

Woodlands Weekly



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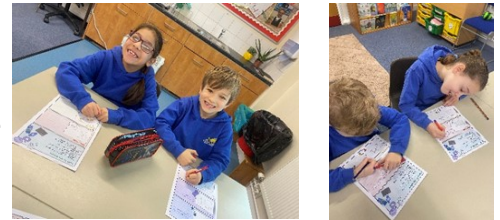
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This week started with assemblies for Safer Internet Day. On Tuesday, the children engaged with learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

For Safer Internet Day, Year 3 were thinking about technology through time. We explored what technology used to be like when the teachers were younger, then made predictions about how it will advance in the future! Dotty thinks everyone will have laptops built into their desks with an interactive whiteboard each so we don't have to look at the screen. Martha believes we won't even need to go to school as we will use VR headsets to get ourselves there! Finley thinks people will be able to use earrings to listen to music, taking out the need for headphones altogether. How do you think technology will change in the future?



Also in Year 3, the children have been making their final products - their vegetable tarts. They chopped and peeled their vegetables, spread a topping of choice on pastry and then baked them in the oven. Restaurant quality dishes coming your way from Year 3! I could smell them along the corridor – delicious!



In PSHE this term, Year 1 has been thinking about their dreams and goals. They have also been finding out about the importance of working as a team.

This week, Year 2 has really enjoyed designing and creating their own healthy wraps using ingredients such as peppers, hummus and egg.

Year 4 have been learning about blogs: how to write them and, most importantly, how to stay safe online when writing or commenting on them. This week, the children wrote their own blogs, discussing recent work they have completed on newspaper articles. This gave the pupils the opportunity to discuss their newspaper articles that they based on the novel they have been enjoying: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo.



On Friday, Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in a Healthy Roadshow where they were able to develop a greater understanding of healthy eating and exercise. As part of the session, they rode a Smoothie Bike which not only got their heartbeats racing but also created a tasty fruit smoothie. To help them understand how to develop a healthy and balanced meal, they created a plate using the five different food groups.



We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Please read below for a summary of our exciting plans!



Our whole school text will be **Window by Jeannie Baker**. Each year group will plan around the text and present what they have done in assembly.

Staff and children are invited to wear pyjamas or dress up as a book character

At home, children will be challenged to dress a potato like a book character and bring to school for judging (see Harry Potter example!)

To promote taking books out of the library, there will be a competition: Find the golden ticket (hidden in various books in the library).

We are arranging a virtual book fair where books can be bought inexpensively

Children will be given £1 book tokens

We can't wait!

To finish, let's share a few thank you messages:

Thank you to Mrs Adams for holding the parent information meetings this week on Zones of Regulation. It was great to be joined by parents from across the school. Mrs Adams will create a recording to share with those unable to make it.

A 'thank you' from the Year 6 team

The teachers have been reflecting on what an amazing bunch of children we have in Year 6. We have witnessed hard work, immense fun and so many acts of kindness this year. They surprise us every day with their energy for learning new things and thirst for knowledge. This week we saw a boy in year 6 comforting his friend who had scored an own goal during lunchtime play. We've awarded medals for presentation to children who received a spontaneous round of applause from their class. We've asked Year 6 to give up their time to support children in KS1 who need help at playtime and been overwhelmed by the sea of hands that shot up. In short, we are simply in awe of the children. Thank you, Year 6, for making our days fun and for making Woodlands a place we want to be.

I couldn't agree more!

Have a lovely half-term. See you on the other side!

Vicki Lonie

Job vacancies

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

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

Joke of the week

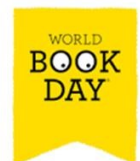
A man rode to town on Tuesday,
He stayed there for 2 days,
He rode back on Sunday,
What was the name of his horse?

A: Sunday

Olivia A, 6 Aspen

World Book Day 2024

This year we will celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Children will engage in a variety of fun activities to celebrate books, authors and illustrators and the joy they bring us! To add to the fun, children are invited to wear either a costume of a book character, or their pyjamas for a snuggly day of reading. Keep a look out for more information soon about other exciting competitions and activities for the day.



Letters Home

- Carve and Craft Weekend
- Princess Christian's Farm event schedule
- Early signs of ADHD

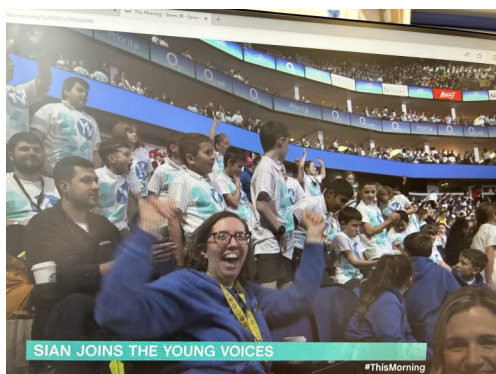
Parent Governors

We are excited to announce the results of the Parent Governor ballot are in and Mr Graham Blair and Mrs Laura Bekker have been appointed.

Congratulations to you both!

Young Voices

Our Years 5's and Mrs Cameron, Mrs Blackman, Mr Beard and Mr Holliday appeared on 'This Morning' this week in a Young voices clip.



School Football Team

Last Friday, both Woodlands City and Woodlands United were in action at Tonbridge Angels FC.

Woodlands United hosted Slade United and were looking to build on their last victory. Since their first game, they have really improved well and this was evident with a strong first half performance. United controlled the game really well and their ever-growing confidence shone through and ran out 5 - 1 winners with Aaron G scoring what he called 'a banger!'

Goal scorers: Kaiden K x4 and Aaron G

Next Fixture: Away at Hildenborough on Friday 23rd February.

In the other game, Slade Rovers were the opposition for **Woodlands City** and they proved to be tough opponents. In the first five minutes, City managed to score three excellent goals. As the rules state, once a team goes ahead by three goals, the opposition are allowed to bring on an extra player, which made it more difficult to add to their tally before half time. The team continued to exert the pressure on Rovers and by the time the full time whistle was blown, the final score was 7 - 0.

Goal scorers: Keiron L x3, Noah L x 3 and Tom L.

Next Fixture: At home against Chiddingstone on Friday 15th March.

Sporting update:

On Tuesday, Woodlands took some children from Years 5 and 6 to a table tennis event. This event was to give the children an opportunity to try out a new sport, where a professional coach and one of the best players in the county were on hand to help the children learn new skills. The children enjoyed all the activities especially the ping pong machine, which fired out balls for the children to hit back.



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



Parent Workshop

Tuesday 30th April, 2pm

'Early Signs of ADHD in Girls' run by Una Archer

- She keeps interrupting me mid-sentence...
- The state of her room...
- She gets upset so easily...

Is it her personality, or is it... ADHD? It can be really hard to tell, and that's why so many girls with ADHD don't get the right support. They end up struggling during lessons, in their friendship groups and at home.

Whether your daughter has strong ADHD traits or not, this workshop can give you more tools to understand your daughter, her world and help her feel more at ease with who she is.

We will cover:

- ADHD statistics and reasons why ADHD is overlooked in girls
- How inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity show up in girls
- How ADHD can impact daily functioning: maintaining friendships, completing tasks, being organised, getting enough sleep, etc.
- Differences between neurotypical and ADHD brain
- Tips for supporting girls with ADHD traits

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

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
07th Mar	World Book Day
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
30th Apr	Early signs of ADHD in Girls, 2pm
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