

# Woodlands Weekly



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October is Black History month so this was the focus of our assemblies this week. KS2 were thinking about seeds of change that they could plant in their communities this month. We learnt about Wangari Maathai, who was an inspirational Kenyan woman who championed planting trees through the Green Belt Movement and also fought for women's rights to ensure girls were educated. She was the first African woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004!

Year 1 has been planting daffodils this week. They made sure the roots were pointing down when they were put in the soil so the stems will grow up towards the sun. They loved getting their hands dirty!!



Year 2 has been learning all about materials in Science. They have been looking at their properties and the various jobs materials could be used for. This week, they focused on translucent, transparent and opaque. We wondered if any children could find an example of translucent material at home?



Year 3 begun crafting their Stone Age necklaces this week. They used their carefully constructed plans to bring their designs to life using clay. Stay tuned next week for our final products!

On Monday, Year 4 were given the wonderful opportunity to visit the art gallery at Tonbridge School. The exhibition was of Karl Blossfeldt photographs entitled, "Art Forms in Nature". This tied in brilliantly with their Still Life Art topic and will, hopefully, inspire all the children to create wonderful pieces following on from the visit. The children were taken on a tour of the gallery and were informed about the artist and how he made his own cameras to take these brilliant photos. It was great to see all the children look at the photos and liken them to something in their own lives. Each of them picked a favourite and was able to talk about why they had chosen this piece. There were also examples of dried flowers and flora that the children could examine with magnifying glasses to try and identify if any were in the photos.



Twenty-nine children have been selected from Years 5 and 6 to be Sports Leaders this year. Every day, children will run a variety of sporting activities for KS1 and Years 3 and 4, which aim to encourage children to learn new skills through participating in different sports. Sports Leaders will be undertaking some new activities this year so keep an eye open for what is happening later on in the year. We look forward to leading activities for your children (Written by Mio, Elena and Florence)

### Escaping Dunkirk

Year 6 has been writing Ottava Rima poems this week, based on their history learning about Dunkirk.

These poems have 8 lines, with quite a complicated rhyming scheme and 11 syllables in each line.

It's not easy! We were impressed that the children really embraced the challenge and tried to make sure that every word earned its place on the page. Well done Year 6 !

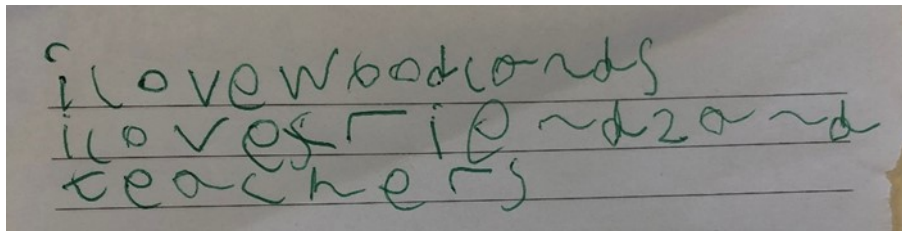
Men play for their lives, dodging behind boulders,  
Flotilla of ships comes to take them away,  
Bombs were poured down on the remaining soldiers,  
Nazi bombers swooped in with zero delay,  
Men barely alive, stood shoulder to shoulder,  
Queued in freezing water, packed into the bay  
Trying to get home to see the lost faces,  
Fighting through France to save Britain's loved places

By Isaac T - 6 Aspen

And to come.....

### Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November**, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Please join us at Woodlands by wearing your odd socks for the day! School uniform as usual but children may wear odd socks. The children will be having discussions in class about why being unique is awesome.



Here are the words of one of our Year 1 pupils:

'I love Woodlands. I love friends and teachers.'

Couldn't have put it better myself!

On that lovely note, have a great weekend.

Vicki Lonie

## Superstar Corner



Well done Hugo on completing stage 4 in swimming this week!

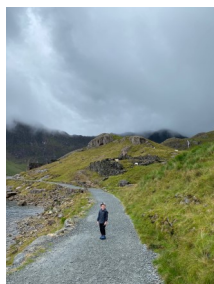
Raphael is now on the Tottenham website modelling all of their kids' kit and clothing.

Take a look for yourself:

<https://shop.tottenhamhotspur.com/spurs-home-kit>



George climbed Scafell Pike , reaching the summit of 978m above sea level, 7 hours of hiking! Well done George!



Well done Hunter for climbing Mount Snowdon, taking the Pyg track which was the shortest route but not the easiest! Climbing took 4 hours in total, the biggest cheer of the day was seeing the car at the bottom!

## Staff News

We are waving farewell to two TAs next week – Mrs Mitchell who will be moving a few metres away to work with younger pupils at Roselands and Mrs Dew who will be moving to the private sector. We thank them and wish them all the best. Mr Speziale, who is known here as a TA, is an experienced teacher, and will be moving roles to teach Year 6 as Mrs Cameron's job-share after half-term.

## Rainbows - October half term

Rainbows out of school clubs is running day-care on 23rd & 24th October at Woodlands Primary School.

Open from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Cost: £25

Please email: [contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com](mailto:contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com)

## PTA

Firework night is fast approaching, tickets are still available to purchase.

## School car park

The school car park is strictly for staff only.

Please park outside of the school premises at drop off and collection times, the same rule applies when collecting your child for appointments.

## Letters Home

- 17th Tonbridge Band Taster Morning
- PCF Halloween event
- Mega Camps
- Barracudas
- Firework Poster

## Job vacancies

Teaching assistant:

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

## Toast After School Club

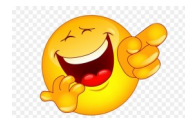
This club for primary school children and their families, including pre-school children, is now up and running at the Methodist Church. It runs on Wednesdays from 3.30 to 5pm weekly during term time. There will be games, craft activities and toys- and of course toast! All welcome. If you have any queries, please contact Kate Walker via email on [tmccommlead@gmail.com](mailto:tmccommlead@gmail.com) or on 07870 195548.

## Joke of the week

What do you call a snake with no clothes on?

Snaked

Victoria, 1 Plane



## Open Morning

Do you have a child that will be starting school in September 2024?

Please come along to one of our open morning on 13th November between 9.30 and 11am. Mrs Lonie will be giving a talk at 9.30am, followed by a tour of the school with our Year 6 children.

## Christmas card competition



Tom Tugenhat, MP has asked pupils from Woodlands to design him a Christmas card which will be printed and sent to thousands of people across the county.

Drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape) using any medium.

Can children please stick to a Christmas theme and sign their name on the front, so it will appear on the card.

The winning four designs will receive 100 copies of their own card, a special prize and a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.

Entries must be submitted by Friday 27th October and posted to:

Tom Tugendhat MP, 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SP.

## Diary Dates



### 2023/2024

11th Nov	Fireworks, opens at 4.30, Fireworks at 6pm
13th Nov	Odd Socks Day
14th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
17th Nov	BBC Children in Need
21st Nov	Year 5 Flu vaccinations
22nd Nov	Individual school photos
23rd Nov	Sibling Photos
24th Nov	Secret Presents
9th Dec	Christmas Fair
26th Jan	EYFS/KS1 disco's
02nd Feb	KS2 Disco's
08th Mar	Family Bingo
1st Jul—5th Jul	Year 6 Residential

## Term Dates

### 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