



Woodlands Academy of Learning

Forest School & Outdoor Learning News

Year Six Say Goodbye to Forest School

The end of the summer term is always a busy one. Even more so for our Year Six children. So it was nice to take some time out and enjoy the outdoors. The children have their Forest School during transition, which means we have to pack in a lot in such a short period of time.



But as always at Woodlands we make our learning fun. We started off with a craft activity making Mexican Gods eyes and followed this with some campfire cooking.

The children made pizza pockets which we cooked on the



campfire. We also experimented with campfire chocolate doughnuts. A recipe I had not tried before, and the children



were keen to try the results.

We also had a go at some tool use, making elder beads and map reading.

The thing that was very popular was the team building games.

I hope that Forest School has created many happy memories for our Year Six children and we wish them all the very best as they begin their learning at their new schools.



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Forest School Rangers for This Half Term

Nursery— Ollie, Rajeeve

Reception— Oliver, Amaya

Year One — Angel, Ivy

Year Two— Carrick, Bhavika

Year 6— Jack, Tyler

Winners of our Save our Bees Competition.

Nursery –Phoebe

Reception - Hugh

Year One—Karman

Year Two—Jaxon

Year Three—Evie

Year Four—Amelia D

Year Five - Amber

Year Six—Summer

Overall winners

1st - Daisy Year 3

2nd - Amelia H Year 4

3rd — Lucy Year 1

Special Award for Angel Year 4 for all of hard work.

Year Two—Making Faces

Earlier in their art lessons Year Two looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy.



He uses natural materials to construct his work of art. So the children's challenge was to make a tree sprite face using clay and materials they could find around them in nature.



The children worked great in their teams and would have worked on the task all day if they could. They let their imaginations run wild and created some very impressive tree sprite faces.



I'm sure you will agree, we have some budding Andy Goldsworthy artists in our Year Two.

Well done everyone



Reception—Wonderful Waffles

This year we tried a new recipe for our reception campfire cooking 'wonderful waffles'.



We first learned about fire safety before we began our cooking and talked about how we use the fire circle when we are cooking on a real fire.

We then cooked our waffles in the frying pan and decorated them with chocolate, marshmallows and sprinkles. They were very popular with the children and we found that the



magpies started sitting in the trees near by when they saw us cooking. I think they were hoping for a taste too.

The children were really sensible and I'm afraid the magpies did not get many left overs. The

waffles were so good that some of the children just had to lick their plates to get every last crumb.



The children are already thinking about what they would like to cook next. Watch out Jamie Oliver I think we have some great cooks here at Woodlands.

Well done Reception, see you again for cooking when you are in Year One.



Year One —Cooking and Craft Carousel

We have been lucky this year as most of our campfires have gone ahead. In previous years it has been too dry to have a campfire. So this year I started the cooking earlier.



Year One toasted their own marshmallows to make s'mores, which went down very well. The children remembered the campfire safety rules well and were very sensible.



Also to end our Forest School year the children had a craft carousel. They tried their hand at weaving and used their design skills to make a medallion showing their favourite wild animal.



Of course we had to finish with a team game and a run around.

Well done Year One I look forward to our Forest School again in the autumn. So have your wellies ready.



Forest School Achiever Awards

Again it has been a difficult year to choose from so many children for the Forest School Achievers. But here they are our achievers for 2023—2024.

Nursery—Millie, Heidi

Year Three—Ethan, Lenny

Reception—Esmail, Erika

Year Four—Jacob, Arthur

Year One—Ella Rose, Lexie

Year Five—Amritjot, Erin

Year Two—Annabelle, Aryan

Year Six—Sophie, Satgur

Well done to all of our achievers this year and well done to all of our children for working so hard during their Forest School and outdoor learning lessons. Have a super holiday and enjoy being out in nature.

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What to look out for.

Well lets hope for some warmer weather for our summer holidays, its been a bit cold lately. If the weather does warm up why not take a look amongst the grasses and flowers and see if you can spot a grasshopper. May be if you are really lucky you might find caterpillars munching on the plants. If you find froth on the grasses look very carefully because it is the home of a frog hopper bug. Why not download the wild bee action pack from www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk to find out more about bees and how we can help them in our gardens. The Conservation Crew have been very busy and have been making plans to help our bees at Woodlands. So watch out next term for details.

