

Woodlands Weekly



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It probably goes without saying, but the big news this week has been about the decision to re-organise classes in certain year groups. As expected, the response has been mixed. Thank you to all those who have shared their thoughts in the Microsoft form. This is a very helpful way to capture opinion and questions. I will be taking these and putting together a video to respond to any common concerns raised in the next few days. There are many reasons why we feel this is the right way to go – some touched on in the communication and others known by the staff involved. I will go through more of these in the video.

This week has been another action-packed one for many of our pupils across the school. Monday saw the champion kick-boxer, Jessica Fleisher, visit the children: giving an inspirational assembly and taking them through some activities. More from Mr Gosling on this to follow.

On Wednesday last week, Years 3 and 5 had a visit from Rich (from "Rich Rhythms") and took part in a Djembe workshop. Rich showed the classes lots of Djembe drums that he had restored and fixed. Then all of the children had the opportunity to play the Djembe drums.

Here are some of the things that Year 3 had to say about their amazing workshop:

"I liked learning how to do all the different patterns." Michael

"I liked learning how to hold the Djembe drum." Esther

"It was really fun and really noisy!" Alice

"I liked that we could play the drums really fast." Lincoln

"I liked doing the 2 hits to stop." Florence

"I liked that he had fixed all of the drums." Elle-Marie

"I loved that everyone was drumming together to the same beat." Mrs. Gibson

Year 4 and 6 have had their workshops this week and the music coming from the hall sounded amazing!

Year 2 enjoyed the sunshine in Hastings yesterday – what a great trip! And a journey on the train, too! Thank you to the parent volunteers who made the visit run smoothly and thank you to all the staff who are busy booking and planning for this term's exciting opportunities.

Next Monday is a day for getting together and enjoying watching our children take part in sporting activities. A reminder of arrangements can be found later in the newsletter.

Hope to see you there, but in the meantime, have a good weekend.

Mrs Lonie



IMPORTANT Online Safety Letter

We have recently become aware of very concerning issues in relation to the online safety of pupils regarding their access to a game called 'Poppy Playtime' and a character from this game known as 'Huggy Wuggy'. Please read the attached letter for more information.

Sports Day

Please do come and join us on Monday 20th June for Sports Day. The event will start at 10.30am when all pupils will be taking part in a carousel of activities until 12. At noon, children will join their parents and/or teachers for a picnic lunch on the field (bring your own and/or school dinner packed lunch for children that have ordered one) and we will re-start for races for KS2 only at 1pm until the end of the day. The **front** gate (between the staffroom and Roselands) will be opened at 10.15 to give parents a chance to get into the school site. Parents are asked to go to the KS2 playground for Years R to 2 and the edge of the field for KS2. Those with children in both can walk between the two areas.

Parents are invited to bring blankets, folding chairs (and gazebos if it's a hot day). Gazebos can be placed at the side of the field for storage until 12, when they can be put up around the outside of the field for your picnic and the afternoon.

Please come for the whole event if possible. If not, please keep movement in and out of the school site to a minimum to help security. Exit during the school day can only be gained through the double doors next to the staffroom near the KS2 playground. Ring on the bell at the sliding doors and Oak office staff will let you out of the main doors to Oak building.

We are really looking forward to the day and hope you can join us. If not, rest assured that your children will be well-supported by their house team-mates and school staff. We can't wait!!

Walk on Wednesday

Congratulations to **4 Willow** who again had the most children either walking, cycling or scooting to school this week. Can another class beat them next week?



Reminders

1. We have had a recent collision in Lawrence Road and a local resident has complained about unsafe driving. As previously requested, please refrain from driving close to the school both down Sullivan Road (dangerous turning) and Lawrence Road.
2. If you are unhappy about a member of staff, please refrain from name-calling and insults on social media. It is disrespectful and upsetting.

Athlete Visit

On Monday, Woodlands welcomed 2 x British Champion Kickboxer Jessica Fleischer to the school! Jessica lead the children through a range of exercise activities to promote a healthy lifestyle and enjoyment of sporting activity. Children in both KS1 and KS2 had a fantastic time and so many were inspired by Jessica's motivational assembly. A huge amount of money has been raised so far - the grand total will be announced next week! I'd like to say a huge thank you to all parents for supporting their children with raising such an incredible sum of money and I'm so glad the children enjoyed themselves so much!

Mr Gosling

Garden Forks

Does anyone have any spare garden forks they can donate to us please? We need them before 27th June.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brown

Jam Jar Competition Winners

Congratulations to **Reception Hornbeam** class who donated the most jam jars to the summer fair and have won an own clothes day. Date to be confirmed next week. Well done Hornbeam! Thank you to everyone who took part.

Letters Home

- Online Safety Letter
- PTA Newsletter
- Hurricanes Baseball flyer
- Hayesbrook Academy Open Events flyer



PTA Message



Please see the PTA newsletter for all the latest information.

Music News

As mentioned by Mrs Lonie, KS2 classes have enjoyed an African drumming workshop in their music lessons over the last 2 weeks, run by Richard from RichRhythms.

Initial comments from 6 Fir include: "Richard is very funny and just makes me smile." "He's a legend Richard and he has great rhythms. It was fun."

Our KS2 music concert takes place in Oak Hall next Friday at 3.30pm. Please can both choirs, the school band, the ukulele clubs and performers bring in their instruments and music and a snack to have before the concert begins. Performers: Violin: Johannes K, Bella G and Kwan H D. Woodwind: Amelia M solo and duet with Fraser M, Megan H flute, Emily R recorder. Vocal Solo: Isla Owen. Drums: Jake B, Rafe B, Vivienne E-L, Theo H. Piano: Esther P, Isla T, William H, Casper C, Brooke L, Alice W, Amelia T, Adele and Izabela B. Guitar pupils from years 5/6 chosen by Tom Williams. We regret that we cannot fit in any more solo items. Backing tracks need to be sent in (Mrs Jones or school office) or brought in on a device on the day that can be plugged in to our speakers. Please email Mrs Jones if you have any queries. Thank you very much for your support. mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

Tom Williams is now taking last bookings for guitar lessons at Woodlands starting September 2022. Acoustic/electric guitar, all levels/years welcome from y1 up!

Contact Tom 07736051082/tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com

ONLY A HANDFUL OF SLOTS REMAINING!

Superstar Corner



Congratulations to **Gracie in R Walnut** who participated in her first Irish Dancing performance at the weekend, where she did a solo dance at Tonbridge Castle. Well done Gracie!

Congratulations to **Grace in 5 Cedar** who competed in her first ever horse riding show at the weekend and came 3rd in her ridden class and qualified for Hickstead. Well done Grace!



Congratulations to **Sebastian in 1 Silver Birch** who passed his yellow belt Taekwondo grading last weekend. Well done Sebastian!

Congratulations to **Alice in 2 Acacia** who took part in a Taekwondo competition on Sunday at the Angel Centre. She won 2 medals: a bronze for Special Techniques where she had to jump over a high bar and a gold medal for sparring. We are very proud of you Alice!

Amy in 5 Palm would like to share with the school her achievement in the first Taekwondo competition she has entered. She won a silver medal for 9-11 yrs Female Special Technique. She feels very proud of herself and wants to share with other students what she has learnt: "it's ok to feel extremely nervous and even scared about doing or participating in something but those feelings will only make the achievement more worth it". Well done Amy—what wise words!



Term Dates

2021/2022

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



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

Diary Dates

2021/2022

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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