



Woodlands Academy of Learning

Forest School & Outdoor Learning News

Nursery Chasing Rainbows.

As the weather has been getting warmer we have seen more and more flowers beginning to appear. Our challenge for Nursery was to see if they could find all the colours of the rainbow in the environment around them.



The children looked for petals of flowers for each colour and only took a small amount of the flower, as they knew the flowers were needed for the bees.

Some colours were easy to find, like green.



But some were difficult like purple.



To make sure their finds stayed on their rainbow cards, the children used double sided magic tape. But for it to work we had to make sure our fingers did not touch it.



Well done Nursery everyone was able to find their colours for the rainbow. On your way home from school see if you can spot the colours of the rainbow in nature.

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Forest School Rangers for This Half Term

Nursery— Joel, Rajeeve

Reception— Brooklyn, Leo

Year Three — Billy, Serina

Dates for next half term

Year 1 — Monday Morning

1S— .3rd June, 1st July

1W — 3rd June, 8th July.

Year 2—Friday Morning

2D— 14th June, 12th July

2CP— 7th June, 5th July

Year 6—letters to follow

.Nursery will be on Friday afternoons.

Reception will be on Thursday afternoons, letters will be issued to

Reception groups.

Fun at Conservation Club

With our theme of saving the bees our Conservation Club started by addressing the problem of the wild flower meadow. Reception had planted seeds earlier in the year but sadly non had germinated. The soil was so compacted that nothing had grown.



So the members of the Conservation Club re-dug the area and spread some different seeds with added plant food to see if they would grow.



It took everyone to help prepare the ground and once the seeds had been sown they

needed watering in well. As we found snails and insects they were carefully



removed, so that they would not get stepped on. To create a food for bees in their own gardens the Crew members each planted a pot of wildflower seeds to take home.

Our work is still far from finished our pond needs some attention and some of our fruit beds need tidying. Good start, well done everybody.

Reception—Creative Carving.

Reception were incredibly sensible this half term as they learned how to use a carving tool. Before we could begin we had to learn the rules to keep ourselves and our friends safe.



The children learned about PPE (personal protective equipment) and how it is im-



portant to wear our rigger gloves correctly. The children each had a piece of green wood (freshly cut wood) and they carved their wood to remove the bark. They then drew on a face and added arms to their stickman or stick lady.

Each child gave their stick person a name

and we took all of our stick people to explore the bluebells that were flowering in the woods.



Well done Reception, some super carving and remembering the safety rules.

Year Three —Campfire Cooking

The children at Woodlands love a good campfire, smores are always popular. This half term it was the turn of Year Three. As always we recapped our fire safety and how we conduct ourselves around the campfire.



Then it was the moment the children had been waiting for, toasting their marshmallows. All of the children were very sensible around the campfire and only a couple of marshmallows were really burnt.

The children did need to be reminded not to eat the smores straight away, as they were very hot.



But everyone agreed they were well worth waiting for.

If you have a barbeque this summer why not try smores yourself, you can even make them with chocolate biscuits and the big American marshmallows are good.

Well done Year Three, you were super sensible at the fire circle.

Conservation News

Frog Rescuers

A big thank you and well done to the children in Year Five. During the dinner times the children have been playing on the school field. The Year Five children spotted frogs that would have got trodden on so they took the initiative to remove them and put them somewhere safe. Small acts of kindness make a big difference to our wildlife. If you see a frog remember they like places that are damp and dark, and not sunny as they can easily dry up and die.



Conservation Competition coming next half term!
Details to follow.

What to look out for.

Well we are definitely heading for summer, we have had some warmer days and our insects are now far more active. So keep your eyes open for the butterflies emerging. So far we have seen brimstone butterflies, orange tip, speckled wood and holly blue. See if you can spot any in your garden. You can use the spotter sheet [Butterfly identification for kids - Nature Detectives \(treetoolsforschools.org.uk\)](http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk) to help you.

