

Woodlands Weekly



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The term has certainly started as it means to go on in terms of our curriculum!

Year 3 have had their visit from Andrew Berry A.K.A 'The Rock Man', who has shared his vast knowledge about the world of rocks (it's more exciting than it sounds!)

Year 4 had an inspirational start to their Viking topic on Friday with a workshop from 'Steps in Time', who gave the children an insight into Viking life and their learning to come this term.

They enjoyed dressing up as Viking characters, making brooches and learning about the importance of shields in battle. They also decoded Viking script and learnt to write their names in runes.



Each year 5 class have now visited Tonbridge School for a science workshop. They had great fun mixing liquids and solids and even got to use a Bunsen burner! (Who doesn't remember that joy!) This was a real highlight of an excellent workshop. The children represented Woodlands very well and enjoyed wearing (oversized) lab coats.

The Year R stream and splash pool is FINALLY up-and-running after many hiccups! The children were loving the experience and using the water to make sumptuous offerings in the mud kitchen this week.

I also met with the PTA this week. We have two new chairs – Alex and Nicky – who are keen to carry on the great work of Jess and Jemma and the team. Please do take a look at the PTA section of the newsletter to keep abreast of dates coming up. Bags2schools is coming soon (donations please on 20th October and the morning of 21st). We also planned discos for EYFS/KS1 and KS2, the Christmas Fair, and much more. We will now be holding a second-hand uniform sale each term. If there are any items you require for a small price, go to the PTA shed on the field after school on the advertised dates. This term it will be on 14th October – cash only please! If you want to help out the PTA in any way or want to find out how you can help, please do contact them on woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com. We are all very friendly!


Last year, a huge amount of money was raised which has been used to purchase the new climbing equipment in KS2 – this will benefit all pupils when they get there. We are just awaiting planning permission, and then this will be underway. We are now planning for an outdoor amphitheatre, which can be used in English and PSHE lessons, as well as at playtimes. We understand that money is becoming tighter in the current climate, so please give what you can at the events – whether that be money or time. This is greatly appreciated.

I hope you have the opportunity to read my letter, which came out yesterday. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff who have helped to move the school forward in these challenging times.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Lonie

Superstar Corner

Last Saturday, Matilda (1 Elm) was Hike Leader for the Great Hospital Hike for the King's College Hospital Charity. Matilda was treated by King's College Hospital last year for a brain tumour and after 2 operations and 10 nights in hospital has made a brilliant recovery. 

She stood in front of over 400 people on stage and thanked everyone who helped look after her, and all those that were walking to raise money for the charity.

She was also interviewed by Radio Kent and was even on the local TV news. She was so confident and did wonderfully.



PTA Message

PTA Dates to remember

- 07 Oct 22: PTA AGM and Coffee Morning
 - 14 Oct 22: Second hand uniform sale—PTA shed
 - 20 Oct 22: Bags2School collection
 - 21 Oct 22: Bags2School collection
 - 12 Nov 22: Woodlands Fireworks Night
 - 03 Dec 22: Woodlands PTA Christmas Fair
- Children's Christmas cards coming soon!
Please see our newsletter for more news!



Community

- One of our parents, Mr Coles, has managed to affiliate his Sunday walking football club with Kent FA, giving him the opportunity to offer over 30's walking football for ladies.
They had their first game on 13th of August at 3pm, playing at Long Mead 3G cage, TN10 3TQ. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr Coles on:
Ttwfcsundays@gmail.com
Spider Coles messenger on Facebook
07850 576 374
- Please see the attached flyer for free events at the Methodist Church. No need to book!

Job Vacancies

Caretaker – Part Time, 16 hours per week. 3pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday & 2pm to 6pm on Friday.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for PE days – they will still go out if it is light rain.
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the year two trip to the Methodist Church has had to be changed to the morning of Monday 26th September. We would be very grateful for any offers of help with walking to and from the church. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to join us. Thank you.
- To help the Year R pupils find their way in and out of class in the mornings and afternoons, could parents without Year R children please use the other gates (not leading in/out of Year R) to access the school exits? Many thanks in advance for your help.

Clubs

- Please ensure you collect your child/ren from after school clubs at 4.15, no children will be permitted to walk home alone due to the darker evenings.
- Basketball Club will begin on Thursday 10th November.

Letters Home

- Fun disco dance club
- Barracudas Oct half term camp and Sept resource
- Gospel Choir concert
- PTA Newsletter
- Ofsted Questionnaire



Diary Dates

2022/2023

- 26 Sept Year 2 Trip to the Methodist Church
- 28 Sept Phonics information session, 9am
- 03 Oct [Individual Photos](#)
- 07 Oct PTA AGM and coffee morning
- 05 Oct Phonics information session, 6.30pm
- 10 Oct [Yr 1 Bedgebury Trip](#)
- 11 Oct [Family Photos](#)
- 21 Oct Bags2 School collection
- 01 Nov [5 Hornbeam Bewl Water Residential](#)
- 02 Nov [5 Rowan Bewl Water Residential](#)
- 03 Nov [5 Sycamore Bewl Water Residential](#)
- 10 Nov Whole School Flu Vaccination
- 12 Nov PTA Fireworks
- 03 Dec [PTA Christmas Fair](#)



Term Dates

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

