

# Woodlands Weekly



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Congratulations to our football team – they took part in the first stage of the National League Trust Under 11s Cup yesterday and won the tournament! They are now through to the regional stage. Go Woodlands!

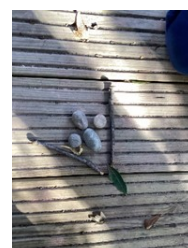
A super end to a great first term! The children have been showing us our core value of RESPECT in many different ways throughout the term and we have reflected on how we can be even better next term.

Governors have met to discuss our school priorities. The focus for the year is on developing language. This includes spoken language and communication, language around emotions and self-understanding and will also lead to improved writing. Other areas include improving attendance, developing our curriculum's 'big ideas' of diversity and culture and managing the changing face of inclusion. We will share more as we go through the year. The last aspect refers to the changes we are seeing in the way the Local Authority will lead Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) matters. We will be holding information meetings for parents once the decision-making has been made at Local Authority level but we need to prepare for significant changes in the years ahead.

This week, Year 1 has been looking at the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy and they made their own sculptures/pieces in the forest area. We have also been writing shape poems about autumn.



Year 2 has been building Ferris wheels in DT to explore wheels and axles. They wondered if any other children could find any creative examples of wheels and axles at home.



As it was National Poetry day last week, Year 3 spent the week enjoying listening to, reading and writing poems. They wrote Haiku and Tanka poems which have a set syllable pattern. We wonder if you can spot the pattern? Here are some excellent examples:

Splash splash through water  
It crashes against the bank  
The otters swim through  
The shore is in sight for him  
He scrambles to safety  
(Finley B- Birch)

Autumn is coming  
Trees are stripping down  
leaves fall  
Squirrels collect nuts  
Hibernation calls for friends  
But seasons may change again  
(Martha D- Birch)

Amazing brown deer  
Cuddling their lovely babies  
Nicely eating grass  
Fawns are sleeping happily  
Together they are loving  
(Grace B-Elder)

Wet nights and wet days  
Wet mornings and evenings  
Umbrellas still out  
Dark grey clouds and dark grey sky  
In the mornings no more rain  
(Cole F- Whitebeam)

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the parents and staff of Woodlands for a positive and enjoyable first term. The children are looking very smart – I'm loving the new PE hoodies – and parents and staff are working well together to make sure we give our pupils the very best. Please do sign up for a parent consultation slot to discuss how your child is settling into the new year. I hope you've purchased your tickets for the Fireworks evening on 11<sup>th</sup> November!

I wish you an enjoyable (2 week!) half-term and we'll be seeing you on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Vicki Lonie

## Sporting news

On Monday, Woodlands took two teams to play their first football match at Capel Primary School. All the children represented the school well and both teams ran out as comfortable winners. It was great to see the children enjoy their first experience of football this academic year and they are all excited for the league starting next term.

On Thursday, Woodlands took a girls' and boys' football team to the Tonbridge Angels Football Club. The children entered a competition that could potentially see them play in a national competition. The girls played superb as a team and continued to improve together as a team as the tournament progressed. Emily R and Esther P scored goals in the tournament and the team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place.



The boys had been drawn in a difficult group to qualify to the knockout stages. After three wins, they needed a win to secure their place and won a tight affair against Bidborough, with Noah L scoring a brilliant goal from 25 yards out. The boys had to play Pembury in the semi-finals and went a goal down early on. However, the boys showed great resilience and teamwork, and won the game 3 -1 with Noah L scoring a hat trick.

In the final, Woodlands were playing against Paddock Wood, who they drew against in the group stage. After twelve minutes, the referee signalled full-time with the game goalless - meaning the competition would be settled on penalties. Paddock Wood chose to take first and Theo H saved well to his right. George M calmly slotted his penalty into the bottom right corner. Theo H once again produced a superb save leaving Tom L the chance to win the match. Composed, Tom L slotted the ball past the keeper to spark jubilant scenes between the players. The boys will now go and represent the school and Tonbridge Angels at the next stage of the competition.



Mr Taylor and Mr Burns would just like to say how proud we are of all the children, who were a credit to the school. Also, a huge thank you to family members, who came to support – it is always greatly appreciated.



## Staff News

Massive Congratulations to Miss Ridger who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy named Sebastian.

## 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.

## Job vacancies

Teaching assistant:

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

## Joke of the week

Why did the cow make the sheep angry?

Answer: Because it was in a 'BAAAAAD' mood.



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Johannes from 6 Hawthorn who was won an award from the Tonbridge Music Club Award Scheme for Young Musicians.

## Woodlands fund

Thank you to all the parents that have kindly donated to the Woodlands fund, you have raised £950.00.

## 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.

## Letters Home

- PTA News
- Woodwind letters
- AIM Tutoring
- TMC Pumpkin messy play
- Coffee morning poster

## Reminders

If there is a change in who is going to be collecting your child at the end of the day, please try and give us plenty of notice.

## Lost property

The Acorn office have the following items ready to be reunited with their owners:

- Brown tortoiseshell glasses
- Gift card
- Blue and gold marble pencil case

## 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
7th Dec	Reception Christmas performance 9.30am
08 Dec	Reception Christmas performance PM
9th Dec	Christmas Fair
11th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm
12th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 9.30am
14th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance PM
15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance 9.30am
26th Jan	EYFS/KS1 disco's
02nd Feb	KS2 Disco's
08th Mar	Family Bingo
1st Jul—5th Jul	Year 6 Residential

New dates/times in blue

## 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