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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Football and Netball leagues - final positions (News Section)

Forthcoming Events

- Cycling Day at Woodcroft on 17th May
- Nursery Open Day 19th May
- Year 6 Residential Camp Meeting on 19th May at 5.30pm
- J Rock Fun Day on Saturday 21st May
- Y6 Micro-Marathon Race on 23rd May from 1.30pm
- Class Photographs on 25th May
- Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting on 26th May from 5.30pm
- Half Term - SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
- Staff Training day - SCHOOL CLOSED on Monday 6th June
- School re-opens Tuesday 7th June for the start of the Summer Term

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KS2 SATS Week

First of all I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils for their excellent attitude through SATs Week. You will have no doubt read in the news reports about papers being leaked and the hardest reading tests ever. While distracting for the teachers, it had no impact on the pupils who performed wonderfully and to their best. We now look forward to their welcome results. You will also be aware that the old level grades e.g. Level 4, have been abolished to be replaced by statements about meeting expected standards or a scale point score. I have posted further information on the school website in recent weeks explaining this in more detail.

Year 2 pupils are still continuing with their KS1 SATs for a further two weeks. All results will be sent home with the end of term reports.

Scarlet Fever

We have had 5 confirmed cases of scarlet fever in school. Be vigilant for the Initial symptoms that usually include a sore throat, headache and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue. A day or two later a characteristic pinkish rash appears, often on the chest and stomach before spreading to other areas of the body.

What to do

If you suspect your child has the symptoms please go to your GP immediately. If the infection is confirmed you will be prescribed medication. Please could we ask that you also inform the school immediately. Thank you

Important Road Works Notice

Goldbeaters Grove closed on Tuesday 17th May from 7.00 to 12.00



We have been notified by Barnet's Highways Department of the proposed closure of Goldbeaters Grove to carry out remedial repairs following the resurfacing. Please note that cars will not be able to park and the arrival at school may be disrupted. I would suggest that parents who drive allow extra time on that morning to find alternative places to park, or to walk to school. A copy of the information is on the website.

Football League Success



Well done to our football team for an amazing season, finishing a fantastic second place in the West Barnet League. The final table has been published on the website in the 'News' section.

This success means that they are through to the all-Barnet play-off finals, The Munroe Shield. They take on All Saints in the quarter-finals. They also take on Dollis is the semis of Barnet's 'Dick Bailey Cup' on Monday!

Cycling Day - Next Tuesday 17th May

We have a number of exciting events to support cycling next week. Bring your bike to school from 8.15am for a '**Bikers Breakfast**' and enjoy croissants, yogurt and fruit. You can also make your own delicious smoothie using pedal power! Cycling expert, Arthur Shearlaw, from Sustrans, will be taking assembly, and after school we shall be hosting another '**Ditch Your Stabilisers**' session. Look out for the poster today for more information.

Year 2 Drumming Workshops



Year 2 have started the term with a bang! Building on the success of our Year 3 whole class instrumental lessons and our fantastic KS2 Samba project earlier this year, Year 2 have now joined the musical fun with West African drumming. The whole class lessons will continue throughout the Summer term with our professional percussionist, Mr Shaverin, from BEAT. Pupils will learn the music and traditions of West African drumming. These lessons are in addition to their weekly music lessons and are another example of the amazing musical provision at Woodcroft through our AIM@Arts programme. Parents will be invited to a finale performance on July 11th.

Year 6 Residential Meeting - Thursday 19th May at 5.30pm



For pupils going on this year's exciting Y6 adventure camp we shall be holding a parent information evening on Thursday 19th May at 5.30pm.

Internet Safety - Issues with some popular sites

Do parents monitor their child's activities online?



Recent incidents in school suggest that we all need to be more vigilant at home. It has come to our attention that some pupils have experienced problems on sites such as **Movie Star Planet**. Children have informed teachers that other



users of the site are making very inappropriate and upsetting comments. We are also aware of Woodcroft pupils using **YouTube** to post personal videos that compromise their identity and online security. We teach online safety in school, but parents need to ensure that they are aware of their children's internet use at home and when with friends.

Online safety advice - parents should be aware of the online advice available on the school website via links on the homepage.

Alert on measles cases in London

There have been an increase in the confirmed cases of measles over the last three months in London. This is related to the numbers of susceptible people who are not fully immunised with MMR vaccine. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness and can have severe complications. Children with measles are usually ill and in some circumstances complications such as pneumonia and encephalitis, can develop. Public Health England London Centre advises that all children over the age of 12 months who are not immunised should be protected by receiving MMR. Parents are encouraged to visit their GP and request an MMR vaccination. A letter that outlines the key information has been distributed with this newsletter and is available to download from the website's 'News' section.

J Rock Fundraising



If you are shopping in ASDA on Saturday look out for our J Rock Dance Club. To help with fundraising they will be helping to pack shoppers bags. The club are raising money towards the cost of the two dance finals in which they are taking part later this term; 'The Great Big Dance Off' national finals and J Rock - the 'Rock Challenge Junior Southern Finals'.

Important Notices and Reminders

- **Secondary Transfer Meeting** for families at Woodcroft on Thursday 26th May at 5.30pm
- **Conversation Cafe** meets every Tuesday from 9.00am for parents to practise their spoken English. On Tuesday 17th the school nurse has been invited to talk. Everyone welcome.
- **Bikers Breakfast Next Week** - On Tuesday 17th you can bring your bike to school and enjoy a free breakfast. See the poster sent out with this newsletter.

Whole School Attendance

↑95.4%↑

Let's keep improving our attendance!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 2nd May)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 97% % Well Done!

KS1 Class of the week: 1C 97.5% Great!

KS2 Class of the week: 6M 100% PERFECT Attendance this week!