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Together Towards Success

New on the
website

- Rock Challenge 2016

Forthcoming
Events

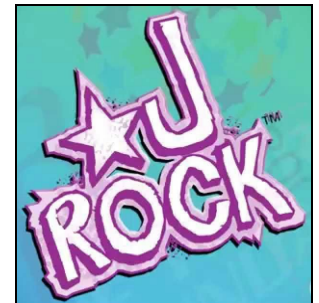
29/3 Woodcroft Literacy Festival
1/3 The Railway Children by M&M Theatre
2/3 Nursery trip to The Unicorn
2/3 Netball vs Goldbeaters
2/3 Y3 Cake Sale
3/3 World Book Day
3/3 Reception trip to The Unicorn
4/3 String Concert
8/3 Barnet Dance Festival for J Rock at The Art Depot
11/3 Spring Concert for Percussion, Brass, Woodwind and Guitar Club
14/3 Y3 Ukulele Concert to Parents at 11.00am
14/3 Parents Evening
14/3 Book Fair Arrives
16/3 Parents Evening
18/3 Sport Relief Day - 'Do Yourself Proud' theme - Dress to represent an inspirational sports star!
For more info see the website calendar.

J Rock Club Achieve Fantastic Second Place Success!



After months of rehearsals, set building and costume making the hard work finally came together with an outstanding performance for Woodcroft J Rock Club at the Herts and North London Junior Rock Challenge dance competition on Tuesday night. On the stage at Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre, Woodcroft wowed the audience with their composition about the Egyptian Queen, Nefertiti. Competing against schools from across the region they received an amazing total of 8 Awards for Excellence and came away with a fantastic second place overall!

All of the pupils, staff, parents and volunteers involved in this project can be proud of their achievements. You can see a selection of photos of our day on the school website. Photography during the show is not permitted, but official Photographs of the performance will be available to order from Nick Scott Photography at <http://www.nickscott.co.uk/>. You can also see a video of the performance on our the foyer screen.



Woodcroft Literacy Festival



Next week we shall be running our Woodcroft Literacy Festival in school with lots of exciting activities for the children. On Tuesday, Years 1 - 6 will watch a performance of **The Railway Children**, performed by the M&M Theatre Company. Later in

the week Nursery & Reception will also experience a live performance when they visit the **Unicorn Theatre**.

Please note - Due to the Reception trip to the Unicorn Theatre Little Oaks will be cancelled for one week on 3rd March.

We shall also be running a **story writing competition** for Years 1 - 6. The children will be asked to write a short story for their homework...but they can only use a maximum of 150 words! The entries will be judged by School Council on 14th March with the winner's choosing some fantastic prizes from the **Book Fair** which runs from 14th - 18th March.

World Book Day Vouchers and Book Fair

World Book Day is celebrated this year on Thursday 3rd March. Attached to this newsletter is a **World Book Day voucher** which can be used at our Book Fair from 14th - 18th March. They entitle the children to £1 off any book they buy either at our Fair or at any bookshop. So come along to the main hall during that week and choose from a wide variety of books. Remember, every book purchased raises funds for our school library. Let's see if we can exceed the £745 total we managed in November!

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DAY**
3 MARCH 2016



Cello Lessons - Free Taster Session

Are you interested in your child learning to play the cello? We have a limited number of places available for children in Year 4 to begin lessons with our amazing cello tutor, Mrs Hooker. Children who would like to find out more are invited to a FREE introductory lesson next Friday, 4th March to discover the basics of the cello. Please let Miss Sherring know in writing if you would like your child to attend this free session, and to find out more.

Nursery Admissions - Apply Now for September

Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2016. The closing date for our first round of admission applications for entry in September is Wednesday 16th March 2016. For more information visit:

<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions>

Sainsbury's Active Kids



Now's the time to collect vouchers for sports and cooking equipment. Since 2005 Sainsbury's have donated £160 million worth of equipment and experiences to schools and clubs across the UK.

We now need your help to collect as many vouchers as possible! Please ask friends and family to collect on your behalf. Look out for the collection box in the school foyer to deposit your vouchers.

Year 6 'Wild Adventure' Residential



Year 6 pupils who paid deposits for this year's fantastic residential camp taking place in June received letters this week outlining the schedule for remaining payments. The letter also contained information about an excellent double discount offer for the Colindale branch of 'Go Outdoors' - just in case your child's needs to kit themselves out like Bear Grylls for the week!

Easter Holidays 2016 - Please Take Note

I realise that the Easter break is causing some confusion this year due to different school holiday periods. This is due to Academies, some faith schools and other local authorities choosing dates that do not match with the published Barnet's dates.

Woodcroft is following the official Local Authority dates which are published on our website (info section) and online calendar. This means we have two short 4 day weeks either side of the Easter Bank Holiday. This is then followed by the usual two week break. Pupils are expected to attend school during our term time, and leave of absence cannot not be authorised for reasons of siblings in different schools not sharing the same holiday period. Please pay close attention to these dates, especially if you have children in more than one school. Thank you.

Cake Sale on Wednesday 2nd March



Help support our annual Y3 enterprise initiative. On Wednesday 2nd March Y3 will be selling cakes to raise money to pay for the upkeep of their chick hatching project. This week the year group has taken delivery of a batch of eggs and incubators. They plan to hatch, look after and grow the chicks for 2 weeks before their return to the freedoms of an organic farm. Please donate some cakes or pop along to buy a sweet treat!

Whole School Attendance

↕ **95.2%** ↕

Attendance has fallen slightly this week - make every effort to be in school EVERY day!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 8th February)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: **RP 96%**

KS1 Class of the week: **1C 96.8% Well done**

KS2 Class of the week: **3R & 5P 98% JOINT TOP ATTENDANCE - Keep it up!**

We had **60** late arrivals last week! We must arrive at school by **8.45am**