

Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 092

Following on from my newsletter last week and Mr Burn's letter about Diversity and Culture, I was over the moon to receive the following email from a parent:

'Following the sessions you had with pupils during Black History Month, Reuben came home with many questions about Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks etc, and the fight for civil rights. During our recent half-term trip to America to visit family in Michigan, we took Reuben to the Henry Ford Museum where, as well as all the cars and displays of technology and innovation, we knew there was a significant exhibition covering the fight for social justice in America. One of those exhibits is the bus in which Rosa Parks was riding in 1955 when she made her stand for civil rights. Reuben was very keen to sit inside and listen to a recording, narrated by Rosa Parks, setting out the background and events of the day. Thanks to your teaching, Reuben was able [and keen!] to ask the guide many questions and it was a real highlight of our trip.'



How fabulous that our learning ignites interest even on holiday. Well done Reuben!!

This week, we celebrated Anti-bullying Week and explored the meaning of banter and bullying. The children spoke about their experiences with confidence and gained an ever-developing understanding of the difference between bullying and one-off acts of unkindness. Great to see so many children engage with their odd socks!!

We also welcomed a number of prospective parents for an open morning. I am always so proud at the great job the Year 6 tour guides do and at showing off both our fabulous pupils and our exciting grounds and resources:

'I just want to say how amazed and impressed I was with the year 6 tour guides today. They managed to provide such detailed information and were very kind and caring with my son, allowing him to hold their hand to tour round. I can't remember their names but they were two girls. Both blond. One is a sports leader. They were truly impressive. I'm a teacher at a local secondary school and we'd be very lucky to have them next year to teach!'

This week in Year 1, we had a visit from Joanna Lapage, a local artist. She showed us some of her beautiful artwork and explained where she gets her inspiration.

We also celebrated Children in Need today. What a busy week!

Have a good weekend and rest in preparation for another busy week coming!

Vicki Lonie



Christmas Trees

Donation to Woodlands Primary School from Stonepitts Christmas Tree Farm, Seal Chart

As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this News Letter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA. You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting De-melza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity.

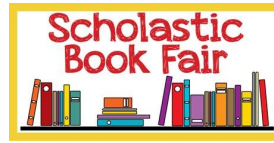
For details and directions to Stonepitts Farm please visit www.stonepitts.com



Book Fair

During parent consultations, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the lower hub in Oak building. For every purchase, the school will receive credit to buy additional books for our libraries and book corners. Please feel free to come and browse! Payments by card and QR code only please.

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd November from 3.15pm.



PTA



The Fireworks event on Saturday was not only a HUGE success but it was our busiest Fireworks event we've had so far, raising over £4500k!!

We would like to thank all the staff and parent volunteers that helped to run the event. We could not have had such a successful and smoothly run event without you all. We are truly grateful for your time.

Please remember to donate your old Christmas clothes for our Christmas fair. The donation box can be found in Acorn reception. There will be a stall at the Christmas fair to be able to purchase Christmas clothes.

Guitar lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start guitar lessons in January! Acoustic/Electric Rock/Pop years 1 and up, beginners very welcome! Contact



Woodwind Lessons

Please contact Miss Catterwell if you are interested in your child learning a woodwind instrument. She also teaches beginner trumpet and cornet. Vacancies available.

Please contact her on 07713164930 or n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk



Secret Presents Friday 24th November

Secret Presents cut off for KS1 on parentmail is TODAY! Please make your payments via parent mail and remember to write down in your child's reading record book the names of the people they are buying for.

KS2 can bring cash in on the day for their gifts.

Rainbow hampers will be in Acorn reception from Monday 20th November for your year groups coloured donations.

Check the poster on parentmail to see which colour your year group is.



Superstar corner

Harley from 2 Poplar entered his first ever judo competition last weekend and won all of his matches, taking home a GOLD medal. He was very shocked and proud of himself. Congratulations Harley!



Callum in 4 Hazel entered his first taekwondo competition last weekend and won GOLD! Congratulations Callum!

Year 2

This week year 2 have been celebrating our big ideas of culture and diversity by exploring aboriginal art. They also drew their journey from home to school in the design of aboriginal art.

Joke of the week

Why did the skeleton not cross the road?

Because he didn't have the guts to do it!

Archie, 2 Poplar

School Lettings

Woodlands school are now able to offer lettings of the Oak Hall, Muga and Field.

Letting charges evening (up to 5pm) / weekend users

Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Muga £35 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Field £50 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Please contact the school business manager for bookings on SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

Letters Home

- Primary Admissions Leaflet 2024
- Cheerleading leaflet
- Mega Camps—Dec 23 Flyer
- Tonbridge Cricket Club

Lost property

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

- Brown tortoiseshell glasses
- Red heart key ring
- X 2 keys
- Apple Air Tag

Diary Dates



2023/2024

20th Nov	Year 6 Evacuee Day
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
7th Dec	LGBT information evening , 6pm
08 Dec	Reception Christmas performance 2.15
8th Dec	Year 3 Carol Concert (Methodist Church) 9.30am
8th Dec	Year 6 WWII song showcase
9th Dec	Christmas Fair
11th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm
12th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 9.30am
13th Dec	Christmas Dinner
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