

Woodlands Weekly



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A couple more photos from last week's World Book Day..... Some children also won a golden ticket in the library which they used to buy a new book. Thanks for making the day so special!

As well as dunking biscuits and writing about the different seasons of the year for Science Week, Year 1 has been really busy in Maths too! They have been comparing the heights and lengths of different objects and measuring them with cubes before they move into using rulers.



Year 2 really enjoyed a super visit from a Historical Drama company for a performance of the Great Fire of London. The children loved interacting with the drama and learnt lots from it.

Year 5 investigated whether certain materials are soluble in water. They worked together to try and dissolve a variety of substances such as flour, chalk, coffee, and salt. The results were certainly 'mixed' to say the least!



It's the 30th anniversary of British Science Week this week, and the children have enjoyed linking this year's theme of Time to their science learning. They have also agreed to conduct a whole school experiment to answer a very important question posed by the teachers.....

What is the best biscuit for dunking?

The children have considered how to conduct a fair test and have taken their role as 'scientific dunkers' very seriously. Their findings are currently being collated and will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parent information meetings on LGBT. The overall message is that we are supporting children in becoming good people – accepting of others and their differences and able to discuss curiosities about themselves and others in an open and sensitive fashion. We appreciate parents sharing their own experiences of schooling and growing up and we understand the concerns around trans issues, some of which have been publicised in the media in recent years. The underlying message is that we should all be kind and any specific concerns will be discussed with parents in the first instance.

Have a good weekend.

Vicki Lonie

Superstar corner

Congratulations to Amelia from 2 Juniper in getting her swimming badge and certificate for 15m.



Holiday Activities

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have an activity scheme aimed at 4—16 year olds.

Further details can be found on their website here www.tmbc.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Sweets

As a school we try and promote healthy eating choices, therefore we ask you not to offer sweets to class mates when it is your child's birthday. This is not a new policy, but a reminder because we have been made aware this has been happening recently.



Letters Home

- The Pod Poster
- Advice Line poster
- Barracudas Easter 24
- Tonbridge Cricket Club—Girls Cricket

Comic Relief

It is Comic Relief today and to celebrate our Sports Leaders have been running some 'silly games' on the KS1 and KS2 playground.

Please use the link below if you wish to make a donation.

[Woodlands Primary is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](http://Woodlands Primary is fundraising for Comic Relief (justgiving.com))



Job vacancies

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

Litter Pick

Please join us for a litter pick on Saturday between 10 and 2pm. We will be meeting just outside the Acorn Office.



Lunchtime supervisor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor starting after Easter until the end of term on 23rd July.

It will be between 12 and 1pm

If you are interested please email office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

ADHD in Girls Workshop

Tuesday 30th April, 2pm

Don't forget to email office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk to book your place.

Joke of the week

Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

The 'C'

Jo Stone, Pastoral Support Office, Deputy DSL

London Landmarks Half Marathon

On 7 April 2024 Oscar & Matilda Daddy (R Maple & 2 Yew), Toby Daddy (2 Juniper) and Arlo Jones' Mummy (2 Juniper) along with Matilda & Oscar's Auntie will be taking on the London Landmarks Half Marathon to raise money for the King's College Hospital Charity.

King's College Hospital provided outstanding care in helping Matilda make a full recovery from a brain tumour when she was 4 (and in Reception at Woodlands). Any funds raised help to support the incredible work that they do, including in their paediatric neurology unit.

The Team name (chosen by Matilda) is Unicorn Rainbow Sparkles! If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful cause then the JustGiving page for the Team is <https://www.justgiving.com/team/urs?>



Sporting update:

On Monday, Woodlands entered a team into a netball competition at Skinners' Kent Academy. For many of the children, it was their first time playing netball in a competitive environment, however, this didn't deter them as they started their first game off really well and won 1 -0 against St. Augustine's thanks to a superb goal from Evan S. In their next group game, they really started to gel as a team and Evan S scored a hat trick of goals in the first half against Claremont. Dexter C added another in the second half and the team won their second game in a row 4 – 0. Their final group game saw them go against St. James', who frankly were a cut above the rest of the competition. The opposition scored at ease but Woodlands never gave up and deserved their only goal of the game by Brooke L.



After finishing second in the group, Woodlands were in a third place play off match against St. Matthews. After a close first half, where the team were losing 1-0, the experience from a couple players from the opposition proved to be the difference as they won 4 -1. Even though the children were disappointed with the final result, they can be extremely proud of how well they played as a team and learn from a fantastic experience.

Diary Dates

2023/2024

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
17th Apr	Year 5-Kent Test Information Meeting Via Teams
30th Apr	Early signs of ADHD in Girls, 2pm
19th Apr	Year 3 Rivers day - Horton Kirby
22nd May	Year R Chatham Dockyard
3rd Jun - 7th Jun	Year 6 Residential
11th Jun	4 Walnut Assembly. 2.45pm
12th Jun	4 Chestnut Assembly, 2.45pm
13th Jun	4 Hazel Assembly, 2.45pm
29th Jun	Summer Fair

2024/2025

18th Sep	Whole School Flu Vaccination
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New dates/times in blue



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

