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Woodcroft News



Prestigious Award for Woodcroft



Woodcroft has been awarded the Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport.

Following a review of Woodcroft's PE provision by an assessment panel, that included an inspection visit by an afPE validator, we were awarded the Quality Mark for 'demonstrating good commitment to improvement in physical education & sport'. Only 18 schools nationally received this award during the winter assessment period. The award is valid for three years, commencing February 2015. Congratulations to Miss Charalambous and the PE team for earning this prestigious achievement. Find out more about the award by visiting our website and following the links to read about the afPE Quality Mark.

Changes to Assessment and Reporting at Woodcroft

The End of Assessment Levels for Key Stage 1 and 2 (Y1 to Y6)

The way that schools assess pupils in Years 1 to 6 is changing. The Government has decided to end National Curriculum Assessment Levels but has not replaced them with another system. Each school is being asked to develop their own arrangements, although we still have to track progress and report it to parents.

Please note: Y2 and Y6 will continue to be measured using the 'old' system of levels for this academic year.

New Pupil Reports and Target Reviews

We will NOT be providing a mid-year report as normal this year as we update our arrangements. We will however be providing a 'Mid Year Progress Review' for each pupil. This will be provided at the Parent Consultation Meetings next week on Tuesday 3rd (4-7pm) and Wednesday 4th (4-6pm). These parent consultation meetings will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year and review their targets. These targets will have been shared with pupils. It will also provide information on attendance and attitudes to learning. We strongly encourage all parents to make an appointment with their class teachers and attend this valuable Parent Consultation Meeting. A full annual report of progress will now be provided at the end of the academic year, further details will follow in the Summer term.

We hope this new system will provide parents with clearer feedback on their child's progress and targets for improvement.

Bikeability



A group of Y5 pupils recently achieved their Level 1 cycling proficiency badge. This is a message from the instructors: "We would like to thank everyone for helping with the success of cycle training at Woodcroft. We very much enjoyed our time spent with you and would like to congratulate all the pupils for their energy and enthusiasm. They achieved a fantastic 92% pass rating!"

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 9/2/15

★ KS1 Classes of the week: 2M & 2L (= 95.6%)- Good Attendance Y2!

★ KS2 Class of the week: 3C (100%) - PERFECT attendance!

➔ Whole school attendance is now 95.1% ⬅

Lessons were disturbed **94** times this week when children arrived late!



To celebrate World Book Day next week, on Monday we are welcoming M&M Productions back to Woodcroft to perform one of the classic stories of the 20th Century: **The Wizard of Oz**. Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will enjoy in a fun musical adaptation of the L. Frank Baum story as a live theatre production. They will be blown-away to Oz to accompany Dorothy and friends down the yellow brick road, where they will gather the strength to defeat the wicked witch of the west, learning about the power of true friendship along the way. Don't be late!

Reception Classes are also going to a live theatre show next week. On Wednesday they travel to the Radlett Arts Centre to watch another children's favourite, 'Room On The Broom'.



World Book Day Vouchers

Attached to this newsletter is a World Book Day voucher, entitling you to **£1 off** a book during March. This can be used at any bookshop, but also at our **School Book Fair** which will run from **Monday 16th – Friday 20th March** at 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. Please come along and support us: at Christmas we sold £936 worth of books and could claim over £500 worth of free books for the school!

Bags 2 School Collection - Thank you



Thank you to everyone who sorted out some old clothes for our **Bags2School** fundraising event. We collected about 1/2 tonne and will find out how much we have raised when the clothes are weighed and assessed. Well done to our Friends of Woodcroft parent helpers for organising this event for the school.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Scheme 2015

Please collect your Active Kids vouchers until 5 May 2015 at all Sainsbury's stores. Get your friends and family to help collect the vouchers for Woodcroft which we exchange for sports equipment.



'Barnet Bar No One' Sports Festival



A group of pupils attended 'Barnet Bar No One' before 1/2 term. They had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of Paralympic sporting activities, such as goal ball, rowing, new age curling, athletics and volleyball. It was not a competitive day, but one to experience and participate with other children from other schools. The Woodcroft team represented the school impeccably.

Music Festival at Frith Manor

Our strings ensemble group joined fellow musicians from Frith Manor and Brookland schools for a festival of music. Each school performed two individual pieces followed by a joint orchestra set. What a wonderful opportunity for our talented musicians to perform collaboratively with other students. Well done to the pupils and music teachers of each school. More about this can be found on our website.

J Rock 2015 performed at Rock Challenge Stevenage

Well done to our J Rock club for another fantastic performance at the Stevenage Theatre on Wednesday evening. Their dance called 'A Sting in the Tale' was performed to the usual high standards. Check out the website for more information and news of the results!

Secondary School Allocation Day on Monday 2nd March

I hope that our Year 6 pupils receive the news they want next week when secondary school allocations are announced on Monday. Results will be available that evening for those that applied online, otherwise you will have to wait for the letter to arrive the following day.

New School Twitter Account

And finally... why not be one of the first to follow our new twitter account...

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