



Woodlands Academy of Learning

Forest School & Outdoor Learning News

Year Six Say Good Bye To Forest School

Our Forest School sessions for Year Six are very short so we have to cram in as much as we can. The children started with a map reading challenge and colour scavenger hunt were they had to work as teams.



They then had a go at carving and trying their hand at weaving a Mexican Gods Eye.

To end our sessions we played the team games survival of the fittest, which involves trust and the use of blindfolds. Also a game called pole race. This in-

volves working as a team to balance a long wooden pole on one finger each and racing your opponents to the finish line.



Sadly this year due to hot conditions we were unable to have our usual campfire cooking.

I hope here at Woodlands we have given our Year Six children happy Forest School memories and we wish them all the very best as they move on to their new schools.



Reception Getting To Grips With Carving

It takes a lot of patience and resilience to learn a new skill and the concentration was immense as our Reception children learned to carve this half term.



The children quickly learned the safety rules and could not wait to carve the bark from their sticks.



The children were making stickmen and stick ladies. Once the children had carved their sticks they decorated them and added arms.

Each stick man or lady was given a name and the children quickly began playing with them together.



Well done Reception, you showed super concentration and determination when learning to carve.

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Forest School Rangers for This Half Term

Nursery— Ellis, Millie

Reception— Xander, Ronnie

Year One — Jamie, Evanas

Year Two— Sophie, Theo

Year Six— Amritjot, Molly

Forest School Journals

The Reception children will be bringing home their Forest School Journals at the end of term.

These contain photos of your child's adventures. We ask that you please spend some time talking with your child about their learning and what they have enjoyed at Forest School.

And why not try some of the activities at home or visit a local park or nature reserve and enjoy being with your child outdoors in nature.



Year One Get Crafty

To end Year One's Forest School this year they had a craft carousel. The children had three activities they could have a go at. They made medallions from wood cookies showing their favourite wild animal.



They made a dreamcatcher by weaving on a lolly stick frame and also they could make a hedgehog from clay.



The children were busy all afternoon and everyone had a turn at everything.

The children were very proud of their medallions and wore them to go home.



A super end to a very busy Year One Forest School. Well done 1S and 1W.

Year Two Making Super Sprites

Making tree sprites is always a great activity. Once the children are given ideas of what they can use to make the features on their faces they are off and will spend ages making and adjusting their sprites.



communicated well to each other their thoughts and ideas.



There were some super Sprites, very imaginative and creative. It was so difficult to choose which to put on the news letter.

As the weather was so hot this year the children had to work quickly as the clay was beginning to dry in the heat.

It was great to see the children working in teams. Some would fetch resources whilst others constructed the faces. The level of concentration was fantastic and the children



Well done Year Two fantastic creative work. I hope you were all proud of your tree sprites.

Forest School Achievers For 2024—2025

It is that time of year again when we announce our Forest School Achievers for the year. Once again it has been a very difficult job but here are this years winners.

Nursery Reya and Harris

Reception Sienna and Ezekiel

Year One Ella Mae and Perin

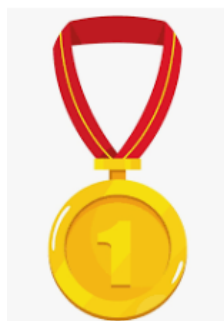
Year Two Lilian and Oliver A

Year Three Pippa and Skylar

Year Four Serina and Bonnie W

Year Five Jenson and Harley

Year Six Lydia and Amelia



Remembering Roger

This year we are starting a very special award in memory of our much loved Governor Mr Roger Butt. He helped to start Forest School at Woodlands and was a strong advocate for nature and helping young people enjoy the outdoors. So this year we have the Roger Butt Award. The winner of this years award is Angel in Year Five. She has always shown a fascination for nature and over the years I have known her to save many small creatures from around the school.

Well done Angel a very worthy winner.

