

Woodlands Weekly



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What an exciting start to the week – SNOW!!!

I am pleased to say that as well as the excitement outside, our curriculum provided enjoyable opportunities inside the classroom. Here's a taste of what we have been up to....

In Year 1, we are learning to be digital artists! We have used the iPads to recreate the artwork of Mark Rothko and his block paintings.



The snow came at a perfect time for Year 1 as we have been looking at seasonal change. We know in winter the trees have lost their leaves, animals hibernate and we need to wear warm clothes!

This week, Year 2 all had their first forest school session and Yew class even got to enjoy the snow! They all had a scavenger hunt and tried to find various woodland items.



On Friday last week, Year 3 launched their new history topic with Roman day! They made and painted their Roman shields, which they then used to perform a battle dance. The children learnt about how the soldiers fought in testudo formations and used archery to attack the enemy! They had a Roman feast consisting of flatbread, honey, goats' cheese, grapes, olives, dates and 'wine'. Some other activities included learning the Latin alphabet, working out sums in Roman numerals and playing traditional Roman games: yo-yos, knucklebones (jacks) and marbles.

Our Year 3 children look forward to learning more about the impact the Romans have had on our lives this term. They have also been doing Science experiments about Friction. They wanted to find out how objects move on different surfaces. Unsurprisingly, sandpaper took the longest time and has the most friction!



On Wednesday morning, parents and carers in Year 5 had the opportunity to watch a performance of some of the songs they will be performing at Young Voices 2024 at the O2 arena in London on the 15th January. They sang clearly and with loads of enthusiasm, showing they are ready for the big day!



Well done to the PTA who raised over £4000 at the Christmas fair. We are awaiting governor approval for our chosen plans and then the KS1 play area will soon be transformed with the money raised. Watch this space... (or the playground!)

I hope you have a good weekend. Next week is meant to be chilly so please make sure children have warm coats, hats and gloves. We have had many cold fingers this week.

Vicki Lonie

Letters Home

- Yr R and KS1 Disco Poster
- Mega camps Feb 2024
- Sama Karate
- Kent Fostering Leaflet
- Wildcats Girls Football

Job vacancies

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

Guitar lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start guitar lessons after half term! Acoustic/Electric Rock/Pop years 1 and up, beginners very welcome! Contact Tom: tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com / 07736051082



Localities online consultation for SEND in Kent

Please click the following link to access meetings that are being held regarding the localities consultation about SEND support in Kent. It is really important that parents can access these meetings and have their say.

[Localities consultation parent meetings](#)

Star of the week

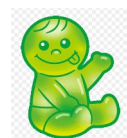
- Congratulations to Jake from 6 Aspen for being awarded a distinction in his grade 4 drumming exam. Well done Jake!

Joke of the week

What sits in a pram and wobbles?

Answer: A jelly baby!

Hugo, 3 Whitebeam



Parking

We have received an email from a concerned resident in Lawrence Road. Please can we remind you again to refrain from parking on grass verges outside houses and blocking driveways and paths.

Thank you

EM Forster Theatre

Tonbridge Music Club presents 'Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants' on Saturday 10 February at the EM Forster Theatre, Tonbridge

This storybook concert for 3-7 year olds and their families will feature live music, story-telling, projections and plenty of opportunities to join in! For more details and tickets visit www.emftheatre.com

Reminders

- PE – pupils should not wear earrings in PE lessons. If your child is too young to take them out and put them in again themselves, then they should not wear them on PE days. The only exception is if your child is in the 6-week period following piercing, in which case we will use tape to cover them. This follows the guidance for PE lessons so please support your child with this.
- Our curriculum newsletters for Terms 3 and 4 can be found on the website – on the Year Group pages. Please take a look.

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:

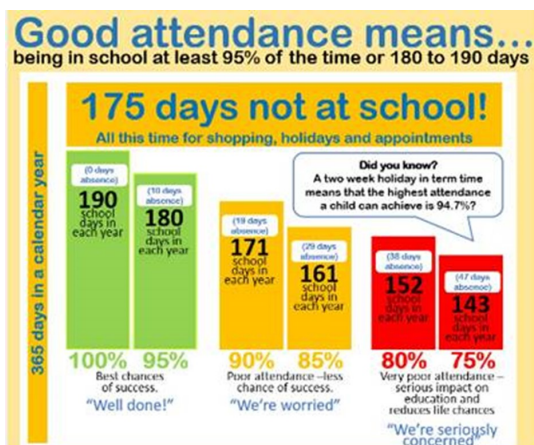
Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

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

Attendance



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)

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

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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

15th Jan Year 5 Young Voices
24th Jan Year 5 Greek Day
26th Jan EYFS/KS1 disco's
02nd Feb KS2 Disco's
08th Feb Zones of regulation meeting, Acorn Hall 9am
08th Feb Zones of regulation Zoom, 7pm
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
19th Apr Year 3 Rivers day—Horton Kirby
1st Jul—5th Jul Year 6 Residential

New dates/times in blue