

Woodlands Weekly



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Welcome back to the summer term – an exciting, very busy time of the year!

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 5 information meeting this week – the contents are attached for those who could not make it.

The round-up for this week...

The witches' hat has been installed in KS1 so we are now just waiting for the flooring to be laid – nearly there! Next week, our KS1 outside classroom will be installed so please walk carefully around the site.

Year 1 has been tasting some of the food they read about in 'Handa's Surprise'. Some of the fruit was a hit...others not as much!

Year 2 has been exploring how pollution affects the sea. They have written very enthusiastically about how they feel and what they would like to do about it.



Year 3 has been getting ready for their trip to the river at Horton Kirby on today. They began their art topic 'River Journeys' by looking at where the river goes in Tonbridge. They thought about where they could see the river in town and came up with: Tonbridge Park, the High Street and Haysden lake. Can you think of any other places you can see a river in Tonbridge?

Below is a piece of art work created by Theo in Year 3. He was deeply inspired by the book "A River" and particularly the illustrations by the award-winning Illustrator Marc Martin. It was truly heartening to see the impact of creative work on young minds.



Year 4 has been working hard with tenths and hundredths this week. They have worked on equivalent fractions and decimals. These lessons have included various activities and a variety of depictions so that the children can become comfortable with different ways of approaching these types of questions. This should give the children a good start when we move on to decimals later in the year.

They have also begun their topic on mountains and have been looking at where they are in the world and famous expeditions that have reached the summit of Mount Everest.

Year 5 have been very busy making their stuffed toys as part of their DT projects, which have all been carefully designed and stitched. They also thought about what kind of appliques they can use and how to stitch these on effectively. These are just a few of their fantastic products!

Thank you to those parents in Year R to 3 who responded to our question about the Year 5 residential. The overwhelming majority would like to keep this in place. As long as we can financially support that, it will remain in place. I do suggest parents in Year 3 start to chip away at the costs for the Year 5 and 6 residential. We are doing all we can to keep prices down but the coaches and providers have significantly raised prices in the last two years so we will have to keep monitoring this.



Please do come to our open evening from 5 to 7pm on Thursday 11th July. Bring your child along so that (s) he can show off work and you can meet current and future teachers. You will also have a chance to see recent improvements to the school. Put the date in your diary!

Have a great weekend.

Vicki Lonie

Job vacancies

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

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Letters Home

- How Mainstream Schools Support Primary School Aged Children with SEND
- Kent Test Presentation April 2024 for Parents,

ADHD in Girls Workshop

Tuesday 30th April, 2pm

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

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

What happens when a frogs car breaks down?

Answer: It gets Toad!!

Alice, 5 Sycamore

Sporting News

On Tuesday, eight girls from Years 3, 5 and 6 went to Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club for a Tag Rugby Festival. The girls participated in a range of activities including working on teamwork, strength and agility, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They then applied these skills into some small matches, where they were very dominant and scored plenty of tries. We are hoping to get a coach from Tonbridge Juddians in to run a session for each year group in the near future so watch this space!



Superstar corner

Alfie and Dexter from Year 5 competed in a rugby tournament at the weekend at Butlin's Bognor. They played 4 games on the Saturday and 3 games on the Sunday. They put up a really good fight all weekend and came home winners of their group. Both Alfie and Dexter scored tries for their team.



Inspiring the Future Week (w/c June 17th)

In the summer term, we would like to run our first 'Inspiring the Future Week' on the week beginning June 17th. 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 this form. 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!

Diary Dates

2023/2024

23rd Apr	Year 5 Workshop
30th Apr	Early signs of ADHD in Girls, 2pm
25th Apr	Year 6 Residential Information evening
25th Apr	Earth Day Menu
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
18th Jun	Year 2, Hastings Trip
24th Jun	Sports Day
29th Jun	Summer Fair
09th Jul	Parent consultations 3.30—5.30*
11th Jul	Open Evening
17th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 2pm
18th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 7pm
22nd Jul	Ash Assembly 9.15—10am Aspen Assembly, 10.45—11.30am Hawthorn Assembly, 2.30—3.15pm
22nd Jul	Year 6 Party, 4-6pm
23rd Jul	Year 6 School Exit— whole school applause on the KS2 playground, 3.15pm

2024/2025

18th Sep	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12/13/14th Nov	Year 5 Bewl Water

New dates/times in blue

* By appointment only. Please book directly with the class teacher.



Tonbridge Methodist Church

Tonbridge Methodist Church is also holding a Spring Fair on 27th April 10-12 noon. We would be grateful for any donation of children's books. They can be dropped off at the church on Wednesday mornings or at school to the Acorn Office.

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/tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com

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

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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