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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Open Evening Report and Photos
- Year 6 Leavers Show

Forthcoming Events

- 21st July- **Summer Ball and Leavers Disco**
- 22nd July - **Last Day for Nursery pupils**
- 23rd July - **LAST DAY of term** (2.00pm Finish)

- **Pupils Return** - Thursday 3rd September

Final Newsletter Message

This is the final Newsletter of the 2014-15 academic year - and what a successful year it has been. Woodcroft has achieved so much! A quick look at our website 'achievements' page gives you a flavour of the significant awards and accolades that we have gained. Starting in September at the Barnet Sports Awards and a Healthy Schools Award, then a successful Ofsted Inspection, winning the national Music Award, gaining the PE Quality Mark, becoming the Unicorn Theatre Collaborate School, attaining School Games Gold and our continued success in Rock Challenge dance winning the film category. WOW! When I flick back through the newsletter archive file I question how we ever manage to fit everything in! But I know it is down to great pupils, excellent staff and supportive parents! Well done everyone - you all deserve a summer break.

Excellent School Test Results

We would like to congratulate all pupils for working hard and achieving their targets. Across the school we have seen a significant improvement in the results from national tests when compared to last year. A full report will be posted on the website but key headlines include:

Foundation Stage: Shows a 6% improvement in the Reception Early Years Profile Results for pupils showing good development across all key areas

Year 1 Phonics: have achieved a 20% increase in phonics test scores to 71%

Year 2 SATS: Maths 92% L2 or better (8% increase)
Reading: 95% L2 or better (10% increase)
Writing: 90% L2 or better (8% increase)

Year 6 SATs: Maths 86% L4 or better (21% increase)
Reading: 83% L4 or better (4% increase)
Writing: 88% L4 or better (17% increase)
Grammar & Spelling: 83% L4 or better

Well done to all of the pupils and teachers for achieving such great results!

2016 -17 Term Dates Published

For those of you who like to plan ahead we have now posted the Barnet 2016-17 term dates on the school website. Please be aware that schools do not necessarily share the same dates. If you have children in more than one school please check with each school for the correct dates.

'Nick of Time' an Outstanding Y6 Leavers Show

The standard of performance at Woodcroft never fails to amaze me - and this year's Leavers Show was no exception. Written by Mr Guest and Mr Huckerby, the show centred on a group of children travelling through history. With fantastic costumes and songs, expertly coordinated by our Y6 Stage Crew, they brought history to life and showed off the year groups amazing talents! Well done to all of the pupils, and thank you to all of the staff for their hard work putting it together. Check out their website gallery.

Y6 Arts Award Qualification

All Woodcroft pupils now study an Arts curriculum involving Music, Dance, Art and Drama that eventually leads to a qualification sponsored by the Arts Council England issued by Trinity College called the Bronze Arts Award. This is our first year running the qualification. Year 6 pupils submitted their curriculum evidence today for assessment by Trinity College, we hope to get their results soon!

Barnet Young Gardeners Competition

Last week the Early Years Garden was judged for the Young Gardener Competition 2015. Reception children were visited by 3 judges who were keen to hear how the garden was enriching our children's lives. Miss Finnegan supported by Marwan and Chase showed the judges photos and talked about the activities that take place with our garden expert, Mrs June. The judges commented that the children's knowledge of the different plants and how to care for them was impressive from children so young. Year 2 also showed the judges photos and work carried out earlier in the term when they planted broad beans. These plants are now well established and starting to grow their own beans. Woodcroft would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved, especially Mrs June who volunteers her time.

Young Musicians and Dancers Concert - Monday 13th July

On Monday afternoon, families were treated to a celebration performance from our young performing artists. On show were our Year 2 whole class drumming ensembles, Mega Movers Dance Club, Junior Guitar Club, Young Woodcroft Singers and our combined Year 1-6 Woodcroft Choir, conducted by Y6 Pupil Samantha Leahy. They were all outstanding in their first performance to their families, who were an enthusiastic audience! A special thank you to Mr Shaverin, our drum tutor, Mr Huckerby for coaching our young guitarists and Miss Stubbings for preparing Mega Movers.

Bling Your Bike for KS1 Pupils

On Monday 20th July Hilary Campbell, our 'Bike It' Officer will be at Woodcroft for the 'Bling your Bike' competition. Bling your bike or scooter to make it the best it can be to win a prize.

Go to: http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/files/migrated-pdfs/frk_bling.pdf for some great ideas.

Summer Brainbuilder

All pupils will be given their summer BrainBuilder homework this week. This is an open project for families to use their summer experiences, whether at home or away, to support their child's learning: keep a scrapbook, write a diary, take photos, collect leaflets, send post cards, draw pictures, make models - it is up to you. This will also be on the Treehouse and children can keep work inline on their Google Drive. Teachers will review the project when we return in September. Have fun!

Have A Great Summer - Term Ends Thursday 23rd at 2.00pm

The last day of school will be next **Thursday, 23rd July 2015**. Pupils return on **Thursday 3rd September 2015**. On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a great summer and thank you for your support of Woodcroft this year. Good luck to all of our year 6 pupils as they embark on the next stage of their Education and head off to their respective secondary schools.