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# Woodcroft News



## Applying for a place in Woodcroft Reception in 2014

### Applications Open Now

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 are due to start reception class in September 2015. These will generally be children currently in Nursery. Applications are open now!

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2015. There is a shortage of school places in this area so don't delay in submitting your application. Families in Woodcroft's Nursery received an information leaflet this week. If you didn't receive a copy and would like one please pick one up from our office.

Visit our school website page for more information and a link to apply:

<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/>


### Medication in School

Mrs Hatch (Senior Welfare Officer) would like to remind all parents and carers that children cannot bring any medication into school without prior authorisation. If your child requires medication please inform the school Office immediately and they will advise you of the what to do next. Please also read our policy for 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' that can be found on our website

### Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have had a number of cases of chicken pox in school. Please be vigilant and speak to Mrs Hatch if concerned.


### Book Fair: 18th - 24th November

 Our Christmas Book Fair is back! It will run from Tuesday 18th November until Monday 24th November in the main hall from 3pm - 3.45pm each day. There will be a large selection of books to choose from for all ages from 3 to 12 years. Please come along and support the Fair: last year we were able to claim £320 of books for our library as we sold over £600 worth of books!

### Remembrance Day

Woodcroft marked Remembrance Day in a number of ways this week. On Monday we were visited by Sgt Cullen of the RAF who talked to the children in assembly about Armistice Day, the tomb of the unknown soldier and the reasons why all faiths mark Remembrance Day. On Tuesday we all came together for 2 minutes silence followed by Mr Gagen playing the 'Last Post' on the trumpet. Year 6 also made their own poppies that complimented those sold from the Poppy Appeal that we have been collecting donations for over the past week.

### Netball Result: Woodcroft 2 - 2 Fairway

 Woodcroft earned a respectful 2 - 2 draw in their first match of the season. Ms Charalambous was particularly pleased with the spirit in which the match was played by both teams

### Let's Stop Bullying For All

Next week is national **Anti-Bullying Week 2014**. The aim this year is to stop the bullying of disabled children or those with special needs, and to recognise those children who may be particularly vulnerable to bullying. To encourage an inclusive approach and an understanding that the use discriminatory language is wrong and will not be tolerated. We will be thinking about this both in class and assemblies next week. Visit: [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/)

## **'Fair Processing Notice' has been replaced by 'Privacy Notice'**

Schools, Local Authorities (LA), the Department for Education (DfE) and other educational bodies that process personal data about pupils and staff are required by the Data Protection Act (1998) to issue a Notice to parents/pupils and staff to inform them of the purposes for which that personal data may be held and used. The Information Commissioner has recommended that the term 'Fair Processing Notice' is to be replaced by 'Privacy Notice'. The aim is to make the Privacy Notices general and constant. Any changes to the details of organisations with which school or LA data is shared can be updated on the LA and DfE websites. The new approach means that a single, short and easily understandable Privacy Notice is now published on our website; look in the Data Protection pages of the Information section.

## **Bookstart Books for Nursery Pupils**



Nursery pupils received their Bookstart Pack today. Bookstart aims to support you to enjoy books with your child from as early an age as possible. They offer the gift of free books to all children in Nursery Classes before they start full time school in Reception next year. They hope to inspire a love of reading that will give children a flying start in life and to help families enjoy reading together every day.



## **Educational Visits**

Woodcroft pupils have enjoyed a number of exciting educational visits over the past week. Year 6 visited the RAF Museum, Year 5 went to the Unicorn Theatre and Year 2 travelled to London Aquarium. All groups had a great time, and you can find out more on the Gallery Pages of the website. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who helped out.

## **Doctor Bike Visits Year 4**

As part of the 'Bike It' project with Sustrans we had a visit from **Dr. Bike** on Thursday. Year 4 were able to bring in their bikes for FREE checks and repairs. We hope to involve every year group before the end of the year.



## **Children In Need Day - Be a Hero**

For Children In Need Day 2014 - pupils came to school wearing a cape and mask. The aim is to think about the qualities of an everyday hero - we can all be heroic and help others in need, such as our friends and family. Children In Need 2014 helped us celebrate the good we all do - we can all be **Woodcroft Heroes!**

## [Woodcroft Web Updates](#)

Woodcroft launched its new website at the start of term - we have now uploaded lots of content all about the school. Recent new items include:

- ★ [Y5 Unicorn Theatre Project \(Gallery\)](#)
- ★ [Y6 Visit Photographs \(Gallery\)](#)
- ★ [Policy for Supporting Children with Medical Needs \(Information > Policies > Statutory\)](#)
- ★ [SEN Information Report 2014 is now approved by Governors \(Information > SEN\)](#)
- ★ [Snow Day arrangements \(Information > Snow and Extreme Weather\)](#)
- ★ [Treehouse Keepers Information \(About Us > Pupil Leadership\)](#)
- ★ [Governors Reports \(Governance > Governance Reports\)](#)
- ★ [Woodcroft Weekly News \(News > Weekly News\)](#)

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