



Woodcroft Primary School is supporting Safer Internet Day 2015 and joining hundreds of other organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day and promoting the safe and responsible use of technology. Check out our website for more information.

Safer Internet Day 2015 is on Tuesday 10th February 2015, with the theme 'Let's create a better internet together', offering the opportunity to focus on both the creative and positive things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role that we all play in helping to create a better internet.



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Woodcroft News

Absences at Half Term - A Message from our EWO

School finishes for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 13th February 2015 (no early finish), and we return on Monday 23rd February 2015. As the Education Welfare Officer for the school, I need to make parents aware that any absences on or around these dates will need to be authorised with medical evidence. Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued for unauthorised absences. Please help to maintain and improve school attendance at Woodcroft by ensuring that your child is in school every day. (Joe Duggan, Education Welfare Officer)

Parking Across Residents Property and Over Pavements

We have had several complaints about parents parking irresponsibly at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not park across driveways or mount pavements blocking pushchairs and other drivers. Why not avoid the congestion around school and park a short distance away. The short walk to the school gate is a healthier and safer option for your child.

Y5 Bikeability Training



Our Year 5 pupils will be receiving cycle training again this year. The training will all take place on the school playground (not roads) and will lead to a Level 1 Certificate. It is designed to teach core bike handling skills, develop confidence and independence. There are a limited number of places available, so please complete the Cycle Training Registration Form which all Year 5 pupils received on Wednesday and return by Tuesday 10th February.

Netball Club Success 6 - 2 Victory v Goldbeaters



Well done to the Netball Team for their 6-2 victory against Goldbeaters on Wednesday. The teams were evenly matched during the game and played with good sportsmanship throughout. Well done to Tyla, Lea and Swarnim our goal scorers.



Attendance Awards: for week beginning 26/1/15

- ★ KS1 Class of the week: 2L (98.3%)- Top Attendance!
 - ★ KS2 Class of the week: 4B (97%) - Well Done!
 - ➔ Whole school attendance remains at 95% we are still aiming for 96% ⬅
- Lessons were disturbed **91** times this week when children arrived late!

Nursery Places 2015 - Apply NOW at the school office

Children who have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September are eligible for a place in Woodcroft Nursery. Nursery applications are made directly to the school, and NOT via the Local Authority, so you need to apply at our school Office. The closing date for first round of admission applications for entry into Nursery in September 2015 is Wednesday 18th March 2015.

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 or two full days and one 1/2 day session. Our Office or Nursery staff 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 paid for sessions of Nursery care at a rate of £16.50 per 3 hour session.

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

Friends of Woodcroft Raffle...Win an iPad mini

Every inch an iPad.

Have you bought your tickets for the Friends of Woodcroft raffle to win an **iPad Mini**? They are raising funds to support our **J-Rock Dance Club** who are again competing in this year's Rock Challenge competition. Tickets are on sale, priced £1.00 per strip, from the Office and our FOW Parents.

English Opera Visits Woodcroft to Perform 'Opera Blocks'

Today, EPOC (English Pocket Opera Company) performed 'Opera Blocks' to KS2, an interactive introduction to opera that aimed to 'unpack' all the ingredients of an opera. Their one hour show used excerpts from over 20 operas and included an unscripted 15-minute opera improvised on suggestions from the pupils. This visit is another example of the high quality Arts education provided at Woodcroft Primary.



Fundraising with Bags 2 School

We need your unwanted clothes!



Friends of Woodcroft are arranging a fundraising event with Bags2School and would like you to bring any unwanted clothes into school. They will be having two collection times:

- ⇒ Tuesday 24th February from 3.00 to 3.30pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 25th February from 8.30am to 9.00am

The school receives money according to the weight of clothes collected. Please start sorting out any old clothes at home and ask your friends and family to support us as well. Children will also be bringing home a collection bag and instructions.

Bag2School work with over 20,000 schools in organising textile collections to raise money for school PTAs. The scheme is **free** and encourages staff, pupils and parents to participate, producing **maximum rewards with little effort**. They specialise in collecting unwanted textiles in good condition which are then sold to export markets worldwide. Find out more at: <http://www.bag2school.com>

Sainsbury's Active Kids Scheme 2015



Active Kids vouchers can be collected from 28 January until 5 May 2015 at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online. One voucher is earned for every £10 spent in a single transaction at Sainsbury's Supermarkets. Get your friends and family to help collect the vouchers which we exchange for sports equipment.
