

Woodlands Weekly



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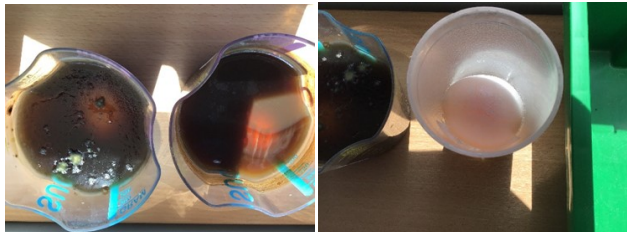
Happy Friday! Summer is on its way!

I had a fantastic start to the week on Tuesday. I spent the morning sitting in on classes and watching the expert teaching taking place. We have spent a great deal of training time focusing on teaching skills over the last 4 years and how to make it even better and the evidence was clear to see. That was followed by walking around with the photographer capturing our wonderful children at work. The photographer visits schools across the country and could not believe how fantastic our school facilities and grounds are. It's too easy to forget how fortunate we are!

Speaking of which – the KS1 play area is now open and the children have been enjoying playing on it today!

This week, Year 1 has started dividing. They have been sharing cubes into circles, making sure there is an equal amount in each circle.

Year 2 has been writing their own stories inspired by 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' which they will be reading to their Year 5 buddies. They have been exploring using powerful vocabulary and similes to describe their characters.



Year 4 has been experimenting with eggs! They have been exploring the question, 'What drink causes the most tooth decay?' The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the eggs (representing the enamel on our teeth) change over time. Such descriptions were "Looks like a water balloon," and "I definitely don't want to drink Coca-Cola anymore!"

I hope you have a great weekend.

Vicki Lonie

Smart watches

We understand many children own smart watches these days. The school allows smart watches with a watch and step counter facility but watches with cameras, messages or any other facilities like this are not permitted.



Next week for SATS week, Year 6 are not allowed to wear any smart watches.

Tonbridge and Malling Family Hubs

As part of the ongoing efforts to enhance the family hub transformations, it has been announced that buildings have been renamed!

Here's the list of the newly named buildings:

- Long Mead Family Hub (formerly Little Foxes)**
- East Malling Family Hub (formerly Woodlands)**
- Snodland Family Hub (formerly SYCC)**
- Tonbridge Family Hub (formerly Tonbridge Youth Hub/ South Tonbridge Children's Centre)**

School Football Team

On Thursday, Woodlands United were back in action, and played at Woodlands for the first time this season. St Margaret's Clitherow, who tested Woodlands City a couple of weeks beforehand, were United's opponent in their sixth game of the season and hoping to continue their 100% record. In easily the best weather the team have played in so far this season, United started off slow and struggled to settle into the game within the opening five minutes. United were then caught out on the break and St Margaret's centre midfielder, who we knew was their star player from a fortnight ago, broke the deadlock with a composed finish. United responded well to going down a goal and after a hatful of chances went begging, Kaiden K pounced on a ball over the top of the opponent's defence and took the ball past the keeper, only to be brought down, giving United a penalty. Louis B-K stepped up and smashed the ball past the keeper to level the score.

After half time, United continued to build on the lifeline they were gifted in the first half, but St Margaret's were proving difficult to break down through resolute defending and opportunities to take the lead were slim. With five minutes to go, St Margaret's took the lead with a well-worked goal from a set piece. With the full-time whistle approaching, United pushed for the equaliser and came close but St Margaret's won the match 2 -1. A disappointing day for the team, who will look to bounce back today against Hildenborough knowing that the opportunity to win the league is still in their hands.

Goal Scorer: Louis B-K

Next match: Away at Hildenborough (10/05/2024)

Last Thursday (2nd May), our Woodlands City football team played their next league fixture against East Peckham, aiming to keep up their 100% record. The team started nervously and the first goal took a while to arrive, but once it did, the floodgates truly opened. City scored a further 6 and it could easily have been more. The football played by the City team grew in quality the longer the game went on. Their passing was sharp and incisive and they made excellent decisions in front of goal. The goalscorers were Kieran (2), Tom (2), George and Noah; an own goal gave us a final tally of 7. We conceded a goal in the last minute to deny us a clean sheet, but the players were delighted to chalk up another win and three more points. Thanks so much to all our supporters for seeing us through to another victory.

Goal Scorer's: Kieran (2), Tom (2) George and Noah



Joke of the week

How do pigs say Hello?

With Hogs and Kisses!

Franklin, R Maple

Eco Club request

Our Eco Club would like some bottle tops to use for an exciting piece of artwork. Please bring them to the Acorn office. All colours, all sizes, all materials.

Gardening request

Do you have any spare bulbs or nice plants that you can donate to school for our wonderful volunteer gardener to use around the site. If so, please bring them to the Acorn Office.



Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start learning guitar in September! All ages/abilities welcome, rock/pop acoustic/electric. Get in touch with Tom directly tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com / 07736051082



Letters Home

- Dance club - Friday available ONLY
- Disco Flyer
- Rainbows Leaflet 2024

Superstar corner

Congratulations to Tara from 6 Hawthorn for coming 8th while representing the South East in the British Youth Fencing championships in Sheffield.



Fathers Day Sale

Struggling to know what to get for Fathers Day? How about a super tasty biscuit!

Made locally by a school Mum at Sweet Peas Bakehouse, and with each biscuit sold a donation will go to the PTA.

We will have 150 'Best Dad' trophy shaped biscuits to be sold on a first come first served basis. £2.50 each.

The sale will be in the KS1 playground on Wednesday 12th June, just in time for fathers day on Sunday 16th.



Diary Dates

2023/2024

17th May	KS2 Disco
22nd May	Year R Chatham Dockyard
3rd Jun - 7th Jun	Year 6 Residential
05th Jun	Year R Vision Screening
10th Jun	Class Photos + Year 6 leavers Photos
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
12th Jul	KS2 Colour run
15th Jul	Back up sports day
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.

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

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

