

# Woodpecker Court Student Newsletter



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## A message from Matt

This term we have been focusing on introducing you all to the wider world of work and training. We have also been encouraging you to use your passport time to start to dream big about the future and put steps in place to help yourself to get there. We have had an informative session with Kent Supported Employment and are getting ready to welcome staff and students from Folkestone College, who are going to talk to us all about what college life is like and the opportunities that studying at college can bring. Over this term, I will be meeting with all year two students, catching up with you, talking about your plans and mapping out some possible routes that you could take to achieve your future goals. I have been massively impressed with the level of engagement that all students have shown both in your individual meetings and in our passport sessions and I am really looking forward to spending time with each of you. As a last word – please keep an eye on your email as all students and parents are regularly sent information about college open evenings and local careers events.

## Student Council

Last term students elected the student they wanted to be councillor for their vocational group. For Catering, Ben was chosen, Sam for Animal Care, Chris for Land Based and Katy for Vocational. They had their first meeting and will continue to have one each fortnight. Please talk to your groups councillor if you have any suggestions they could bring up in a meeting.

## Honesty Stall

Before the half term, we completed our hampers and gravestones for Halloween. We finished 6 hampers and 8 gravestones which were put out daily on both stalls. In the next few weeks, the Math's Passed group will begin to think about decorating the stalls for Christmas and making products to sell to the community. Due to how fast the Halloween hampers sold, we will make some Christmas ones. We have made £53.12 from the honesty stall by selling the Halloween decorations and treats, which means for our first term we made £195.16 which will go towards termly trips and rewards.



## Rewards

### Most reward points

Connor

### 30 Reward Points were awarded to

Freddie, Jamie, Jordan, Poppy, and Louis

### 75 Reward Points were awarded to

Owen, Ben, Phelan, Jack O and Crystal

### Staff Awards

Hannah and Ruby

### Group Rewards

1<sup>st</sup> – HTI with 279 reward points

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2<sup>nd</sup> – DFI with 258 reward points

3<sup>rd</sup> – CVI with 256 reward points

4<sup>th</sup> – NLA with 245 reward points

5<sup>th</sup> – CWI with 242 reward points

6<sup>th</sup> – KHE with 227 Reward points

7<sup>th</sup> – CHA with 184 reward points

8<sup>th</sup> – VBR with 174 reward points

## Woodpecker Court News

Over the last half term, we held a Halloween Hunt competition through the woods where children had to look for how many pumpkins consisted of the colours orange, white and green and for pumpkin bags scattered around the woodland area to form a Halloween related word. The Halloween phrase was Haunted House. Well done to all those who took part in the hunt and prizes have been given out.

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, students at Woodpecker Court were given the opportunity to wear their own costumes, which ranged from T.V. characters to anime characters. There were 3 activities throughout the day which were, apple bobbing/doughnut eating, a Halloween scavenger hunt each with riddles to solve and cupcake decoration.

After school hours on the 31<sup>st</sup> the woodland was decorated for Halloween for the public to see and they had the opportunity to also complete the scavenger hunt.

## Important Dates

### Term Dates (2022-2023):

Term 1 – 05/09/22 – 14/10/22  
 Term 2 – 31/10/22 – 16/12/22  
 Term 3 – 03/01/23 – 10/02/23  
 Term 4 – 20/02/23 – 31/03/23  
 Term 5 – 17/04/23 – 26/05/23  
 Term 6 – 05/06/23 – 21/07/23

### Special Events:

11/11/22 – Remembrance Day – wear a Poppy  
 18/11/22 – Children in need  
 25/11/22 – Wear a white ribbon for Domestic Abuse  
 2/12/22 – Dress like an elf for Alzheimer's  
 9/12/22 – Christmas jumper day for Save the Children  
 9/12/22 – Winter Wonderland

## Animals

During the half term, some staff journeyed to six-acres (our other site) to undertake the courageous task that is the dreaded **movement**. All breeds of sheep are herd animals, which makes the job of herding them into a specific area easier yet harder. They move as a flock, so when herding we need to be incredibly careful to not allow a sheep to break the formation as all their fellow friends will most definitely attempt to follow.

Our two rams, Piper and Bagpus, had been getting very keen to greet their ladies. This led to the need of separating the exlanas and Badger-faces to ensure our pure breed program is continued safely. Due to this, we bought our 6 Badger-faces down to the main Woodpecker court site, this includes our ram – Bagpus.

Our Badger faces may take a short journey back down to six acres to graze, however towards the end of the pregnancy they will return to our main site here at Woodpecker court, this allows us to maintain a close and vigilant watch upon them.

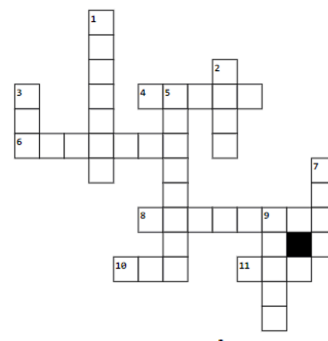


## Brain Training

Last week's answers:

9	2	6	3	1	7	4	8	5
5	4	7	6	8	9	2	3	1
1	3	8	4	2	5	9	6	7
7	5	1	8	9	2	6	4	3
4	6	9	7	5	3	8	1	2
3	8	2	1	4	6	7	5	9
8	9	4	2	3	1	5	7	6
2	7	3	5	6	8	1	9	4
6	1	5	9	7	4	3	2	8

This week's challenge:



Across

4. Has black and white stripes
6. Tallest land animal
8. Hopping Australian marsupial
10. Likes to chase mice
11. Like to roll around in the mud

Down

1. Fastest land animal
2. Starts life as a tadpole
3. Man's best friend
5. Large animals with a trunk
7. King of the jungle
9. Large animal with a horn

## Comic

