

# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success

## New on the website

- Rock Challenge 2016 news article
- The Railway Children
- Y3 Chick Watch

## Forthcoming Events

**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.*

## Achievements

**Netball Result:**  
**Goldbeaters 4 v 7 Woodcroft**  
Well done to the Netball team for achieving another victory.  
**Y4 Football:**  
Well done to the Y4 Football Team who took part in a Barnet Tournament this week - all received certificates.

## Nursery Admissions - Apply Now for this 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>

## Woodcroft Literacy Festival



This week we had lots of exciting events to stimulate the children's reading and writing. Years 1 to 6 watched a live theatre performance of **The Railway Children**, Nursery & Reception, visited the **Unicorn Theatre**, Y4 had an **author visit**, and we are also having our **short story writing competition**.

## M&M Theatre Production of The Railway Children

On Tuesday 1st March, we all collected our tickets to Oakworth Station, as part of our live theatre show in school. We met Mr Perks, The Porter, who guided us through this heart-warming story about the Brentworth family. In this classic story three children saved a train after a disastrous landslide, then helped nurse their mother back to health, then saved their father from a terrible injustice and reunited their family for an emotional ending.

Well done to M&M Theatre Productions for bringing this classic story to life in front of our eyes! They also gave a special stagecraft workshop to Y6 after the show. Take a look at some of the photos on our website.

## Book Fair 14th -18th March

For World Book Day every pupil received a **£1 Book Voucher** which can be used at our Book Fair from 14th - 18th March. The vouchers entitle the children to £1 off any book they buy either at our Fair or at any bookshop. Please come along to the main hall during Book Fair week and choose from a wide variety of books. Remember, every purchase raises funds for our school library.



## J Rock in the News!

Woodcroft's J Rock performance at Stevenage Rock Challenge was featured in a Times Series newspaper article this week. The article commented on the outstanding quality of Woodcroft's performance, costume and set! Take a look at the report by clicking on the link in the news section or with the J Rock report on the home page. We will be performing again at the Barnet Dance Festival next Tuesday, 8th March.



## Nursery and Reception at The Unicorn



On Wednesday and Thursday our Foundation Stage went to the theatre to watch JERAMEE, HARTLEBY AND OOGLEMORE. The story was set by the seaside and included lots of fun and games.

## Year 6 Secondary School Allocations

This week our Year 6 pupils discovered their allocated secondary school for September 2016. We hope that they got a school of their choice. Woodcroft pupils have been allocated places at the following schools:

**London Academy**            **19 offers**  
**Copthall School**            **12 offers**  
**Totteridge Academy**       **8 offers**  
**Kingsbury High School**   **6 offers**

*Pupils also received offers from the following schools*

**Canons High School, St James' Catholic High School, Bishop Douglass School, Hendon School, Mill Hill County, St Clement Danes School (Rickmansworth) and Finchley Catholic High School.**

Please remember to follow the instructions to accept your places before the deadline. Parents and pupils in Year 5 will receive information in May about the process of applying for places for next year.

**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.

## Alive n Kicking at Woodcroft

Woodcroft is going to be taking part in a new nationwide programme to support children's health that is called - **Alive n Kicking**. This is a highly successful children's lifestyle service that helps children and their families to reach and maintain a healthier weight. The service provides age specific programmes designed to provide appropriate messages, activities and behavioural change strategies that will benefit everyone.

As part of this initiative we are looking to improve our healthy school lifestyles. One way this can be achieved is to avoid sugary drinks and take more water. To help, **we are now offering water for all of our packed lunch children** in the dining hall. We are encouraging pupils not to bring in drinks with their lunches, but to drink the water on offer. This will save money for families, cut down on sugar and improve pupil health. You can support this programme by encouraging your child to drink water only.

Our **School Council** are very involved in supporting our **Healthy Schools Silver Award** and they will be looking at a range of packed lunches during your child's lunchtime. They will be awarding stickers to the healthiest packed lunches each day. Also, during achievement assemblies, we will be rewarding those pupils who are eating a healthy balanced diet and drinking water with special certificates.

For more information please visit: <http://www.ank.uk.com/>



### Whole School Attendance

**↑95.3%↑**

Attendance has risen 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 99.3% Superb!**

**KS1 Class of the week: 1C 99.0% Great!**

**KS2 Class of the week: 3R 99.7% Wow! Top Class!**

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