

Woodlands Weekly



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Merry Christmas everyone! What a fabulously festive time we have had. Today was our final KS1 performance to parents and family. We have been in for a real treat this year with all of the offerings from Years R, 1, 2 and 3. I look forward to seeing the performances after Christmas – singing performance by Year 4, Young Voices for Year 5 and a musical by Year 6.

Key Stage 1 have been feeling very creative this week...



In Year 1, they have been inspired by Van Gogh and have painted a sunset and a night sky. The children mixed paints to create different shades of colour.

Year 2 has finished their aboriginal art and decorated them

using the dot technique. What an amazing job they all did!



In DT this week, Year 3 has been making Castles revisiting our learning from Year 1. We reminded ourselves of the features of castles including: drawbridge, moat, turrets and battlements. We focused on the skills of folding cardboard and making 3D shapes using nets.



Year 3 also performed their Carol Concert to parents and Mrs Lonie at the church on Friday. They sang beautifully (especially the soloists) and had perfected their sign language for Silent Night! We want to say a special well done to those who read their Bible verses as they spoke very eloquently and helped to tell the story of Christmas. It truly was fabulous!

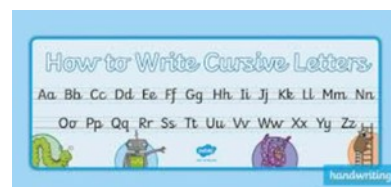


In DT this week, Year 5 used their knowledge of electrical circuits and motors to create their very own Electronic Doodlers! They worked in groups to design and make the doodlers using some amazing imagination and great results.

Year 6 were full of anticipation as they made their way to witness the magic of the Christmas story unfold on stage at our local secondary school, Hugh Christie. The children were captivated by the talented



performers who brought the story to life with their passion and enthusiasm. The atmosphere buzzed with festive cheer, fostering a sense of community and joy among all who attended. Witnessing this timeless tale re-enacted by their peers filled the students with the true spirit of the season, leaving them with cherished memories and excited for Christmas! I have asked children across the school to really focus on their handwriting and presentation skills this term. We have noticed that some of our older children, in particular, need to improve these areas. I have run a competition this term for 'best improvement' and 'best presentation overall' in each year group. Prizes will be given out in today's assembly.



Mrs Brown has been meeting with Eco Council and the School Council to look at the school's strengths and areas to improve.

Strengths identified by the children included:

Behaviour
Singing Assemblies, harvest and choirs
Art and DT
Hands up to be quiet and children respond well
Amount of books to choose from
Forest School
Staying safe
PE, Re, French and maths
Playing musical instruments

Things to improve included:

More TT Rockstars and a similar competition for KS1
More respect for equipment and outdoor area
Some children could be kinder
Take better care of art materials
Reintroduction of buddy bench (replaced by Play Leaders but we will revisit this)
Reintroduction of class assemblies (coming soon for Yrs 3 to 5!)
All children to wear appropriate PE kit

We will continue to listen to their ideas – thank you for all of your work this year so far.

Thank you to a parent for forwarding us this wonderful picture of a beautiful sunset over our School on Thursday morning.

Have a fabulous Christmas – I hope you have time to relax and enjoy your families over this busy time of year.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

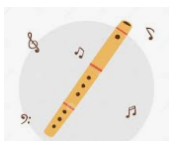


Job vacancies

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

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



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



Jam Jars

Congratulations to 3 Birch on winning the jam jar competition and wearing own clothes today.

Rainbows breakfast club drop off

A reminder to Breakfast Club parents – please drive out of the school carefully and slowly. Staff are coming up the hill to their place of work and would appreciate care and attention.

Letters Home

- Tonbridge and Malling Children's centre Christmas Timetable 2023
- Active Photographic Discount
- Barracudas School Newsletter
- Ways to wellbeing poster
- Angels Camps—Dec 23
- PTA News

Joke of the week

What do you call a Snowman in the Summer?..... A puddle

Alice, 5 Sycamore

Where did the poorly Elf go?.....
The Elf Centre

Mr Taylor, 5 Sycamore



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

Eco News

On Tuesday, 11th December, Eco club held a stall to raise money for two charities. We had decided as a group we wanted to raise money for a charity that helped keep the seas cleaner for animals and another that helped land animals. We chose Sea Changers and Friends Farm Animal Sanctuary (which is a local charity near East Peckham).



In Eco-club, we recycled jam jars by decorating them with glass paint and the filled them with soil and sand before planting herbs of our choice for the stall. There was a choice of basil, parsley and marjoram. We also tie-dyed some t-shirts to sell.

We raised £19.50, which means £9.75 for each charity. We really enjoyed doing this and hope to do Eco Club again next term so we can raise more money for charities that help animals.

Maya, Alice and Katie (Year 5 Eco Club Members)

Class Assemblies

30th Jan 5 Rowan (2.45pm)
31st Jan 5 Sycamore (2.45pm)
1st Feb 5 Hornbeam (2.45pm)

19th March 3 Whitebeam (2.45pm)
20th March 3 Elder (2.45pm)
21st March 3 Birch (2.45pm)

11th June 4 Walnut (2.45pm)
12th June 4 Chestnut (2.45pm)
13th June 4 Hazel (2.45pm)

Sporting News

- Last Friday, both our football teams opened up their league campaign with both games being held at Tonbridge Angels FC.

Woodlands City hosted Hildenborough in what we expected would be one of the children's toughest opponents this year, which was proved to be right. Hildenborough started off well and took a deserved lead. The team fought well and by half time, they found themselves in the lead with goals. The second half was a nervous affair for City and they withstood a large amount of pressure from their opponents, who were seeking an equaliser. With the last kick of the game, Hildenborough had a free kick, which was forty yards out, and if it wasn't for a superb save from Theo, the game could've ended as a draw. City captain George M said, 'It was a really difficult game against a great opposition. Theo made some terrific saves, which helped us win'

Woodlands City 2 – 1 Hildenborough

Goal scorers for City: Noah L and Tom L

Woodlands United played an inexperienced Bishops Chavasse side, who played with the most incredible team spirit. United started off quickly and were two nil up after five minutes. It could have been more by half time but some inspired goalkeeping from the opposition ensured it wasn't. Bishops Chavasse grew into the game and deserved their only goal of the game, but the experience of the United team saw them pull further away and ended up comfortably winning by a margin of five goals. United defender Izabela B said, 'We played well as a team and I hope that we continue to play in a positive style for the rest of the season.'

Woodlands United 6 – 1 Bishops Chavasse

Goalscorers for United: Oli H, Aaron G x2, Jake B x2 and Louis B-K

- On Wednesday, 24 children took part in an indoor athletics competition at The Angels Centre. The children completed a range of running, throwing and jumping activities and as a school, we had success in all events. We came 4th out of 15 Schools. Once again, the children were a credit to the school and it is always a pleasure seeing the children have so much fun at these events.



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



05th Jan Year 3 Roman Day

15th Jan Year 5 Young Voices

24th Jan Year 5 Greek Day

26th Jan EYFS/KS1 disco's

02nd Feb KS2 Disco's

01st Mar Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit

04th Mar Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit

08th Mar Family Bingo

27th Mar Year 4 Musical showcase, 2.15 - 2.45pm

1st Jul—5th Jul Year 6 Residential

Lost property

We have the following items waiting to be collected:

- Snow white pink glasses
- Purple glasses
- Black glasses
- Pink best friends rope bracelet
- Apple tag
- Anti bullying ambassador badge
- Heart key ring (with key)
- 1 gold key
- X2 silver keys
- Shin pads
- Goggles
- Premier League 2024 trading card folder.



Please collect by the end of the day, otherwise all items will be disposed of at the beginning of next term.