



Woodlands Academy of Learning

Forest School & Outdoor Learning News

Year Six Final Forest School

During transition our Year Six children have been having their final Forest School sessions here at Woodlands. We started with some craft. Using tools to make elder beads for friendship bracelets and using our weaving skills to make Mexican Gods Eyes.

The children found the carving very calming and addictive they wanted to carry on carving even when it was time to tidy away.

The second session was a little bit of map reading, compass point recognition and identifying

common British wild animals and plants. The high light of the sessions was the campfire cooking when everyone had the opportunity to cook either pizza pockets or toasted cheese sandwiches. There was also smores for some children, they continue to be a favourite across our year groups at Woodlands.



It was an opportunity to share old memories and for the children to explain what Forest School is about for those who had not joined us before.

A big thank you to Hannah



who took charge of making the pizza pockets and Lacey Mai for her toasted cheese sandwich skills.



We know Forest School will not be on the curriculum for your new schools, but we hope Year Six that you have lots of happy memories of your Forest School learning here at Wood-

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Forest School

Rangers for This Half Term

Nursery— Daphne, Thomas

Reception— Steven, Alex

Year One — Molly Anne, Arlo

Year Two— Evie, Jamie R



Year One Craft Carousel

Year One enjoyed a day in the sun making different Forest School crafts. From clay they made their own hedgehogs, covering them with twig prickles.

Using their weaving skills they made dream catchers, to ward away any bad dreams. And using a palm drill the children made holes in wood cookies to make their own medallions.

The children had a very busy afternoon and everyone was very excited. But everyone was super sensible using the tools. Well done Year One you made some fantastic things to take home.



Year Two Want Some Smore.

To end Year Two's Forest School this year we all went to cook smores. Smores are very popular with our children and they are toasted marshmallows sandwiched between two digestive biscuits.

The children not only enjoy toasting their own marshmallow but they really enjoy eating them too.

Well done Year Two, you were very sensible and safety aware.



Nursery Are Getting Crafty

This half term Nursery have also been creative. Taking advantage of the lovely weather the children enjoyed painting their own ladybirds for the EYFS garden. The children also collected sticks and using their math's skills broke the sticks carefully to make their pictures of the stickman.

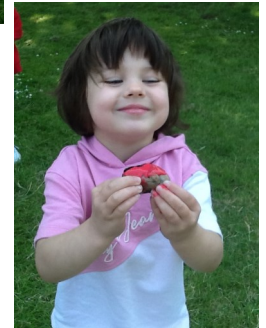
As the children worked they talked about the story and explained what happened to the stickman in the story.

The children also experienced tool use and with the mallets had a go at Hapa Zome, making pictures with flowers

Also during the half term the children have spent time looking for mini-beasts in the wood and in the conservation garden. The

children were very excited by what they found.

Well done Nursery, I think we have some budding explorers.



Reception Making Magic Mushrooms

This half term the Reception children made Magic Mushrooms on the campfire. These are not what you think. They are toasted scotch pancakes, covered in melted chocolate, a marshmallow and sprinkles.

The children love to make them and enjoy eating them more. The children learned about fire safety and also learned the Stop, Drop and Roll. All children were keen to take part and remembered the safety rules well. Great work Reception, looking forward to our Forest School next year.



Forest School Achievers

Once again we have had a very difficult task choosing our Forest School Achievers for 2023.

All of our children have worked really hard during the year and have achieved a lot. But here are our winners for this year.

Nursery— Jamie & Delilah

Reception—Amiayah Mae & Ted

Year One—Iyla E & Tommy

Year Two—Billy & Henry

Year Three— Jake & Xander

Year Four— Ayla & Charlie

Year Five— Izaak & Darcy

Year Six— Hannah & Jamie C

Well done to all of our award winners.



Conservation News

The Conservation Club children have been working hard all term from making mini-beast habitats, planting wild flower seeds, making bug hotels and keeping our school environment tidy. Thank you to all of our children who took part in our Conservation Clubs.

Also thank you to all of the Conservation Crew for all of your ideas to help make our schools and homes more environmentally friendly. Also for helping to organise and run our Cut Your Carbon Footprint Competition.

In September we will be starting again with elections for new Conservation Crew members. So if you are interested in helping our school, help our planet please let your new teacher know.

What to look out for.

Well what does the summer hold in store for us. Will it be hot and sunny? or will it be warm and rainy? What ever the weather there is lots to go out and see in nature. If it is hot and sunny look out for butterflies in your garden. If you see a bright orange one, it is a comma butterfly, which is rare in most of the country but thrives here in the west midlands. Also keep your eyes open for dragonflies and damsel flies as they emerge from ponds and rivers during the summer months

