

Woodlands Weekly



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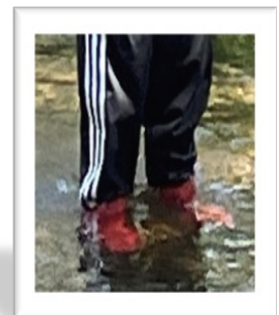
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Year 3 in the River Darent

Year 3 spent an exciting day in Horton Kirby finding out about where rivers come from, how they change over time and what can affect their flow. We were greeted by the legendary Mr Berry and his team and immediately had to don our welly boots. A 10 minute walk to the river, which included lots of monkey business with sticky weed, and we were on the River Darent preparing for our first experiment. The river was instantly invaded by colourful rubber ducks and excited, very wet, children. This was much to the displeasure of the actual River Darent ducks and ducklings who just wanted to swim in peace. The children measured the flow of the river on a meander and on a straight section to find out if there was any difference. You will need to track down a Year 3 to enquire about the result - they are easy to find just check their socks. I'm not sure they have completely dried out yet! The rest of the day was spent in workshops at the Environmental Education Centre where the children got to build dams, create floods, explore rocks and much, much more.



Staff News

We have two farewells to bid this week. The first is to Mrs Holbrow, our reception teacher from last year. Mrs Holbrow has been on maternity leave and has decided to stay at home with her new baby for the foreseeable. Our second is to our much-loved TA, Mrs Abbott. Mrs Abbott is a highly valued member of staff who has been in the Woodlands family for some years. She is off to pastures new, taking up a position in a nursery. We wish them both well for the future and thank them for their efforts with the children of Woodlands.



Year 4 Viking Day



At the start of term, Year 4 began their history topic with a 'Viking Day'. The day involved Viking fancy dress, learning about Viking Runes and making crafts and jewellery. The children also all attended a Viking workshop by the brilliant Oliver Naylor from Steps in Time. Throughout his performance, the children learnt about Viking soldiers, tales about the gods told by a Viking Skald as well as how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings lived side-by-side in Viking York. It was a fantastic way to begin our exciting topic!



Kent's 500 word writing competition

Children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to take part in this year's big writing challenge on the theme 'Tell us about your heroes'.

Writing can take any form (for example, a short story, poem, comic etc.) as long as it does not exceed 500 words.

Your hero can be a mum/dad/carer, local hero, international hero or even a superhero!

Writing will need to be handed to your child's class teacher **by Friday 20th May.**



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to **Dimitri in R Sycamore** for completing stage one of his swimming. Well done

Dimitri!

Congratulations to **Hugo in 1 Ash** who had his grading for karate on Saturday 30th April and succeeded in gaining his yellow belt, previously being a red belt. Well done Hugo!



Congratulations to **Delilah in 6 Yew** who came first in the UK Aerial Performance Championship 2022 Kent Heat for double silks with her partner. Wow Delilah, well done!

Woodlands Jubilee Garden Party

Last week your child received an exciting invitation to the Woodlands Jubilee garden party and we are delighted to share some more details about it. The party will be during the school day and the kitchen team will be offering a special Jubilee picnic lunch on Friday 27th May, instead of the usual school dinner.

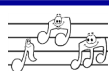


Congratulations to **Isla in 3 Tulip** and **Flo in R Hornbeam** who cycled 20km during the Easter holidays. Their parents mistakenly thought the route would be flat and it was very hilly in parts, so they were very proud of their determination and resolve to complete such a fantastic distance. Well done Isla and Flo!



Distance	20.00 km	Elevation Gain	205 m
Moving Time	3:11:47	Avg Power	22 W
Avg Speed	6.3 km/h	Calories	988 Cal

Music News



Tom Williams is now taking bookings for guitar lessons at Woodlands starting September 2022. Acoustic/electric all levels/years welcome! Contact Tom [07736051082/](tel:07736051082) tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Fruit Snacks

The catering company are offering **break time fruit snacks** for KS2 children. There will be apple, grapes, orange, pineapple and melon on offer for 50p per pot. If your child would like to buy some fruit they will need to go to the Oak lunch hall, at break time to purchase their fruit which they can take outside with them.

Walk on Wednesday

Congratulations to **4 Juniper** who had the most children walking, scooting or cycling to school on Walk on Wednesday, this week.



Lost Property

If you are missing watches/fitness trackers, keys, glasses or jewellery please ask at the Acorn office as we have some items kept safe.

PTA News

Please see our newsletter for all the latest information from the PTA.



Vacancies

We are recruiting for a number of positions within the school including:

Site Manager

Applications must be made through www.kent-teach.com for the position above.

We are also looking for a **Midday Supervisor** from 12 to 1pm daily. If you are interested, please ask for a job description and application form from personnel@woodlands.kent.sch.uk.

Letters Home

- PTA Newsletter
- Barracudas Activity Day Camps flyer with discount code
- 500 Word Competition
- Methodist Church Spring Fair flyer
- GKR Karate Free Trial Class flyer



Diary Dates

2021/2022

13 May	EYFS/KS1 Disco	Year R: 3:15pm – 4:00pm Year 1: 4:15pm – 5:00pm Year 2: 5:15pm – 6:00pm
19 May	PTA Quiz	
11 Jun	Summer Fair	
13 Jun	Athlete Visit	
17 Jun	KS2 Disco	Years 3/4: 5.00pm-6.15pm Years 5/6: 6.30pm-7.45pm
20 Jun	Sports Day	
27 Jun-1 Jul	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip	
29 Jun	Year 5 Tonbridge School Community Giving Day	
5 July	Optional Parent Consultations from 3.30pm	
7 July	Parent Drop-in 3.30pm—4.30pm	
13 Jul	Year 6 productions to parents 1.30pm & 6.30pm	
20 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Party	

2022/2023

12 Nov	PTA Fireworks
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Dates/times in light blue have been changed or added.



Community News

Roselands Preschool Higham Wood based within Woodlands Primary School grounds has spaces for September 2022, for children aged from 2.5 years. We offer early morning drop off club from 8.30am to 9am for an additional fee. We accept the Free For 2s, subject to availability, and 30 hours funding exclusively or in conjunction with another setting or childminder. If you would like any more information, please contact Roselands: roselandsoffice@btconnect.com

Tonbridge Methodist Church are looking for donations of unwanted children's books for their annual Spring fair which is taking place on Saturday 14th May 10-12pm. The books can be dropped off on Sunday morning in the foyer area of the church. Everyone is very welcome to attend the lovely Spring Fair on Saturday 14th when we will have crafts, cakes, cream teas, jigsaw books, BBQs etc. Please see the attached flyer.



Term Dates

2021/2022

27th May	Term Ends
6th Jun	Term Starts
8th July	INSET Day
21st Jul	Term Ends (Kent adjustment due to Jubilee)

2022/2023

1 Sep	INSET Day
2 Sep	INSET Day
5 Sept	Term Starts
21 Oct	Term Ends
31 Oct	Term Starts
16 Dec	Term Ends
3 Jan	INSET Day
4 Jan	Term Starts
10 Feb	Term Ends
20 Feb	Term Starts
31 Mar	Term Ends
17 Apr	INSET Day
18 Apr	Term Starts
26 May	Term Ends
5 June	Term Starts
7 Jul	INSET Day
21 July	Term Ends

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