

# Woodlands Weekly



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The sun is out as I write this – spring has arrived!

The children really enjoyed British Science week last week and impressed the teachers with their 'working scientifically' skills.



We posed the question: which biscuit is the best for dunking in our tea? (We are sure that just like us you will be very interested in the results!)

The children took their roles as biscuit dunkers very seriously and took time to ensure that they conducted a fair test. They thought carefully about the science involved asking questions such as: Is the liquid absorbed into the biscuit? Is the biscuit eroding or is it dissolving? If it is dissolving, what ingredient is dissolving and why?

The best biscuit, with a whopping 18 dunks, was the



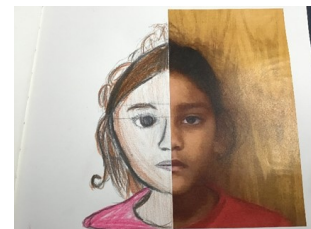
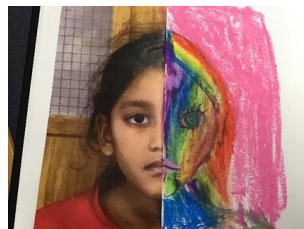
custard cream (expertly dunked by Year 2!) A full table of results can be found below.

Biscuit	Number of Dunks	Year Group
Custard creams	18	2
Bourbon cream	16	6
Ginger snap	15	3
Chocolate chip	13	5
Hobnob	11	4
Rich tea	7	R
Digestive	4	1

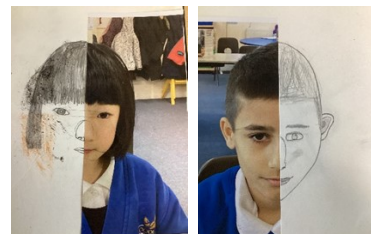
Thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm and dedication to this experiment.



This week, Year 1 has been putting all their knowledge about castles onto paper this week to make some interesting fact files about castles. They have also been working in teams to build their own castles. Year 2 has been building a new chair for Baby Bear using strong and stable cylinders. Leo from Yew class was so inspired that he also built a new chair at home!



As part of their portraits topic, Year 3 experimented with colour this week. They used skin coloured



pencils to recreate a realistic look, then oil pastels to express their emotions and personality. Which colours would you choose to show your emotions today?

Last week they were learning to draw portraits using proportions. The work from Aahil and Yanxi blew their teacher away! Their attention to detail was so commendable.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, some of the Senior Choir went to perform at the Tonbridge Lions Schools Concert. Six schools performed altogether and our choir represented Woodlands beautifully. Only 12 children were able to attend but they were confident and sang extremely well.

To come.....

### Inspiring the Future Week (w/c June 17<sup>th</sup>)

In the summer term, we would like to run our first 'Inspiring the Future Week' on the week beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>. Our purpose of running a week like this is to introduce the children to different careers and futures that they might pursue when they're older. We want them to hear from people who are passionate about the jobs they do, to inspire them to have goals and ambitions for themselves. For this to happen, we need your help! If you would be interested in volunteering your time to talk about and answer questions about the job you do with our children, then please let us know by filling in the form below. This is by no means a commitment at this stage. If you would simply like to hear more from us about this and what it would entail, then we would still love to hear from you. We are after initial interest at this stage. At present, which year group you'd speak to and / or which day(s) this would be is not decided. Thank you in advance!

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Finally – a massive 'Well done!' to our Year 3 children who acted, sang and presented in their class assemblies this week. Great job!!

Have a super weekend.

Vicki Lonie



## Comic Relief

Thank you to those that donated to Comic Relief. We have raised £392.00.



## Letters Home

- Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying
- Gas Network Upgrade Tonbridge
- Kidical Mass April
- Chiddingstone Castle—Easter

## 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](mailto:SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

## ADHD in Girls Workshop

**Tuesday 30th April, 2pm**

Don't forget to email [office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk) to book your place.

## Joke of the week

I ate a clock last week and it was very time consuming.

Mr Revell, Site Manager



## Litter pick



On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March volunteers enjoyed picking up litter in and around our school environment as part of [The Great British Spring Clean](#). We were all blessed with a beautiful sunny Spring Day and over the two hours we were there we found a large variety of rubbish and several people expressing their appreciation from the local residents. It was thoroughly enjoyable and very rewarding. We hope that next time we can encourage more people to help with this cause.

Hughie, 6 Hawthorn

## Rainbows out of School Clubs are Hiring

We are looking for a Breakfast club assistant and after school club assistant on our Woodlands site. The positions can be split or job share available.

Hours 7.20 a.m. to 8.40 a.m.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Good rate of pay and private health care scheme benefit. Training and funding for childcare qualifications available.

For more information please contact Denise on 07717214041 or email: [contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com](mailto:contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com)

## Guitar Lessons

One slot has recently become available to start guitar lessons after the Easter break!

Please get in touch with Tom Williams directly, first come first served!

All ages/abilities welcome, acoustic/ electric.

[07736051082/](tel:07736051082)  
[tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com)



## Sporting update

On Wednesday, sixteen children from KS2 went to the Angel Centre for a gymnastics competition. The children performed so well individually and supported each other, which created a



fantastic team environment. We entered one team into the intermediate category, where the team finished third. Our other three teams were taking part in the advanced category, where the other teams, from schools in the Tonbridge area, were extremely talented. All three teams were superb with team 4 finishing in seventh place, team 3 took sixth place and team 2 finished fourth. Mr Taylor is so proud of every child who took part.

## Clubs

NO school run clubs are on next week.

Next term clubs will commence the week beginning 22nd April 2024.

## 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](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

## Request

We have a playhouse in our forest school area which would love some extra play bits!

If anybody has any children's kitchen toys, utensils etc please bring them to the Acorn office for the attention of Mrs Brown.



## School Football Teams:

On Friday, both football teams played their only fixture in the league for this half term. Both teams were playing Chiddingstone and it was Woodlands City who played them first.

City got an early goal from Kieron L and quickly doubled their lead after Evan S was fortunate to benefit from the opposition's goalkeeper as the ball slipped through his hands and bounced off his head into the back of the net. From this moment on, the team struggled to gain any control of the game and were lucky not to have conceded just before half time.

The second half saw the team improve by having greater possession of the ball but found it difficult to break down the Chiddingstone resolute defence. After multiple chances went begging, Noah L finished a great team move with a fine effort. The final whistle blew with City winning 3-0.

With a run of games next half term, the City players will look to get back to their early season form with the opportunity to win the league still in their own hands.

Goal scorers: Kieron L, Evan S and Noah L

Next fixture: Bishops Chavasse (H) 19th April

Woodlands United were up next and with their first effort on goal, Oli H found the back of the net. Ben C scored a superb goal into the top right hand corner to make it 2-0. Kaiden K scored a brace before half time including a ferocious strike from an indirect free kick.

After half time, Chiddingstone grew into the game and were creating a hatful of chances but some superb saves by James S prevented them getting onto the scoresheet. Oli H used his power to score two more to deservedly get his hat trick. Chiddingstone managed to get a consolation goal at the end and United ending up winning 6-1.

Woodlands United, just like City, maintained their 100% winning record and will look to build on the momentum they created today into next half term.

Goal scorers: Oli H x3, Kaiden K x2 and Ben C

Next fixture: St Margaret's Clitherow (H) 19th April.

## Diary Dates

### 2023/2024



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
23rd Apr	Year 5 Workshop
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
12/13/14th Nov	Year 5 Bewl Water

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