WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

★ Barnet Dance Festival

Forthcoming Events

13/3 to 17/3 Bookfair 15/3 and 16/3 Parents **Evenings** 16/3 Mayor's Golden Kilometre Event 17/3 9.30 Brass, Woodwind and Guitar Concert 17/3 Y5 visit to Royal Opera House Classical Spectacular 20/3 at 11.00 Y3 Ukulele Concert 20/3 Great Big Dance Off Finals 23/3 Reception Trip to see The Gruffalo at The Radlett Centre 23/3 String Concert 24/3 Red Nose Day 2017

Twitter



PSHE Theme

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Feeling good to be me

Barnet Dance Festival - Outstanding Performance



Woodcroft Dance Team took to the stage at the Barnet Dance Festival on Tuesday 7th March. Their performance wowed the Finchley Arts Depot audience. One Barnet headteacher commented, "I thought your children tonight at the dance festival were truly brilliant. Their energy, commitment and delivery was simply stunning."

Take a look on the website or the school's twitter account (via website) to see their rehearsal for yourself. All of the dance team pupils and staff should be congratulated on the truly high standard of their performance. We look forward to more opportunities to watch this amazing group of talented dancers perform.

Spring Bookfair

Monday 13th March – Friday 17th March 3.15pm



Next week we will be having our Spring Bookfair which will run from 3.15pm each day in the large hall. There will be a wide range of books to choose from, covering all ages from 3 to young teenage. The **World Book Day vouchers**, entitling the children to £1 off a book, can be used. Please come along and

support us: at Christmas we sold £840 worth of books and could claim £500 worth of free books for the school! Help us to beat that total and support your child's reading!

Art Week Fashion Parade







Two weeks ago we had a wonderful art week in school. Every class made artistic fashion items ranging from printed t-shirts to African necklaces, Anglo Saxon inspired jewellery to Venetian masks. We then had two wonderful fashion shows where children got to model their wonderful creations. Take a look on the TreeHouse for more photos #ArtWeek2017. Thank you to Miss Blyth for organising this term's Art Week.

The Mayor's Golden Kilometre Event - 12.30 pm on Thursday 16th March

At 12.30pm on the March 16th 2017 Woodcroft pupils will be joining over 4000 other children as we are taking part in The Mayor of Barnet's 'Golden Kilometre Challenge', a simultaneous event across 8 schools and 5 different venues.

The ConnectED Partnership of schools (Barnfield Primary, Broadfields Primary, Colindale Primary, Edgware Primary, Goldbeaters Primary, Rosh Pinah Primary, The Orion Primary and Woodcroft Primary) will be uniting with the Mayor to host joint, simultaneous walks. The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor David Longstaff, will travel between each of the venues with a 'golden baton'.

Wear Something Golden

Pupils can bring something golden (or yellow) to wear to on the walk - it could be a hat, jumper, scarf, headband, bow, jacket.

Join Us On The Day - We need parent volunteer walkers

Pupils will leave school between 12.30pm and 1.15pm and walk to the nearby Woodcroft Park (off Blundell Road). Once there we will lap the park and then return to school. We will be joined by the Mayor, local councillors and the pupils of The Orion School.

We need parental volunteers to walk with the classes and to supervise the route. Please see your class teacher if you are able to help with the walk.

Chess Tournament



Representatives of Woodcroft Chess Club took part in the annual ConnectED Chess Tournament hosted here at Woodcroft. Six schools visited and played each other throughout the afternoon's event. The matches were played to a high standard, in what was a very close competition. Only 3 points separated all of the teams at the close of play.

Congratulations to Broadfields Primary who were crowned the 2017 winners and took home the trophy. Well done to all of the participants for making it such an exciting event.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Did you take a photo of yourself reading in an unusual (not dangerous) place! A special Treehouse page (#BigReadWeek / Extreme Reading) contains lots of your photos, some can also be seen on the school foyer screen. Our extreme reading teachers have also posted photos on the website.

English Pocket Opera Company Perform at Woodcroft



As part of our Year of Creative Arts we were treated to an incredible performance by the English Pocket Opera Company on Tuesday 7th March. EPOC took us on a hero's journey, exploring the Greek myth 'Orpheus and Euridyce.' Our pupils and staff became the stars of the show, learning to sing opera arias by Gluck, and performing them with enthusiasm and drama. Our Senior Choir are very excited to be working with EPOC again in June at the Barnet Music Festival.

"I thought it would be good, but I never thought it would be that amazing!" Josie, 5P

Building Works Advance Notice - New Door Installation on Monday

On Monday 13th March we will be having our main entrance doors replaced. This job may take two days to complete. During this period there will be no access via the main entrance between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Thankfully the temporary boiler has been removed so parents should use the top entrance for access. Can we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Nursery Places for September 2017

It is now time to book your child's place in our Nursery for September 2017. A few places still remain

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2017. The closing date for first round applications for admission in September 2017 is **Wednesday 22nd March**.

If you know of a family that are looking for a Nursery place for their child please ask them to book a visit or put their child's name down on our register by speaking to Ms Sharpe in the school office.

Woodcroft offers a flexible 15 hours provision with the option to pay for extra time. We are also looking at ways to implement the Government's proposed 30 hour offer.

Parents' Evenings Next Week - Wednesday and Thursday

Have you booked your appointment for Parents' Evenings next week; Wednesday 15th from 4.00pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 16th from 4.00pm to 6.00pm?

It is important that <u>ALL</u> parents and carers see their child's class teacher to review progress and discuss targets for improvement.

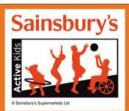
If you are unable to attend on either night please see your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Target Review Reports: Parents will receive their child's Target Review Report during the appointment. This will tell you how well your child is doing and outline next steps for improvement. It is vital that you attend the meeting to discuss this important document.

Parent Questionnaire:You will have an opportunity to complete the annual parental questionnaire on the evening. Copies will also be available from the office. Return this by Friday 17th March to be entered into our lucky draw to win a £30 shopping voucher!

Some Clubs Cancelled: As teachers will be involved in meetings next week, some clubs will need to be cancelled. This will **not** affect Acorns or those run by coaches. Children will be notified and a list of cancelled clubs will be posted on the website

Sainsburys Active Kids is back for 2017 Start collecting now



Vouchers available from Sainsburys Stores 25th January until 3rd May 2017.

Please place vouchers in the Collection Box in Reception.

Whole School
Attendance
↑ 95.5% ↑
Attendance is below our target of 96%

Attendance Matters

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 27th February

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 95.2 % Fantastic KS1 Class of the week: 1H 100% PERFECT Attendance! KS2 Class of the week: 6M 98.6% Great attendance this week!

