

WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Friday 8th January



Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Christmas events

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 13 January

12:00 Y6 Football
Tournament

Wednesday, 20 January

Y2 visit the Unicorn Theatre

Monday, 25 January

Ian Rose - Paralympian –
visits Woodcroft

Thursday, 28 January

18:30 J Rock Club attend the
Unicorn Press Night of
'Minotaur'

Tuesday, 2 February

4.00pm to 7.00pm J Rock
perform at the 'The Great Big
Dance Off'

Tuesday, 2 February

Unicorn Theatre Trip for
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

For more info see the website
calendar.

Celebrating Success

Tell us about your
achievements outside
school.

Follow us on Twitter
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Welcome Back - Happy New Year

2015 was an amazingly successful year for Woodcroft Primary School. The list of awards on our website achievements page is exceptional. It includes:

The Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport

Best School Music Department at the 2015 Music Teacher Excellence Awards

Collaborate Partner Award for The Unicorn Theatre

Short Film Category Award Winner – 2015 'Be Your Best' Rock Challenge'

Sainsbury's School Games GOLD Award

Healthy Schools London Silver Award

GOLD Level TfL STARS Accreditation

Rose Connolly Cup at the Barnet 2015 Young Gardeners Awards

We also had successful seasons for our sports teams, outstanding concerts for our musicians and choirs, fantastic festivals for our dancers, and not forgetting a successful Ofsted report!

An Exciting Term Ahead

2016 is going to be just as exciting! Here are a few things to look forward to...

- Olympian Ian Rose is visiting to launch our 'Get Set' themes for PSHE
- Percussionist Ollie Turner will be working again with KS2 classes
- J Rock Club will be performing at three prestigious dance events
- Every year group will visit the Unicorn Theatre to see a live show
- We have planned a Literacy Week to coincide with World Book Day that will include a theatre production of a classic, 'The Railway Children'.
- An Art Week project is planned with artist Nic Aberly from 'Look to Learn'
- Our musicians will perform their termly concerts
- And the climax will be our annual WOW Factor talent show!

Wow! I am sure you will agree that the pupils at Woodcroft have exceptional opportunities for learning. Keep up to date by visiting our **website**, reading our **Newsletters** and viewing our **online calendar**.

Applying to Reception - Poster Included with this Newsletter

If you haven't done so already, it is now time to apply for a Reception class place for current Nursery age children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012. Remember, even if you are currently in Woodcroft's Nursery you are not guaranteed a place in our Reception. You must apply online by visiting:



www.eadmissions.org.uk (or follow the link on our website).

The closing date for applications is next week - Friday 15th January 2016

Sea Life Centre Vouchers

We have been sent a large number of half price vouchers for London Sea Life Aquarium. The voucher can be used for up to 5 people and is valid until 25th March 2016. If you are interested, please collect a voucher from the school Office.



Attendance Matters - New Government Rules

Good attendance at school is vital, and since September 2015 any pupil with more than 10% absence is classified by the government as having persistent absence (PA). Schools are expected to intervene and interview the parents of children whose attendance becomes a concern. This means that pupils who have more than 7 days absence a term may be contacted by our Educational Welfare Officer, Joe Duggan, to discuss ways to improve attendance and avoid potential problems.

Family Services run by Woodcroft

Woodcroft runs a range of extended services to support families. Lots of information about these can be found on our website. I would like to draw your attention to:

Acorns After School Club - this is run by Woodcroft staff exclusively for Woodcroft pupils and offers after school care at competitive rates. Speak to Mrs Sharpe in the Office for more information. Acorns runs every day in term time.

Conversation Cafe - for parents new to speaking English you might be interested in our weekly Conversation Cafe. Run every Tuesday from 9.00am to 10.30am you can improve your English speaking skills in a fun and informal way. Starts Tuesday 12th January

Little Oaks - is our pre-school parent and toddler session that takes place every Thursday from 9.00am in the Oak Suite. Run by qualified Nursery Nurses, children can make friends and play, while learning important skills to prepare them for school. Starts Thursday 14th January.

Family Support - our website contains lots of information about local family services. If you require any advice about family matters that are not about your child's learning then please arrange an appointment with Jill Smith (Woodcroft's Family Support Coordinator)

Woodcroft Saturday School

Woodcroft subscribes to the Edgware Saturday School. This enables Woodcroft pupils to attend for FREE. Classes will resume on 16th January 2016 and there are still a few spaces available. If you are interested in your child receiving extra tuition on a Saturday morning please go to our school Office to register your interest or speak to Ms Gignac (Saturday School liaison teacher for Woodcroft).

Curriculum Newsletters Published Next Week

Each year group will publish a curriculum newsletter for parents. This outlines key information that will help you support your child at home. Please remember, if you have any questions about your child's progress in school, teachers are happy to speak with you after dismissing their class at the end of the day. Don't forget, copies of all year group newsletters can be found on the website.

Welcome Back to Two Familiar Faces

Mr Scudetto and Ms Tolone rejoined our full time staff this week, Both have spent the last year in their respective home countries of Canada and Argentina. We are very pleased to welcome them both back.

Whole School Attendance

↓95.4%↓

Overall attendance has decreased to 95.4%. This is now below the minimum level for schools that is set by Ofsted. We must work together to improve our attendance.

Autumn Term Attendance Champions

Foundation Stage Class of the term: RP 95.2%

KS1 Class of the term: 1st Place 2W 96.5%
2nd Place 1C 95.3%
3rd Place 2L 95.2%

KS2 Class of the term: 1st Place 6M 96.8
2nd Place 5V 96.5
3rd Place 4B 96.1

Overall Autumn Term Attendance Champions **6M** Well done!

