

Woodlands Weekly



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Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable half-term.

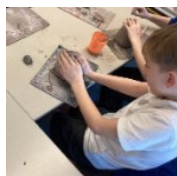
This week, Year 1 has been learning about how wheels move. They made their own turning wheels and made sure they used an axel holder so the wheels moved.



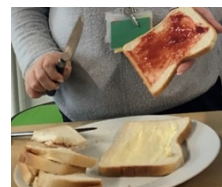
This term, year 2 is focusing on the Great Fire of London. To complement this, some children have made models for their Speaking and Listening presentations. They look absolutely fab!



This week, Year 4 pupils have been immersing themselves into their new book Iron Man by Ted Hughes. To kick-start the topic, they made jam sandwiches where the children needed to instruct the adults on how to make the sandwich. There were a few sticky fingers! Mr Hill was instructed to pick up the jam – and did!



Year 5 have been working with clay this week. They learned how to use the coiling method to create the shape of the pots and how water can be used to create silt in order to smooth the surface. Lots of new skills learned!



On the note of healthy eating (or not!), please remember that snacks should consist of fruit or vegetables, not chocolate croissants or similar. Although fruit juice can be included in lunch boxes, water bottles should only contain water, not squash. As we know, diet has a massive impact on energy levels, cognitive ability and weight so we need to encourage good eating habits from the very start.

Don't forget to plan for book week (details provided later). We'll be sharing photos from today's Break the Rules Day next week!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Staff News

As some of you may know, our wonderful Mrs Tarrant-Blick has been part of the Woodlands family since 1988 (I know!) She has taught many parents and staff members and has done a sterling job supporting vulnerable children in increasingly difficult circumstances. Mrs Tarrant-Blick has decided it is time to leave this July to spend time on herself and with her family. Although sad, we knew this time would come. We are very pleased for her and wish her all the best for the future.

Sport update

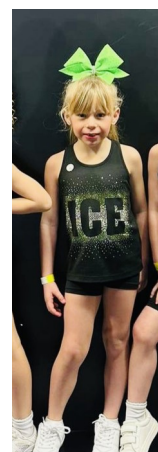
On Wednesday, twelve children went to Chimera Climbing to try bouldering. The children really enjoyed the experience and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. This allowed them to build up perseverance and resilience. Ethan P and Ashleigh M (5 Sycamore) both said that they had a fabulous time whilst taking part in a new sport. A huge thanks to Mr Beard for taking them.



Superstar Corner



Well done to Naya from Year 1, Lucy and Matilda from Year 2 and Annabel and Zara from year 3 for taking part in 'Where there is magic' at the E M Forster Theatre last weekend.



Congratulations to Bonnie from Year 2 for competing in her first cheerleading competition in London over half term and graded excellent for tiny novice level one.

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

Why did the Footballer get upset on his birthday?

He got a red card!!

Oscar, 6 Aspen



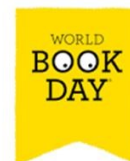
World Book Day 2024

Celebrate **World Book Day** with us on Thursday 7th March.

Dress up as a book character or in your pjs

Find a golden ticket in your library book for a special prize

Compete in our first ever potato competition! Yes – potatoes dressed as book characters!



Guitar lessons

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



Letters Home

- WildCats have fun
- PTA Bingo
- World Book Day Poster
- T & M Network event Poster

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
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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
22nd Jun	Summer Fair 12—3pm
1st Jul—5th Jul	Year 6 Residential

New dates/times in blue