

Woodlands Weekly



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WINNERS, WINNERS, WINNERS!! I am delighted to announce that after many months (and years) of training, our fantastic Year 5 and 6 footballers WON the tournament held at Hayesbrook this week against local schools. We have extremely strong players and have two excellent teams for such occasions. Well done everyone involved, including Mr Burns, who led the children to victory!

Recently, our youngest pupils were visited by a dental practitioner to help them to understand the importance of keeping their teeth clean. Our visitor commented that Woodlands was 'the most organised, welcoming and most engaged with the children she has seen' on her visits. This was lovely to hear.

This week was the turn of KS1 to find out how to be 'Ralfie-ready' – an introduction to our school dog. The children were told how to be safe around dogs in general and how to behave around Ralfie. Ralfie has been making visits to classes and groups of children so that they can practise how to be safe around him. He is already having a super effect on some of our pupils who require emotional support at times.

It's been a very exciting week as we were visited by the one and only JEREMY STRONG! Throughout the day, he wowed the children in assemblies with tales of his childhood and tips for writing (yes, if your child says they need a fridge of snacks in order to write, Jeremy said so!). He read us some of his epic stories and lots of us purchased his wonderful books to read at home. We want to say a big thank you to Jeremy for signing all our books and for making our day so special.



Today, we celebrate World Book Day! Our whole-school text this year is called 'One Little Bag: An amazing journey', by Henry Cole. Ask your child what exciting activities they did today, based on the book. Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter to find out more!

Mrs Lonie

Superstar corner



Well done to Hugo who has completed stage 3a in swimming and has done so well he has bypassed stage 3b and jumped straight to stage 4. Great work Hugo!

PTA News

The PTA team are hosting a Bingo Night in the Oak Hall on Friday 24th March. Doors open at 5:30pm and Bingo will start at 6pm till 8pm. Prizes to be won including our Golden Game £50 cash prize!!

Adults £2, Children £1. Tickets can be purchased on Parent mail from 10th March or Cash on the door.

We have a Cash/ Card Bar, Hot dogs, Bacon Butties and Snacks.

** Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 7th March @ 7pm in the staffroom.

Red Nose Day

We will be joining in with Red Nose Day 2023 on Friday 17th March. To continue with the theme on their website of Mr Men and Little Miss, we will be doing certain things in each year group. Details can be found below:

YR – Little Miss Princess/Mr Muddle = pay 50p to come in dressed up a princess or with muddled up clothes

Y1 – Little Miss Dotty – pay 50p to wear something spotty

Y2 – Little Miss Magic – pay 50p to come as a wizard or do a magic trick

Y3 – Mr Funny – children pay 20p per joke to tell to their class and a winner decided

Y4 – Little Miss Fun – children pay 50p to do something fun in class (more details to come from class teachers)

Y5 – Mr Greedy – children pay 50p to enter a cake competition. Children sell off cakes after school.

Y6 – Mr Bounce and Mr Strong – children pay 50p to enter to see who can do the most basketball bounces/press ups over a set period with a medal as a prize.

The link for entries/money is: [Woodlands Primary is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/woodlandsprimary)

Medicine reminder

Please do not send your child to school with medicine in their bag. A medicine form MUST be completed in the Acorn Office and the medicine handed in so that we can safely store it.

Letters Home:

- Friends @4, 5th March
- Mega Camps—Easter 2023
- PTA Bingo

Rainbows Easter Holiday Childcare

Rainbow Out Of School Clubs are running a holiday club on 3rd, 4th and 5th April.

Also we are opening on Monday 17th April for the Inset day.

If you think you will need to use the service please email for further information:

contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

Eco News

During our Litter picks we have found lots of plastic fruit wrappers on the playground and field.

TOP ECO TIP: Instead of buying pre prepared fruit, cut some fruit up and put it in a Tupperware box that can be reused.

Attendance

We are concerned by the amount of children who currently have low levels of attendance. As you can appreciate, we want to work with you to improve this and to reduce the amount of lost learning.

We will be asking you to specify the nature of a child's illness and in some cases may require medical evidence, to support the absence. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised absence for your child.

Job Vacancy

[Teaching Assistant \(32.5\)Teaching/Child Support at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com/)

Music

If anyone is interested in woodwind music lessons, please contact Nicky Catterwell.

Lessons are available for the Clarinet, Flute and Recorder.

30min lessons £18.50/lesson

20min lessons £16/lesson

If you are interested in lessons and would like to arrange a half price 15-20min lesson, please contact Nicky on: Email: n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you

Year 2 News

Year 2 have been busy this week planting radish seeds in the Woodlands Well-Being Garden. The children made their own drill using a hoe and they all had a turn at sprinkling some seeds in the drill and covering it over. Year 2 have been exploring plants as part of their science topic and 'Farm to Fork' as part of their geography topic so planting radish seeds seems very fitting! We are hoping to try our radishes in the summer term!



Diary Dates

2022/2023

17 Mar	Red Nose Day
23 Mar	2 Yew parent consultations
24 Mar	Second hand uniform sale
24 Mar	PTA Bingo night
27 Mar	Yr 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit
28 Mar	Yr 1 Tonbridge Castle visit
28 Mar	Parent consultations
30 Mar	Parent consultations
30 Mar	Kent Life Trip Yr2
21 Apr	Yr 3 Rivers Day
27 Apr	Yr R Chatham Dockyard
01 May	Bank Holiday
08 May	Bank Holiday
09 May	SATS week Yr 6
10 May	SATS week Yr 6
11 May	SATS week Yr 6
12 May	SATS week Yr6
26 May	Bags to School collection
26 Jun	IOW Residential Yr 6 (26/06/23—30/06/23)

New dates/times in blue

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

2023/2024

1 Sep	Term 1 Starts
20 Oct	Term 1 Ends
06 Nov	Term 2 Starts
15 Dec	Term 2 Ends
02 Jan	Term 3 Starts
09 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Starts
28 Mar	Term 4 Ends
15 Apr	Term 5 Starts
24 May	Term 5 Ends
03 Jun	Term 6 Starts
23 Jul	Term 6 Ends

