



Woodlands Academy of Learning

Forest School & Outdoor Learning News

Reception Wonderful Waffles

Here at Woodlands we all enjoy a little bit of campfire cooking. The Reception children previously had 'Magic Fire' which taught them the rules about campfire safety.

This half term the children experienced a real campfire and cooked 'Wonderful Waffles'.



They firstly talked about how to keep safe in the fire circle and what to do if their clothing should ever catch fire. Remembering the stop drop

and roll rule.

The children then cooked their waffles and decorated them with melted chocolate, sprinkles and marshmallows.



The waffles went down very well and the children.



And as you can see not only the waffles got covered with chocolate by the end of the session.



To show we had completed our first campfire we used the cold charcoal to make camouflage stripes on our faces.

It was a very messy Forest School but all of the children it and can't wait to do cooking again.

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Forest School Rangers for This Half Term

Nursery— Reya, Penelope

Reception— Effy, Emily

Year Three — Skylar, Nevaeh

Forest School Dates For Next Half Term.

Year One

Miss Smith and Miss Whitehouse's Classes together on

Wednesday 4th June, Friday 20th June and Friday 27th June

Year Two —Friday Morning

Mrs Corbett's and Mrs Purcell's Class.

Friday 6th June & 4th July

Mrs Day's Class

Friday 13th June & 11th July

Reception Tuesday Afternoons

Letters will be sent to participating groups.

Nursery is Friday Afternoons dates will be issued on a letter.

Nursery Chase the Rainbows

At last the flowers are starting to bloom and Nursery have taken the opportunity to see what different types of flowers they can find.



Their challenge was to find all

the colours of the rainbow. The children searched all over the school grounds and then looked in the conservation garden.



They were excited by all the flowers they found and could not wait to sticks the colours

onto their rainbow pictures.



When the children went home they were looking forward to looking for more flowers and more colours.

Well done Nursery.

Year Three Get to Grips With Pollination and Seed Dispersal

Year Three have been looking at the different types of pollination and went to the woods to see the flowers that had started to bloom there.



We looked at the characteristics of wind and insect pollinated flowers. Their challenge was to identify how a flower was pollinated and give reasons for their answers.

The children then went on to explore the different types of seed dispersal and identified the different ways certain seeds are dispersed.



We discussed why it is so important that seeds start to grow away from the parent



plant.



To end our sessions the children discussed the harmful affects of pesticides and insecticides. The children were aware that insects are vital to the production of fruit and seeds. Insecticides not only kill harmful insects but also those that pollinate plants.

Woodland's Saplings Have Fun at Forest School

This half term the saplings have been enjoying Forest School too.



They loved making the magic fire, collecting sticks and eating the biscuits and hot chocolate.



Well done Saplings, you had real fun at Forest School.



Conservation

Remembering Mr Butt

A long time ago in a conversation with Mr Butt our school governor for many years, he remarked 'I wonder if you will plant a tree for me'. So our Conservation Crew are going to help to plant some trees in memory of Mr Butt after half term. We have had to delay the planting due to the hot dry weather we have been experiencing. So lets hope we have a little rain to help our new trees get established after the holiday.



What to look out for.

Keep your eyes open for young fledgling birds. Remember if you see a baby bird leave it where it is, its parents will be close by. In the hot dry weather to help our feathered friends why not leave a shallow dish of water for them to drink and bathe in. Also at this time of year the butterflies are starting to emerge. You can use the sheet at [Butterfly identification for kids - Nature Detectives](#) to identify the butterflies you find in your gardens and local parks.

