term Dates

18 th Oct	Term Ends
28 th Oct	Inset Day
29 th Oct	Term Starts
18 th Dec	Term Ends
6 th Jan 2020	Inset Day
7 th Jan	Term Starts
14 th Feb	Term Ends
24 th Feb	Inset Day
25 th Feb	Term Starts
1 st Apr	Term Ends
16 th Apr	Term Starts
8 th May	Bank Holiday
22 nd May	Term Ends
1 st June	Term Starts
22 nd July	Term Ends