

# Woodlands Weekly



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We made it!! Another 'unusual' year, but one of many achievements and highlights. This week has been no exception....

On Monday, Year 1 and 2 were treated to an amazing workshop of drumming and boom whackers!

They had so much fun and were incredible at copying the rhythms played for them. At the end of the session, each class had made a wonderful ensemble, which they performed



beautifully. So much musical talent!

At the other end of the school, Year 6 performed their musical 'School of Rock' to a live audience of Year 5 children (via Teams) and it has also been recorded for parents to enjoy. They then had their leavers' bbq, kindly run by parents and staff and then had their leavers' assembly today. I am so pleased that they made it through the term without us having to close a bubble, but I am also very mindful that some of our Year 6 pupils missed these events due to self-isolation. Our thoughts are with those pupils, and with 4 Palm and 3 Willow, who have finished their term at home with live lessons.

I know there have been times of deep frustration this year, for many reasons, for many of us, but we have all coped and many of us have grown in important ways. Adults have found themselves able to 'roll with it' more easily after much practice in having to do so over the last 18 months, and many children have become more flexible in coping with change. For some children and adults, anxiety has grown and not had time to settle. It will in time.

We thank you all for your support and 'grit' shown over this last year.

Let's look forward to September, when hopefully school will operate in classes, rather than bubbles; when parents can enter and exit through any gate (except Sullivan Road – we are keeping the entrance and exit gates here – it works!!); when older children can support younger ones at play and to read; when more clubs can re-start; when assemblies can be in person..... The list goes on.

Whatever happens over the summer holidays, what we do know is that we will all be together, in one way or another, and Woodlands will continue as a community, which thrives together!

Have a super summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you and your child on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, with smart uniform, a positive attitude and lots of energy for learning!

I'll be in touch in August to confirm September arrangements.

Take care,

Vicki Lonie

## Music News

We have more for you to enjoy on our Sharepoint Music Page!



Listen to Year 6's funky music tracks, watch some of our pupils performing on their instruments and enjoy the club videos with Senior and Junior Choirs and Band! And look out for one more video from tomorrow at the Leavers' assembly!

Details of music clubs for next year will be available next term.

Instrumental lessons at Woodlands: if you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument next year please see the following:

For violin with Mrs Butler (from year 1) or piano with Mrs Jones (from year 2) please contact Kent Music

[www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com). Piano applications may have to go on a waiting list. Please note that Kent Music also offer a bursary scheme and this is not just for Kent Music lessons.

For clarinet or flute lessons please contact Nicky Catterwell:

Nicky Catterwell—Woodwind Specialist

Email: [n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk) Tel: 07713 164930

You can see more of Nicky here :  
[www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk](http://www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk)

For guitar lessons please contact Tom Williams  
[tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com)

We are enormously grateful to Tom for all his help with the year 6 production of School of Rock!

For drumming enquiries please look out for information next term as we are in the process of finding a new drumming teacher.

Year 4 will be learning the ukulele during next year as our Whole Class Instrumental Teaching unit which has previously been with recorders. If your child is keen to practise and could have his or her own instrument, that would be wonderful as we will not be sending our loaned instruments home.

Music has obviously suffered this year with the Covid restrictions, but we are thrilled to have so many children actively involved in music and can't wait to get going again next year!

### Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Callum in 5 Yew who was awarded The Managers Player at his Tonbridge Juniors Football presentation on Saturday.



Well done to Livvy in 2 Tulip who had 50cm/19" of her hair cut at the weekend to send to the Little Princess Trust and raised £732.50 .

Well done to Kieran in 3 Hazel for being awarded the end of season 'Most Improved Player' for Tonbridge Invicta U8s!

Well done to Aiden in 6 Bay and Brendan in 6 Hawthorn going all the way to the Cup Final with Tonbridge Juniors Titans, beating Eastbourne Borough and winning the Hailsham Football Tournament at U11s!!

### PTA News

Hi everyone

We are nearly there! It's nearly the end of the academic year and it's been an interesting year.

**Art Competition - Something to make you smile!**

Get your little ones being creative over the summer holidays and enter their projects to [woodlandsPTAcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsPTAcompetition@gmail.com) for a chance to win a prize! Entry fee is 50p, to be paid via ParentMail from 9am on Monday 19 July 2021.

The entries (which may be shortlisted if there are lots of them) will be posted on our Facebook page by year group. Prizes will be given to the projects with the most 'likes/loves' in the Autumn term.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

Remember to add the below dates to your diary:

**5 SEPTEMBER 2021** - WOODLANDS are joining in the Dragon boat racing in Tonbridge.

**18 SEPTEMBER 2021** - THE PTA LATE SUMMER FAIR Please book your class's summer fair stall before Monday - it's a great way to socialise and help the school while doing something fun. Email the PTA to make your choice: [woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com). For those classes yet to choose, please see the attached list of stalls. We will start allocating next week.

### **JOIN THE COMMITTEE**

If you are interested in joining our committee please email: [woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com) - we are currently planning a PTA Committee social so there is no better time to join ;)

### **GET IN TOUCH**

As ever, please feel free to email us if you have any questions or thoughts as to what we can do to help raise funds.

Jemma & Jess Co-Chair of the PTA  
[woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com)

### Letters home

- All Dream Academy Tonbridge flyer
- All EY Reconnect poster
- All Woodlands After School French Club
- All Buzzers Academies
- 4 & 5 Open Events for 2022 Secondary Schools

### Community News

#### **Summer Reading Challenge is back!**

Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in all Kent's libraries this summer. The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 will start on 10<sup>th</sup> July & will continue to run through the summer, finishing on 11th September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as supporting parents and carers with children already at home. And it's completely free!

Wild World Heroes is the theme for 2021 (in partnership with the 'World Wide Fund for Nature'), and its aim is to inspire children and their families to stand up for the planet. Children will join the Wild World Heroes characters as they head to Wilderville, for an exciting adventure in making the town even better for the people and animals that live there.

As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal

for everyone who completes the challenge.

As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website. Once completed, children (whether library members or not) can visit the library for their medal and certificate.

**Barracudas** has been running activity camps for almost 30 years now and is a trusted provider for holiday activities.

You can be reassured that your children will be in safe hands and having an amazing time at our camps.

[Here's why you can trust Barracudas >](#)

If you've not yet booked, places are going quickly...

**Family First:** Here is your free e-copy of the UK's best family magazine, packed full of information to help keep your children busy & entertained during the school summer holidays- Enjoy!

Please click on the link below:

[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\\_issue\\_8\\_final010721](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_8_final010721)

**Recre8** offers a fantastic range of sports, arts and educational activities this Summer, using the top-class facilities at Tonbridge School and the TSC (sports centre). Courses and camps range from Athletics, Tennis and Archery, to Art Musical Theatre and Digital Photography and even educational offerings, 11+ Revision, Bricks 4 Kidz and The Detective Project! We have a small programme of courses for two weeks from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, with a full range of activities available from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. You can now book online, safe in the knowledge that if either the courses or your family are affected by Coronavirus that we can offer you a full refund and that our strict hygiene, grouping and social distancing procedures mean the courses and facilities are Covid safe.

Full details and the most up-to-date timetables are available at [www.recre8courses.co.uk](http://www.recre8courses.co.uk) and you can contact us with any queries at [recre8@tonbridge-school.org](mailto:recre8@tonbridge-school.org)

**Fantasy forest fun activity camp at Reuthes.** Bookings now open, limited spaces available! Get your children to let off some steam at our 2-hour action packed sessions, while they adventure through our mystical forest and hunt the magical creatures that lie within. Give your children the chance to unlock their imagination and explore their creativity while they take part in games, challenges, arts and crafts, dance, drama and much more.

All adventurers welcome from ages 5 to 11.

The sessions will be run by Jade Hannaford and Silvie Jones who have both graduated from Bird College with a BA Hons in professional dance and musical theatre. They are both now experienced dance teachers and children's entertainers. They both hold up to date DBS

checks and have children's chaperone licences. Jade is also a qualified personal trainer and first aider.

**The Wellbeing Toolkit** is a series of four webinars delivered by two experts in the field of wellbeing and anxiety at The Education People. The aims of the webinars are to provide both parents/carers and their children with practical help, guidance and support on how children can improve their self-esteem, confidence, and general wellbeing. There is also a specific webinar that focuses on how to support children with autism around their possible increased levels of anxiety. Parents and carers will receive practical strategies and solutions to the issues that they may currently be experiencing, suitable for children and young people of all ages. These webinars would usually cost £20, but please contact Mrs Hardcastle to receive the online booking link and a code for **free** access.

### Diary Dates

#### **2021**

21 Jul	Y6 Leavers' Lunch
5 Sep	PTA Dragon Boat Race
18 Sept	PTA Summer Fair
4 Oct	Braiwick Individual Photographs
4 Oct	3 Tulip Rocks Day (info to follow)
5 Oct	3 Magnolia Rocks Day (info to follow)
7 Oct	3 Cherry Rocks Day (info to follow)
18 - 22 Oct	Yr 5 Residential trip to Carrotty Wood
19 Oct	Braiwick Family Photographs (siblings in school only)
13 Nov	PTA Fireworks Display

#### **2022**

7 Jan	Year 3 Romans Workshop
26 Apr	Year 3 Horton Kirby Rivers Day Trip (info to follow)

### Term Dates

#### 2021/2022

1st Sept	Inset Day
2nd Sept	Term Starts
15th Oct	Inset Day
22nd Oct	Term Ends
1st Nov	Term Starts
17th Dec	Term Ends
3rd Jan	Bank Holiday
4th Jan	Inset Day
5th Jan	Term starts
11th Feb	Term Ends
21st Feb	Term Starts
1st Apr	Term Ends
15th Apr	Bank Holiday
18th Apr	Bank Holiday
19th Apr	Inset Day
20th Apr	Term Starts
2nd May	Bank Holiday
27th May	Term Ends
6th Jun	Term Starts
1st Jul	Inset Day
22nd Jul	Term Ends

Dates/times which have been changed or added in light blue.