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Woodcroft News



Exciting Times at Woodcroft!

New Website...New Curriculum...New Kitchen

We have certainly been busy at Woodcroft at the start of term. While the children have been settling into their new classes staff have been busy behind the scenes updating Woodcroft facilities and resources. Read on to find out more...



New School 'Realsmart' Website Launch

Today marks the launch of our new school website. You will find much of the content has been carried over from our original website, along with lots of additional information. Our updated website is also integrated into our **new** Treehouse learning portal. This will offer your children the opportunity to access lots of learning resources for free at home. Go to woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk and check it out. We hope that you find it useful. We will also be providing you with more information on how to use our online resources in the coming weeks. If there is anything that you think is missing from the site that parents would find useful please let us know.

Year 6 Leavers Balloons Returned

Every year, on the last day of term, our Y6 pupils symbolically release the two large helium balloons from their Leavers Prom. Each has a return address label attached. We have never had any label returned - until this year! To our amazement, both balloons were sent back to school; one landed in South Ruislip and the other in Hillingdon. Not quite the exotic locations we had hoped, but to have both returned is really exciting! Thank you to the kind members of public who posted them back! I wonder where they will get to next year?



New 'Arts Award' Curriculum Launch



Woodcroft has already been awarded the prestigious Gold Artsmark, and last term we were accredited as an Arts Award Centre. We have now taken our outstanding arts provision a stage further and launched our own Arts Award curriculum! This will run alongside, and compliment, the new National Curriculum and ensure Woodcroft offers a truly innovative curriculum for our pupils. The Arts Award is a range of unique 'nationally recognised' qualifications that support pupils to grow as artists and arts leaders, and inspires them take to part in new activities. Every pupil now has a special log book to use throughout the year. We will send out a Special Newsletter in a few weeks with lots more essential information about this exciting project.

New Kitchen - Finally Open!

Finally... our kitchen has begun serving hot meals. We are all so pleased, there are only so many cheese sandwiches that you can eat. Despite one or two minor issues the kitchen has reopened! The kitchen is looking great and Bridget & Sue, our Barnet Catering staff, are getting to grips with all of the new equipment.

Burnt Oak Multicultural Parade



Well done to the pupils, parents and staff associated with Rock Challenge (J Rock) Club for their fantastic support of the Burnt Oak Parade on Saturday. The children danced and sang their way from Edgware Hospital to Silkstream Park. Onlookers certainly knew Woodcroft were passing by. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary. Thank you also to everyone who joined us along the route. Check out the photographs in the 'Gallery' of our new website.

Curriculum Evenings

We hope that you found last week's Curriculum Evenings useful. This type of meeting was requested by parents last year, so any further feedback on how to improve communication with parents is always helpful. Copies of year group curriculum newsletters and other information is included on our new website.

Friends of Woodcroft - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friends of Woodcroft is your home-school association. It is run by parents to support the school and all of its pupils by raising money and planning fun events. Their first event of the year was the annual Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning to raise money for cancer support. It was also a good opportunity for parents to meet. Thank you to those that went along or provided cakes to support this event.

Friends of Woodcroft Meeting: Tuesday 30th September at 9.00am

The first Friends of Woodcroft parents meeting is next week on Tuesday 30th September at 9.00am in the Oak Suite. Please go along to find out how parents can get involved in the school. You will also be able to keep up to date with Friends of Woodcroft business on our new website.

I hope that we can see some new faces at the next meeting - I know they have lots planned for the term and many hands make light work, so do try to attend!

Attendance Awards for week beginning 15th September 2014

★ KS1 Class of the week: **2L (98.7%)** - Great Attendance!

★ KS2 Class of the week: **4P (100%)** - PERFECT - Well Done!!

➔ **Whole school attendance is 96%** ←