

Woodlands Weekly



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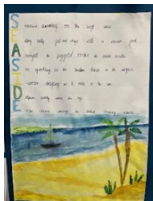
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I do love a Friday! Not because it's nearly the weekend of course, but because it is a great time to hear about and reflect on all of the exciting learning that has taken place during the week. Last Friday, I received a lovely email from Miss Gould:



'How gorgeous is this? Carys worked on this at home to share as part of her speaking and listening project. 'I thought it would make you all smile!!' It certainly did!

Also last Friday, Year 3 went on a trip to see the river Darent in the village of Horton Kirby. The children were very excited to see Mr Berry again, who taught them about how a river starts, flows and ends. The children measured the flow of the river using Pooh sticks, the speed of the river using stopwatches and learnt about how pollution is affecting the sediment. They also tested the permeability of rocks and learnt about how flood barriers can protect houses from the risk of flooding. The Year 3 team would like to say a massive thank you to all their volunteers who made the day as wonderful as it was.



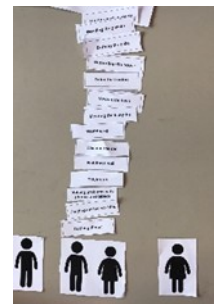
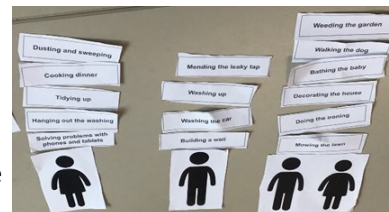
This week, in Year 1 the children have been looking at how different materials feel. They have been using words such as rough, smooth, soft and hard to describe a range of objects.

In Year 2, the children planted radish seeds in the KS2 garden to observe them growing. They were wondering if any children could find more seeds at home from the fruit and vegetables that they eat. They would love to see them in school.



Miss Nair wanted to share this picture of posters made by some Elder children for Earth Day. They put in a lot of effort and creativity into their work, highlighting their care for the planet.

In PSHE, Year 3 has been discussing gender roles. Children shared who does which jobs in their own houses. The children decided that both men and women are capable of doing the same jobs around the house. Our piles changed from men and women only jobs to gender neutral for all of them by the end of the lesson!



Since the beginning of term, Year 4 has been challenged with creating their own limericks: trying to make them funny and correctly rhyming them and following the rhyming pattern. This gave the students and the adults great joy in reading and writing them.

Year 5 had a great learning experience on Tuesday as part of their history topic on Early Islamic Civilisation. James, from Altru Drama, led a fantastic drama workshop for the children. Through interactive sketches, they learned key facts, dates and events based during this fascinating time in history.



This term, our core value of focus in CREATIVITY. In KS1 assembly, Mr Burns read a story called Boxitects by Kim Smith. It featured two girls who build fun things out of cardboard boxes. Mr Burns told the children that at the end of the story, it includes instructions for how to build things out of boxes. There are instructions attached for any children who would like to have a go!

Have a super weekend!

Vicki Lonie

Job vacancies

[Teaching Assistant Teaching/Child Support at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com/teaching/assistant-teaching/child-support-at-woodlands-primary-school-tonbridge)

[Teaching Assistant \(32.5\)Teaching/Child Support at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com/teaching/assistant-teaching/child-support-at-woodlands-primary-school-tonbridge)

Tonbridge Methodist Church

Tonbridge Methodist Church Spring Fair this Saturday 27th April 10am-12pm. There will be crafts, cakes, cream teas, stalls, bbq and much more. Please come along and support this annual event!

School Lettings

Woodlands school are now able to offer lettings of the Oak Hall, Muga and Field.

Letting charges evening (up to 5pm) / weekend users:

Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Muga £35 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Field £50 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Please contact the school business manager for bookings on SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

17th Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band



17th Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band are holding a free Taster Morning on Saturday, 27th April 2024 (tomorrow), 9-11am at Leigh Academy, Brook Street. Come along and have a go at a range of instruments, and try out marching with the band. No musical experience necessary and you don't currently need to be a Brownie, Cub, Scout or Guide to join. Email sarah@17th.org.uk to book or for more information about the band.

ADHD in Girls Workshop

Tuesday 30th April, 1.45pm to 2.45pm

Don't forget to email office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk to book your place.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83759489497>

Superstar corner

- Ethan from 4 Chestnut got his personal best in the 2k Tonbridge Junior park run with a time of 7 minutes 49 seconds, he then followed that up with his first ever adult 5k parkrun with a time of 22mins 52 seconds. He was the highest placed under 10 year old and finished 44th out of 529 runners. Well done Ethan!
- Mr Taylor took part in a cricket competition on Sunday with his team: Southborough Cricket Club. They played 2 matches and were crowned champions of the last man standings competition. Well done Mr Taylor and team mates!



- Hugo from 3 Whitebeam completed his green stripe belt in Karate. Congratulations Hugo!



School Football Team

On Thursday, **Woodlands City** played their first away game against St. Margaret's Clitherow. Playing on a surface, which was completely different to what they've been used to at Tonbridge Angels, the team found it difficult to take control of the game. City were punished for missing two great chances as St. Margarets took advantage of a mistake and took an early 1-0 lead. A complete reshuffle of positions saw City start to gain some composure and continued to create chances. Eventually, pressure on the St. Margaret's defence took its toll and after a goal mouth scramble, Tom L calmly put the ball in the back of the net just before the stroke of half time. Just like the first half, City struggled to break down a resolute defence with St. Margaret's goalkeeper making a handful of outstanding saves, which ultimately was keeping them in the game. The game looked like it was heading for a draw before a fantastic through ball by Max M to Noah L saw the latter score into the corner of the goal. This proved to be the winning goal as the game finished 2-1.

Goal scorers: Tom L and Noah L

Next Fixture: East Peckham at home on Thursday 2nd March

Our **Woodlands United** team travelled to East Peckham for their next league game on a tight and bumpy pitch. The first half was a real battle with both sides working the other team's goalkeeper. Kaiden made the breakthrough for us in the first half and then scored again within a few minutes so United led 2-0 at half time. A tactical change by our coach put Louis into central midfield and in the second half, we began to dominate the game, extending our lead to 4-0 with Kaiden completing his hat trick and Aaron sliding in to score at the far post. East Peckham scored a goal, which seemed to most players and supporters to hit the post and come out. They scored another soon afterwards but any thoughts of a comeback by the home team were dashed when Ben scored and Kaiden added his fourth to give United a 6-2 win. An impressive victory for the team, as they made it five wins out of five.

Goal scorers: Kaiden K x4, Aaron G and Ben C

Next Fixture: St Margaret's at home on Thursday May 9th.

Here is the league table so far...

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hildenborough Primary	7	6	0	1	29	6	18
Woodlands United	5	5	0	0	27	6	15
Woodlands City	5	5	0	0	22	2	15
East Peckham Primary	4	2	0	2	13	17	6
Four Elms Primary	5	2	0	3	33	25	6
Slade Rovers	6	2	0	4	18	24	6
Chiddingstone Primary	5	1	0	4	15	22	3
Slade United	6	1	0	5	7	35	3
St Margarets Primary	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
Sussex Road Primary	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Bishop Chavasse Primary	3	0	0	3	7	30	0

Eco Ambassadors' Training



A group of Year 5 children travelled to Canterbury on Wednesday for a fun day of Eco Ambassadors' Training.

Abigail from 5 Hornbeam wrote the following:

'We played lots of really fun games. This is what we did. We did 2 outside activities. We got litter pickers and we had to pick up spots and bean bags. It was a race against the other teams. Another game was where there were lots of spots in a circle (representing Earth) and there were red, orange and yellow bean bags (representing heat). There were 3 people on the outside who were the atmosphere and their job was to go through the heat back into the Earth. Each time, more people came to the outside (as greenhouse gases). There was only one person in the inside after a while. The Earth is struggling from all the greenhouse gases.

Another activity was where we learnt the road safety rules (stop, look, listen, think). Then we all helped to make a poster about it! It was so much fun.

And lastly, there was a game where you had to find the most ecologically friendly product out of a certain selection of items. And it was a race!

After this trip I know how bad the fairy washing up liquid is for the environment. Lots of things I used to use and really bad for the environment. It was a very fun and interesting day!

Diary Dates

Mark your
calendar!

2023/2024

30th Apr	Early signs of ADHD in Girls, 2pm
25th Apr	Year 6 Residential Information evening
25th Apr	Earth Day Menu
10th May	KS1 Disco
17th May	KS2 Disco
22nd May	Year R Chatham Dockyard
3rd Jun - 7th Jun	Year 6 Residential
05th Jun	Year R Vision Screening
11th Jun	4 Walnut Assembly. 2.45pm
12th Jun	4 Chestnut Assembly, 2.45pm
13th Jun	4 Hazel Assembly, 2.45pm
18th Jun	Year 2, Hastings Trip
24th Jun	Sports Day
29th Jun	Summer Fair
09th Jul	Parent consultations 3.30—5.30*
11th Jul	Open Evening
14th Jul	Back up sports day
17th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 2pm
18th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 7pm
22nd Jul	Ash Assembly 9.15—10am Aspen Assembly, 10.45—11.30am Hawthorn Assembly, 2.30—3.15pm
22nd Jul	Year 6 Party, 4-6pm
23rd Jul	Year 6 School Exit— whole school applause on the KS2 playground, 3.15pm

2024/2025

18th Sep	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12/13/14th Nov	Year 5 Bewl Water

New dates/times in blue

* By appointment only. Please book directly with the class teacher.

Inspiring the Future Week (w/c June 17th)

In the summer term, we would like to run our first 'Inspiring the Future Week' on the week beginning June 17th. Our purpose of running a week like this is to introduce the children to different careers and futures that they might pursue when they're older. We want them to hear from people who are passionate about the jobs they do, to inspire them to have goals and ambitions for themselves. For this to happen, we need your help! If you would be interested in volunteering your time to talk about and answer questions about the job you do with our children, then please let us know by filling in this [form](#). This is by no means a commitment at this stage. If you would simply like to hear more from us about this and what it would entail, then we would still love to hear from you. We are after initial interest at this stage. At present, which year group you'd speak to and/or which day(s) this would be is not decided. Thank you in advance!

Letters Home

- Build a Boxitect Tunnel Instructions
- Build a Boxitect Castle Instructions
- Mega Camps May half term and summer camp
- Year R and KS1 Disco - May
- 17th Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band Flyer

Term Dates

2023/2024

Term 1: 01/09/2023—20/10/2023
Term 2: 06/11/2023—15/12/2023
Term 3: 02/01/2024—09/02/2024
Term 4: 19/02/2024—28/03/2024
Term 5: 15/04/2024—24/05/2024
Term 6: 03/06/2024—23/07/2024

2024/2025

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024
Term 2: 11/11/2024 - 20/12/2024
Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025
Term 4: 24/02/2025 – 04/04/2025
Term 5: 22/04/2025 – 23/05/2025
Term 6: 02/06/2025 – 22/07/2025