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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- *Healthy Schools Awards*
- *Summer Building Improvements*
- *Camp Woodcroft*
- *Arts Award Info*
- *New Football Kit*

Forthcoming Events

September 2015

- 8/9 Barnet Sports Awards
- 21/9 Y1 Curriculum Evening 4.00pm
- 21/9 Y2 Curriculum Evening 5.00pm
- 22/9 Y3 Curriculum Evening 4.00pm
- 22/9 Y4 Curriculum Evening 5.00pm
- 23/9 Y5 Curriculum Evening 4.00pm
- 23/9 Y6 Curriculum Evening 5.00pm
- 25/9 Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am Oak Suite
- 28/9 Speech and Language Coffee Morning for Parents
- 29/9 Reception trip to Unicorn Theatre
- 29/9 Friends of Woodcroft AGM

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of a new school term, we hope that you have had an enjoyable summer.

Last year was the most successful in Woodcroft's history with excellent pupil results, numerous achievements and a good Ofsted. This success has continued into the new school year. I am pleased to report that Woodcroft has recently received two notable awards; The **Healthy Schools Silver Award** and **Gold STARS Accreditation** (by Transport for London - TfL).



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
LONDON



Woodcroft received a framed certificate and letter of congratulations from Dr. Helen Walters, Head of Health, on behalf of the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, on achieving the Healthy Schools London Silver Award. Mrs Valoti, who leads PSHE at Woodcroft, attended a presentation at Barnet Town Hall, read the letter from Dr Walters in the newsletter folder in the foyer.



STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) is an accreditation scheme for schools, and colleges to inspire young Londoners to travel sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely. A Gold accredited school is the top award and demonstrates the highest level of participation and involvement, and where active travel activities are part of the school's culture.

We were notified last week that Woodcroft has just received the Gold Award. This is a fantastic achievement, and recognition for all of the outstanding work that staff and pupils do here at school. This project is also coordinated by Mrs Valoti who has been invited to attend a special award ceremony in London next month.

Barnet Sports Awards - Tuesday 8th September

We must also wish our J Rock Dance group the best of luck as they have shortlisted as 'Team of the Year' at the prestigious Barnet Sports Awards. A group of school representatives will attend the ceremony next Tuesday week - fingers crossed!



Secondary Transfer 2016

We would like to remind Y6 parents that the Secondary Transfer online application system is now open. Further information will be distributed shortly and helpful guides will be posted on our website. We will also open our Computing Suite during October and offer parents support with the online application process if required.

2016-17 Term Dates Published

For those of you who like to plan ahead the 2016-17 term dates are 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.

Summer Brainbuilder & Library Reading Challenge

All pupils were given their summer BrainBuilder homework last term. This is an open project for families to use their summer experiences, whether at home or away, to support their child's learning. You may have kept a scrapbook, written a diary, taken photos, collected leaflets & postcards or draw pictures - it was up to you. Teachers will be reviewing the projects in class over the next week and we shall be celebrating them in school assemblies. Also tell your teacher if you completed your Library Reading Challenge - we want to celebrate your achievement in school.

Beginning of the School Day

From Monday we shall begin our regular method of entering school in the morning. Pupils will be able to enter classrooms from 8.45am. All pupils must be in class for registration by 8.55am. If you arrive after that time pupils must collect a late ticket from the school office.

Can I remind parents that pupils should NOT be on school premises before 8.30am unless they are attending breakfast club.

Uniform, Hair and Jewellery

Pupils came back to school looking really smart yesterday - thank you. This really helps pupils develop a good attitude to school and learning. Can I remind parents of some of the key rules for uniform:

- Head scarves, headbands and socks should be in school colours (Red, white, Grey or Black)
- Black school shoes must be worn (remember: a pair of trainers can be brought into school to change for breaks and lunchtimes)
- Hair and eyebrows should not have carved or shaved designs
- Avoid wearing jewellery - pierced ears should only have a plain stud

Keep Up To date - Visit Us Online

Keep yourselves up to date by visiting our website: www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk. Our website is updated frequently with information about what's going on in school. You can also check all the key dates using our online calendar. Why not also sign up for a twitter account and follow the school [@WPS_Success](https://twitter.com/WPS_Success) for updates, pictures and results. Please remember that 'twitter' is not intended for children - this facility is intended for parents and carers only.

**2014-15
School
Attendance
95.5%**

Attendance

Last year's overall whole school attendance was 95.5%, this was below our target of 96%. It is important that each pupil attends school on time every day. Please support your child's learning by ensuring they develop excellent attendance habits. Thank you.