

Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 122

I write to you full of the joys of Christmas, having watched our gorgeous Year R pupils perform their first nativity. What a super job! Thank you to parents and family for coming along to support. Smiles and thumbs up go a long way to settle any wobbly tummies, and we have some real movers and groovers amongst us!

On Monday, Reverend Kirsty and Kate came to help Key Stage 1 and 2 make a Christingle. The children learnt that Christians believe a Christingle represents Jesus as the light of the world. They enjoyed singing songs together and getting into the Christmas spirit!



Also this week, Birch and Whitebeam classes went to sing at some residential homes. They sang their favourite Christmas carols and spread some Christmas cheer by chatting with the elderly people. The children had a great time finding out all about their lives and the stories they had to tell. Elder class look forward to their visit next week. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make our trips possible!



In amongst the Christmas festivities, the children are very much still working away. Year 1 has been sorting animals into groups. They have been looking at reptiles, birds, amphibians, mammals and birds. They have also been continuing to look at shape and have been on a 2D shape hunt and been looking at the difference between squares and rectangles.

Year 4 has been practising their presenting skills. Every pupil has prepared a presentation on their favourite book. They have had presentations on books from Dog Man to Harry Potter and all of them have shown how much they have loved their book and are willing to talk about them. The pupils have not had it easy, some of the questions that have been posed have made them think deeply before having to give their answer. Some of the presentations have made the teachers want to read some of the texts that have been spoken about and there are, definitely, going to be some conversations with Mrs Brown about getting some of these books into the Library.



Yet another super science investigation this week in Year 5. Children created paper 'helicopters' and designed an experiment to see the effect of mass on air resistance. They made sure it was a fair test by only changing one thing (the mass) and worked together in teams to see which helicopter landed first.



Message from the Year 6 Christmas Elves

Please make sure you write a name and a class name on every envelope to guarantee delivery of Christmas cards.

Year 6 Showcase

We had a great time leaning World War II songs with Mrs Richards this term and an even better time performing these to our parents. Thanks to Mrs Richards for helping us to learn the songs and to all the parents who came and joined us.



Year 6 Curriculum News

Year 6 complete their History unit on World War II next week looking at the end of the War and the impact it had locally and in the wider world. I think we can all say it has been an enlightening journey. In lessons we have learnt about the great depression, voted Hitler into power (there were some very shocked faces that day!), decided whether to go to war or to follow a policy of appeasement, studied Dunkirk, The Battle of Britain and how women's roles changed over this period. This is just a small taste of the learning from what has been a very captivating period of history to study.

I'm exhausted just hearing about it, Year 6!!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at tomorrow's Christmas fair.

Kind regards,

Vicki Lonie

Superstar corner

- Trisha from 4 Chestnut passed her ABRSM Piano Grade 3 exam and ABRSM Singing (Grade 4) exam recently. She even got a merit for her singing. Massive congratulations Trisha, this is a great achievement!!
- Jessica from 6 Hawthorn scored a hat-trick for her football team on Sunday helping her team win 5—0 in extremely cold and wet conditions. Well done Jessica!
- Niyah from 3 Birch achieved her 50m Swimming badge this week. Well done Niyah!
- Congratulations to Tamsin from 6 Hawthorn who came first in her age group in classical ballet at a competition in Beckenham on 26th November. She danced beautifully!
- Well done to James in 5 Sycamore for passing his Grade 5 Guitar with a merit.
- Congratulations to Gracie from 2 Yew who came away from her dance competition winning x2 1st places, a 2nd, 3rd and 5th place and overall won the championship. We are so proud of you Gracie!



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

Earrings reminder

If your child's ears are pierced, we request that the piercing is done at the beginning of the summer holidays as earrings have to be removed for P.E. Only one set of piercings is allowed, with small studs. No hoops for safety reasons please. Children are allowed to have their ears taped up for PE for the six weeks immediately after having them pierced. After that, they must remove them themselves.

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 Tom: tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com / 07736051082

Job vacancies

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

Clubs

A reminder that ALL school run clubs are not on next week. Rainbows after school club, will be running.

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

Emotional Wellbeing—Year 6

The emotional wellbeing team are running a 'Ways to wellbeing' workshop on Wednesday 20th December at Tonbridge Youth Hub. 3—4.30pm.

This workshop is suitable for children in Year 6.

To sign up, please email
Tonbridgeyouthhub@kent.gov.uk

Letters Home

- Junior Film camp,
- How Mainstream Schools support children with SEN—Dec23
- Tonbridge CC—Dec 23

School Fancy Dress shop

The PTA are looking to start a 'School Fancy Dress shop'; this will be for Nativity shows, Evacuee day, Roman day, Viking day and World Book Day to name a few.

Although these days are fun and educational there is a stress on us as parents to make sure our children have the outfits so we thought we would try to eliminate some of the stress.

We will take all donations and store them. Then before each event we will have a hire shop (we are looking into an online forum) where you can hire a costume for a small amount, then hand it back in clean and ready to be stored again for the following year. We can't guarantee that we will have enough costumes for all groups, but we hope it will grow in time. We will keep you informed as to when we can open up the shop.

So please, over the holidays, if you have some time to sort through all your dressing up bits and find some you no longer need that could be used at school, please donate them to the PTA. There will be a box in reception to collect any costumes

Thank you for your continued support

Joke of the week

What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective....?

Santa Clues!!

Miss Gould, 2 Poplar

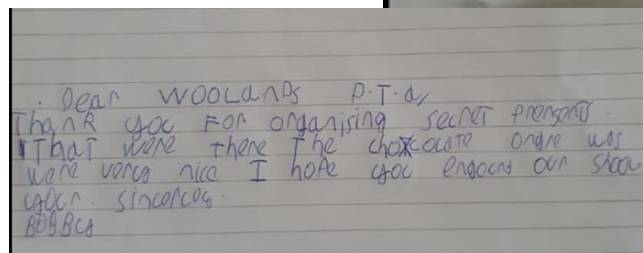
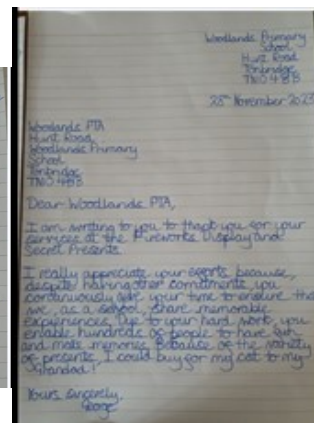
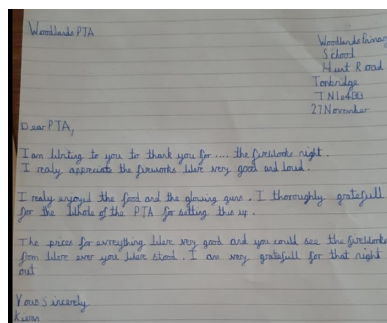
Library

We hope all the children have been enjoying the variety of books on offer at the Library and like our book Christmas tree!



PTA - Thank you

A massive thank you for the letters we received from some children this week. They were so thoughtful and it makes all the hard work worthwhile.



Another massive thank you for all of the donations for the Christmas Fair. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for some festive fun!

Lost property

We have the following items waiting to be collected:

X3 pairs of glasses (Purple, black, little mermaid), Apple Tag, 4 keys

7 drinks bottles, shin pads, Anti bullying ambassador badge,

Blue goggles and a small Tupperware.

Term Dates

2023/2024

Term 1: 01/09/2023—20/10/2023

Term 2: 06/11/2023—15/12/2023

Term 3: 02/01/2024—09/02/2024

Term 4: 19/02/2024—28/03/2024

Term 5: 15/04/2024—24/05/2024

Term 6: 03/06/2024—23/07/2024

2024/2025

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024

Term 2: 11/11/2024 - 20/12/2024

Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

Term 4: 24/02/2025 – 04/04/2025

Term 5: 22/04/2025 – 23/05/2025

Term 6: 02/06/2025 – 22/07/2025

Diary Dates



2023/2024

9th Dec

Christmas Fair

11th Dec

Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm

11th Dec

AM - 3 Elder performing at Waterside Care Home

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

05th Jan

Year 3 Roman Day

15th Jan

Year 5 Young Voices

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