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Woodcroft News



Be The Best You Can Be 2015



We welcomed a familiar visitor to Woodcroft on Monday. Ian Rose, Paralympic Medallist and European Judo Champion, was back to launch this year's 'Be The Best You Can Be' programme. Ian spoke in assembly and visited classes, encouraging pupils to aspire to be the best they could be. Find out more on our website and read the news!

Woodcroft Boccia Team Success in Northway Competition



The Woodcroft Boccia team visited Northway School to take part in a competition. Boccia is a Paralympic sport for athletes with disabilities that have a major impact on motor skills. We played and won all our six games at Northway.

Well done to the boccia team for their excellent behaviour and attitude on the day. Thank you to our Sports Ambassadors, Shabnam Y6 and Alin Y5, and to Miss Wilkes for supporting the team.

Do you have a toddler?

We have been approached by Cambridge University to help with a research project called the 'Index of Toddlers' Life Chances'. They are looking for parents of children aged 12 to 35 months to complete a questionnaire. The study, part of the 'Ready Steady Go' project, is led by Prof. Claire Hughes. It is very short, and only takes 10 minutes. For more information or to get involved please pick up a paper questionnaire from school or visit the links on our school website.

West Barnet Safe Routes To School Group Meeting

Woodcroft is currently taking part in the 'Bike It' programme supported by Sustrans, the transport charity. Sustrans are providing support and workshops at Woodcroft to teach pupils how to travel safely. They are also organising a parents interest group to look at road safety. Their first meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th February at Cophall School. If you want to help create safer streets they would love to see you. A separate letter has been sent out with this week's Newsletter.

Polite Request from our Office Staff

A small number of parents have recently become agitated when speaking to our School Office, usually about matters outside of their control. All Woodcroft staff are here to help everyone in our community, however I must ask that we all treat each other with courtesy and respect while on school premises. Thank you.

Up and Coming Events

Year 5 Bikeability training starting soon - more information will be provided to the year group, but check your bikes now!

English Pocket Opera are performing at Woodcroft on February 6th .

Trugs refresher event next week - look out for the information letter.

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 19/1/15

- ★ KS1 Class of the week: 1V (97.9%)- Good Attendance!
- ★ KS2 Class of the week: 4N (98.6%) - Fantastic!

➔ Whole school attendance is now 95% ⬅

Lessons were disturbed **90** times this week when children arrived late!

Nursery Places 2015 - Apply NOW at the school office

Will your child be 3 years old in September? If so you need to apply for your place in our Nursery class. Nursery applications are made directly to the school, and NOT via the Local Authority.

Flexible Nursery Entitlement (15 hours)

Nursery is considered to be a vital part of our Early Years provision. Woodcroft Nursery has a maximum capacity of 52 places. Pupils are entitled to 15 hours free provision per week. Parents are consulted and we endeavour to match the needs of the family with an appropriate offer of provision. This can be through a variety of flexible arrangements, such as:

- Five 3 hour sessions per week
- Two full days and one 1/2 day session...or other 15 hour combinations

Our Office or Nursery can provide you with a simple guide to Woodcroft's provision.

Additional 'charged' Sessions

In addition to a child's 15 hours of free entitlement, Woodcroft Nursery is able to provide extra 3 hour sessions of Nursery care at a rate of £16.50.

For more information...<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions/>

Friends of Woodcroft Raffle...Win an iPad Mini

Friends of Woodcroft are organising a very special raffle to win an iPad mini. They are raising funds to support our **J-Rock** Dance Club who are again competing in this years Rock Challenge competition. **Tickets will be on sale on Tuesday and Thursday**, priced £1.00 per strip, from the foyer and J-Rock Club. Please pick up some tickets for a chance to win this fantastic prize and help our pupils take part in this prestigious national competition.



Saracens Half Term Cheerleading & Dance Camps



SARACENS

This February, Saracens are running two 'PERFORM' camps for 6 - 16year olds. What better way to spend 3 days of half term than learning new dance and cheer routines, building confidence and performing?! Courses include: Saracens Cheerleading awards, Jazz Dance, Street Dance, Singing and Acting, £75 for 3 days. Pick up a leaflet from the foyer or download from our website.

Football Results

Broadfields 2 - 3 Woodcroft and the Girls West Barnet Tournament

Our football team continued their unbeaten run this season with an excellent away result against Broadfields. We are also currently top of the league! Well done the team for their excellent overall performance, 'man of the match' was awarded to Mustaf for his tireless work rate and selfless play.



Our girls team also competed in the West Barnet 6-a-side Tournament on Thursday. Despite deteriorating weather they performed well and improved with each game played.

Woodcroft Website Updates

Don't forget to bookmark woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk. Items added to the website this week include:

- ★ Girls Football Team Tournament (Home Page)
- ★ Guitar Group Performance and Gallery (Home Page and Gallery > 2014-15)
- ★ Ian Rose, Paralympian, visits to launch 'Be The Best You Can Be' (Home)
- ★ Sports Council meets Ian Rose (About us> Pupil Leadership > Sports Council)
- ★ Boccia Tournament Report and Photo Gallery (Home)
- ★ Woodcroft Weekly News Issue 193 (News > Weekly News)