

Woodlands Weekly



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This week started with assemblies about Black History month. This is an important part of our Diversity and Culture calendar – the two strands or ‘big ideas’ that thread through our curriculum.

Also this week....

In Reception, the children read the book ‘The Giant Jam Sandwich’. They loved talking about alternative ways to trap the wasps and then they made their own jam sandwiches. They were very good at spreading the butter and jam and cutting it up, but even better at eating it!



This week, Year 1 has been working on part-part-whole structures in maths through playing games and using hand gestures to support their learning. Maybe you could ask your child to show you the gestures.

Year 2 has been learning about materials and their properties in science. This week they considered the differences between natural and man-made materials, and how some natural materials need adapting to make them more useful to humans. Children could continue this learning around the house, or when on a walk, by finding materials and talking about their properties.

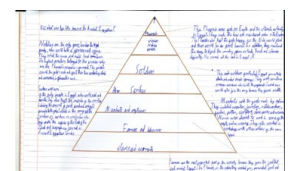


Year 3 has been learning about the Neolithic age and Stonehenge. The children sketched and labelled diagrams of this fascinating ancient monument. Many interesting questions came up like: Did the giant stones come from Scotland or Wales? How did they move them so far and what was Stonehenge used for?



This week, Year 4 had an exciting time learning about how sound travels! They did several fun experiments to explore vibrations and how we hear sounds. One of their favourites was using a tuning fork in water. They could actually see the vibrations as the fork made ripples! Another popular experiment was talking on either side of an electric fan. The children were amazed at how strange and distorted their voices sounded. It was a fantastic practical way to learn about sound!

As part of their learning in history, Year 5 focused on the roles of different people in Ancient Egyptian society. They looked at the differences in social classes, and how the people within these classes contributed to the ancient Egyptian life as a whole.



Inspired by a poem about the perception of behaviour, Year 6 pupils have been exploring the link between their emotions and how they express them. They have reflected on their own behaviours and why they exhibit them. Their personal reflections on these were then used to create their own poem.

I am rude because it is hard to share what's going on in my head, so I need a way to express myself.

I am rude because I'm frustrated, I try to hide it so people won't notice but it's hard and I know it's not the right thing to do.

I am rude because I need a method to let people know how I feel and I just don't know any other way to show it right now.

If you want to see the original poem click the link, <https://safeshare.tv/my/safeviews/ss66f7dd48b10b6/play>

Deep thinking, Year 6!

On a separate but related note, we are noticing that many children, especially in Year 6, are coming in VERY tired on Mondays and for some on other days. Please make sure children have sensible bedtimes, with no tech just before, to make sure sleep is good quality and long enough. We need our pupils to be firing on all cylinders for the depth and variety of learning they do each day.

Have a super, sleep-filled weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Christmas card competition

Our local MP Tom Tugendhat is once again holding his annual Christmas card competition.

- Drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape).
- Please ask children to stick to a Christmas theme and sign their name on the front, so it will appear on the card.
- The winning 4 designs will receive 100 blank copies of their own card, a special prize and an invite to meet Tom and have a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.
- The deadline for entries is Friday 25th October.
- Please post entries to: Tom Tugendhat MP, 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge TN9 1SP. DO NOT bring them to school.

French Club

Would you like your child to start learning French while it's still instinctive and lots of fun?



Pupils are invited to join a lovely, friendly group to learn French through games, songs and other fun activities. Sessions are held from 3:20-4pm on Tuesdays.

For more info and prices please contact CCK112@hotmail.com or 07884 255749.

Please state your child's year group (everyone welcome) and that you are enquiring about French Club at Woodlands.

www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge

www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge

Harvest Festival

On Monday 7th October, Woodlands will be celebrating Harvest.



Key Stage one are walking to the Methodist Church in the morning and sharing a Harvest festival service with Rev Kirsty.

Key Stage Two will be hosting Rev Kirsty at a special assembly in school in the afternoon.

The Methodist Church has a community larder called Feast and we would love to donate tins and boxes of food to help others. If you are able to send your child to school with a tin or box of food on Monday 7th October, it would be gratefully received by those who visit the community larder.

If you are a Key Stage One parent and could help to walk the children to the church after morning drop off, please speak to your child's class teacher to volunteer. The more the merrier!

Parents are welcome to join us at the service. We will aim to start at 9.30am.

Letters Home

- Tonbridge Counselling Service
- NCT Poster October 2024

Superstar Corner

- Eddie in 5 Sycamore is rehearsing hard for an all-youth production of Annie. Eddie's in the ensemble, playing an orphan and other roles. Annie will be on at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks later in October.

Reminders

- When reporting your child's absence, please ensure you are descriptive with the reason. Stating your child is poorly or ill, is not enough information.
- The school gates are closed promptly at 8.50am every morning by Mr Revell, please make sure you have delivered your child/ren to their classroom/s and vacated the school site by this time.

Arbor

Please remember to sign in and register on the app.

All communication will now be sent via Arbor.

Payments (for now) will remain on ParentMail.

Free workshop

We all know how difficult the mornings can be and this free workshop might provide ideas to make it smoother for you. This online workshop is free for parents, and is run by Una Archer who runs a local private practise, offering a variety of therapeutic approaches to individuals, couples, children and families.

This workshop will give parents tools to set up their children for a good day by:

- Empowering their children to take a more active part in getting ready in the mornings and develop life skills that will serve them well at school and in other areas of life.
- Saving parents time and energy because they don't have to repeat the same things over and over again.
- Creating more space for connection and fun in your mornings.

This workshop is called A Peaceful School Run and will be taking place online, on Wednesday, October 9th, 1-2 pm. It's free, all parents are welcome to join. All they need to do if follow

Rugby

Livvy, Esther and Chloe from Year 6 joined some pupils from Claremont for a Rugby tournament this week. They were brilliant, supportive and very enthusiastic.

Well done girls!



Sporting events

Woodlands Primary School are looking forward to entering a variety of sporting tournaments over the course of the year. Over the past two years, we have entered in different sporting events including athletics, gymnastics and hockey to name a few. Our goal this year is to increase the participation of girls in these sporting events, which the partnership we work with, are also striving to improve. This year, there will be more opportunities for girls to take part in different sports than ever before, which they may never have tried before, and we would like the girls of Woodlands to try a new sport this year. Please look out for the sporting events that are sent out and encourage your child to participate in these.

On another note, Mr Taylor spends a lot of time organising the events for our children to participate in. It is extremely frustrating that when children are selected for an event after registering their interest, on the day they inform him that they are not aware they are doing it or no longer want to take part. Could we please remind you to make note of the date of any events your child has been selected for and/or to inform Mr Taylor as early as possible that your child no longer wishes to participate in the event.

Piano Lessons

Would you like your child to have piano lessons?

Mrs Jones has space for one or two more pupils from KS2. Lessons (usually 20 minutes) take place on Fridays and are arranged through Kent Music.

Pupils will need a piano or keyboard to practise on at home. Please go to the Kent Music website for all the details.

Term Dates

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

Job Vacancies

[Caretaker Facilities at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com)

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

Diary Dates

2024/2025

7th Oct	Harvest Festival
11th Oct	Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11am
11th Oct	PTA AGM
11th Oct	PTA cake and second hand uniform sale.
15th Oct	Author visit and Book Fair
26th Oct	Fireworks Night
12th Nov	5 Rowan Bewl Water
13th Nov	5 Hornbeam Bewl Water
14th Nov	5 Sycamore Bewl Water
14th Nov	Evacuee day at the Church
15th Nov	Christmas Fair donations – info to follow
15th Nov	Children in Need
18th Nov	Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11am
22nd Nov	Christmas Fair donations – info to follow
23rd Nov	Christmas Fair
06th Dec	Secret Presents
10th Dec	Year R Christmas performance, 2.15pm
11th Dec	Year R Christmas performance, 9.30am
13th Dec	Year 6 WWII song for concert to parents - Oak Hall
13th Dec	Yr 3 Carols at the Methodist Church, time TBC
16th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance, 2pm
17th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance, 9.30am
19th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance, 2.15pm
20th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance, 9.30am

[New dates/times in blue](#)

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

Woodwind Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a woodwind instrument, please contact Nicky Catterwell on n.catterwell@hotmail.com or 07713 164930.

For more information, please visit her website www.nickycatterell-flautist.co.uk