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Woodcroft News



WINNERS - BEST SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT MUSIC TEACHER AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Woodcroft Primary School has been awarded the 2015 Music Teacher Awards for Excellence, Best School Music Department.



It is a fantastic achievement for Woodcroft to win this national award, the only community primary school in a category alongside independent and state secondary schools and colleges.

At the gala ceremony on Thursday 12th March the awards were presented by Classic FM's Margherita Taylor. Taking place at the stunning Grange St Paul's Hotel, and attended by more than 230 guests from across the industry, the awards were presented on an evening that also included performances from Yamaha scholar and Guildhall student Jonathan Morris, and internationally renowned vocal group VOCES8.

Now in their third year, the Music Teacher Awards celebrate excellence in the field of music education, with 11 award categories ranging from Best Music Education Product to the Lifetime Achievement Award, for a seminal contribution to music education. The winners were chosen by an expert panel of judges.

Visit the school website for more information and photos of the event.

School Music Celebrations

Next week parents are invited to two celebrations of school music:

Y3 Ukulele Performance: On **Monday 23rd March** Year 3 will be performing the songs that they have been learning this term in their ukulele lessons. Parents and carers are welcome to attend at 11.00am to watch them play.

Spring Music Concert: A celebration of choral and instrumental music at Woodcroft will be taking place on **Thursday 26th March at 4.30pm**. Parents are invited to watch performances from the school orchestra and choirs. Our recent Music Award Trophy will also be presented to the members of the school community.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who submitted their parent questionnaires. This year we had over 170 questionnaires returned! Well done to the Khan family who were the lucky winners of the £30 shopping voucher. The questionnaire results and comments are published today along with this newsletter. Staff and Governors are now looking at the outcomes to see how we can improve the school even further.

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 9/3/15

- ★ KS1 Class of the week: 1V (97.2%)- **Good Attendance!**
- ★ KS2 Class of the week: 6G (98.7%) - **an excellent week!**

↑ Whole school attendance is now 95.3% ↑

Attendance continues to improve - we are edging closer to 96%

56 children arrived late last week. This is better but still not good enough!

Freestyle Football Lessons with 'THE WOODY'



Paul Wood, Football Freestyler, returned to Woodcroft on Thursday 19th March to give a special football lesson to a lucky few pupils who were nominated by their teachers for showing excellent behaviour and being the 'Best They Can Be!' Take a look at Paul's amazing achievements and skills on his website, www.paulwoodfreestyle.com. A flyer with details of how you can find out more about Paul's events was distributed.

The World Day for Inner Peace

March 21st is the 'The World Day for Inner Peace', a major international event that has already been a huge success in hundreds of schools around the world. Today's world is tormented by crises, conflicts and divisions that are often caused by racism, religious intolerance and a lack of openness towards others. Great people in history have often declared that it is impossible to achieve peace in this world if humans do not first experience it within themselves. Pupils and teachers in Years 3 and 5 will be taking part in activities to find their inner peace on Tuesday as part of this international initiative. For more information about World Inner Peace Day visit: <http://www.innerpeaceday.org/>

Wow Factor 2015



We had two winning acts in this year's WOW Factor, our annual talent show on Tuesday 17th March. Retaining her crown for a second year was Monay, who sang a beautiful version of 'Over The Rainbow'. The judges awarded a joint first place with Kirsty and Gracie an outstanding singing and hula hoop double act! We hope that everyone who came along to the exclusive evening show had a great time. Every act was excellent on the night and the judges had a tough job picking winners.

Red Nose Day

For this year's Red Nose Day we all decorated our hair, painted our faces and wore funny hats and wigs. We also raised a fantastic **£500** for comic relief - well done everyone!

Issue 200

Next week marks 'Issue 200' of Woodcroft News. To celebrate this milestone next week's issue is being written by the pupils. Classes, individuals, clubs and groups have been asked to submit articles making next week's issue a special pupil only copy!

End of Term Diary

Monday 23rd Ukulele Concert at 11.00am to Year 3 Parents

Wednesday 25th Year 4 Football team compete in the District Finals

Wednesday 25th Netball Match v Frith Manor (away)

Thursday 26th Easter Bonnet Parades for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (times TBC)

Thursday 26th Last Day for Nursery Pupils

Thursday 26th Spring Music Concert for Parents at 4.30pm (Instrumentalists and Choirs)

Friday 27th Last Day Of Term—school finishes at 2.00pm

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 14th April 2015 - have a good Easter break



Woodcroft Bikers News #3

Bike Control training took place successfully on Monday 16th March for Year 4 pupils, and then on Wednesday 18th March for Year 3. Pupils practised their balancing, braking and bike control skills to enable them to become more skilful and safer cyclists through a series of fun and exciting cycling games.

*Look out for more cycling events taking place at Woodcroft during the summer term! If you have any questions about our **Bike It** programme please speak with Mrs Valoti.*

Woodcroft Website Updates

- ★ Music Excellence Awards (Home Page)
- ★ Red Nose day Gallery (Home Page + Gallery > Red Nose Day)
- ★ WOW Factor (Home page + Gallery > WOW Factor)