

Woodlands Weekly



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As a headteacher, I see all sorts as I walk around school. This week, I came across a group of Ancient Greek people in the hall!

Year 5 were transported to the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks. They had the chance to learn about what life was like for citizens of the two major city-states Sparta and Athens and the magnificent battles that were fought in order to defend themselves from invasions. They also learned how to play an ancient Greek board game, take part in an epic quiz and even had time for a quick mini-Olympics games! To top it off, the children had the opportunity to act out the famous myth Theseus and Minotaur. Thank you to Portals to the Past for a great experience for Year 5.



This week, it became evident that Year 6 were taking our Macbeth unit of work very seriously when Mrs Corbett was greeted at the classroom door by one very eager pupil in the following way.

'Good morrow, Mistress Corbett! With joyful anticipation, I do express my eagerness for the day's imminent instruction.'

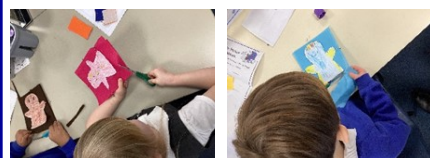
After a little consideration, and a lot of research, Mrs Corbett's response was,

'Verily, thou hast illuminated my day, and I hold high hopes to furnish thee with even more opportunities to delve into the riches of Shakespearean texts. May our journey through the tapestry of his words be both enlightening and joyous!'

Just a normal day at Woodlands!!

Year 3 have been practising their peeling and chopping skills in DT over the last two weeks. They used the bridge and the claw method to chop cucumbers.

To follow on from their chopping and peeling lesson, they began tasting different foods. The children have been invited to help create a vegetable tart for a restaurant's new summer menu, so we tasted foods that grow seasonally in May and June. We absolutely loved experiencing new tastes and textures (although maybe not the radishes!)



Year 1 have been really busy over the last few weeks! They have been working hard designing and making their own gingerbread man puppets. Joining the materials with safety pins has been the most fun - but also the most challenging!

This week in Year 2, the children have been learning about the different coins and notes used for money. They have been trying to find change of certain amounts. They were wondering if anyone could make the correct amount of £7 and 87p?

The loss of some fantastic footballers to secondary school in September has not hindered our success. Well done to all of the children training and competing – Mr Taylor will update you with our successes!

Have a great weekend. Vicki Lonie

Sports update

After the Christmas break, both Woodlands City and United were back in action.

Woodland United hosted Slade Rovers at Tonbridge Angels. United started off well and deserved to go in front. They kept pushing and were 2-0 at halftime. United continued to press for goals and were rewarded with two more. Slade Rovers managed a consolation goal at the end but it was a great performance from United, who continue their 100% record.

Goal scorers: Oliver H x2, Aaron G and Jess G

Next fixture: Friday 2nd February against Slade United.

After a very close encounter with Hildenborough, City were hoping to win two from two against Slade United. City started off well and could've been scored two early goals but some fantastic saves from the opposition keeper, kept the game scoreless. Halfway through the first half, City finally made the breakthrough and then continued to score with ease with the half time score 5-0. Due to a new rule added this year, Slade were allowed to have a couple more players on the pitch, but this didn't stop City finding the back of the net. As the full-time whistle blew, City won 8- 0 and also maintain their perfect start to the season.

Goal scorers: Noah L x4, Emily R x3 and Tom L

Next fixture: Friday 2nd February against Slade Rovers.

On Thursday, eight boys from Year 5 and 6 represent Woodlands and Tonbridge Angels in the Regional (south east) Tournament of the National League Trust under 11's Cup.

The boys played five teams in a group stage. They opened up with a 1-1 draw against Welling United with Evan S scoring a free kick from the half way line. The next game saw them play against a strong Maidstone United side. After spending the majority of the game defending their own goal, Max M scored from a few yards out and they recorded their first victory. Two more draws against Eastbourne Borough Dartford and a loss to Southend United saw the team finish fifth meaning the boys had to play Dartford in a play off match to reach the semi finals. Another close game saw the game end 1-1, which meant extra time. Unfortunately, the match ended 2-1. Their last game saw them play against Welling United, which they won 1-0. That result meant the team finished as the fifth best u11 school football team in the Southeast, which is something the boys can be incredibly proud of.

Myself and Mr. Burns are immensely proud of the way the boys played, showing incredible resilience and teamwork throughout the day.

Mr Taylor



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



Letters Home

- Disco Posters
- St Gregory's Multisports Feb 2024

Joke of the week

Knock Knock,
Who's there?
Ash.
Ash who?
Bless you.
Henry C, 2 Yew

Lost property

The Acorn office have:

- a pair of black and green glass,
- a silver bracelet (found just outside the school grounds)
- A marble
- Khaki green adult coat

Please come and collect them if they are yours.



Reminders

- Please ensure your child's clothes are all labelled. Our lost property areas are full of unnamed items.
- Please drive slowly around all local roads near school, particularly Lawrence Road and be considerate when parking.
- Our devices policy states 'children are not permitted to bring smart watches (those with internet / camera functionality) or tablets into school.' 'smart watches and tablets brought to school without permission will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day to the child's parent / carer. '

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

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

Diary Dates



2023/2024

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| 30th Jan | 5 Rowan Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 31st Jan | 5 Sycamore Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 1st Feb | 5 Hornbeam Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 02nd Feb | KS2 Discos |
| 08th Feb | Zones of regulation meeting, Acorn Hall 9am |
| 08th Feb | Zones of regulation Zoom, 7pm |
| 26th Feb | Year R - Vision and Hearing Test |
| 27th Feb | Year R - Vision and Hearing Test |
| 01st Mar | Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit |
| 04th Mar | Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit |
| 08th Mar | Family Bingo |
| 19th Mar | 3 Whitebeam Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 20th Mar | 3 Elder Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 21st Mar | 3 Birch Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 26th Mar | Year 4, Hever Castle |
| 27th Mar | Year 4 Musical showcase, 2.15 - 2.45pm |
| 19th Apr | Year 3 Rivers day—Horton Kirby |
| 11th Jun | 4 Walnut Assembly. 2.45pm |
| 12th Jun | 4 Chestnut Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 13th Jun | 4 Hazel Assembly, 2.45pm |
| 1st Jul—5th Jul | Year 6 Residential |

New dates/times in blue