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Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website this week:

- **Nursery Sports Day Gallery**
- **KS2 Sports Day Gallery**
- **Y3 Assembly Gallery**
- **Y3 Ukulele Report**
- **Summer Choir Festival**
- **Girls Team and Y4 team v Chalgrove**

Some galleries password protected - a text will have been sent to parents in that class or year group

Forthcoming Events

- Saturday 9th July - J Rock and Choir perform at Graham Park Friday 12.00
- 11th July J Rock Perform at Great Big Dance Off National Finals in Birmingham
- 13th July Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- 13th July Y5 Class Assembly 9.00am
- 14th July Y6 Leavers Show 6.00pm
- 19th July Reception & KS1 Sports Day 9.30 Burnt Oak Leisure

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Sport and Games Day Successes



We enjoyed two successful Olympic themed sports days this week. On Monday our Nursery classes enjoyed a series of relay races in front of an audience of family and friends. This was followed by a parade around the playground taking turns to hold an Olympic style torch! The pupils impressed everyone with the way they performed and participated in all of the activities.



Then, on Wednesday, our KS2 classes from Y3 to Y6 made their way to Burnt Oak Leisure Centre for their Sports and Games Day. They took a part in a series of athletic events including javelin, shot put, running and jumping. Take a look at the website gallery to view a selection of photos from both days. Parents in those year groups have been texted a password to access the photo gallery page. We now look forward to KS1 & Reception's rescheduled Sports Day on Tuesday 19th July.

Goodbye Mrs Cullen

We shall be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Cullen at the end of this term. Mrs Cullen has worked at Woodcroft for 16 years, most recently as SENCo. She will be sadly missed, but has decided to move away from London to take up a promotion as Deputy Head in another school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new post.

Ms Vanner taking over as SENCo

The vigilant amongst you will have noticed the Ms Vanner's name was missing from the classteacher list that was published last week. This is because Ms Vanner will be coming out of class to take over the role of SENCo. Ms Vanner will bring a wealth of experience to this position.

Message about Attendance from Mr Duggan, our Education Welfare Officer

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to remind you that the last day of this school year will be **Thursday 21st July 2016**, and the children will return on **Tuesday 6th September 2016**. Any absences on or around these dates need to be verified by medical evidence, for any illnesses. Where there are unauthorised absences, Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued to parents, in line with Local Authority policy.

I look forward to your support improve attendance. If you have any queries I am available every Thursday in school.

Regards, Mr Duggan

Respecting Gardens & Private Property

I would like to remind parents that pupils children should not be entering gardens and driveways on the way to and from school. It is essential that we respect the private property of our neighbours. We have had a further complaint about younger children going into gardens.

A Busy Two Weeks for Year 3



Year 3 have certainly been busy over the past couple of weeks. Last week they performed an excellent class assembly to family and friends. During the assembly they took us on a fantastic journey through their curriculum. Then on Monday we enjoyed a very special ukulele concert. Year 3 parents have been sent a password to view more photos on our school website.

'Macbeth' The Opera comes to Woodcroft



On Thursday 7th July Woodcroft hosted a full scale operatic performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth. This amazing show by Pavilion Opera, an internationally renowned travelling Opera Company, involved a cast of 17 professional singers in complete stage costume and props. They even had a full size grand piano brought in especially for the performance!

The company provide a unique educational experience through their Pavilion Opera Educational Trust (POET). This allows schools to explore opera as part of an educational programme culminating in a live professional performance. Year 5 have been studying the play

and its historical setting throughout the term. Three other Barnet schools (Goldbeaters, Dollis Jnr and Parkfield) also joined us for the show as part of this project. The pupils were enthralled throughout the whole opera. It was even performed in it's original language, Italian. However, because they have studied and immersed themselves in the play of Macbeth they were able to follow the story. "I thought it would be good, but I didn't think it would be that good," commented a teacher.

Parents and Carers are invited to a Year 5 Assembly Experience

Wednesday 13th July from 9.30 to 10.30

We would like to invite Year 5 families to a very different assembly next Wednesday between 9.30am and 10.30am. The pupils have prepared a special immersive experience to transport you back to the time of Shakespeare in Elizabethan England. Parents are welcome to wait in school after drop-off or arrive any time between 9.30 and 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Grahame Park Festival & Fun Day - Saturday 9th July



We hope that lots of you are planning to come along to the Grahame Park Fun Day tomorrow, Saturday 9th July.

There will be lots happening to entertain the whole family between 12.00 noon and 4.00pm - and everything is FREE!

Woodcroft Choir and Dancers will be performing on the stage at 12.30pm so make sure you drop by to watch our pupils.

Take a look at the poster on our website news page for more information

Come and support this community event!

Woodcroft Head Off to The Great Big Dance Off Finals on Monday



Our school dance group, J Rock, head off to their second national dance competition on Monday. Following on from their recent Rock Challenge successes at Portsmouth's Guildhall, they will be now taking to the stage at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre in the National Finals of The Great Big Dance Off. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success at this prestigious event.

Annual Reports Ready for Collection on Monday

Can we remind parents that annual reports will be available for collection by an adult on Monday. These reports follow the new format in line with the the revised National Curriculum and assessment criteria. We no longer assess and report in Levels e.g. Level 4C. These have been replaced by new national expectations. The government has acknowledged that this new criteria is extremely challenging. A pupil must demonstrate evidence of every single National Curriculum criteria for their year group to be assessed working at the age appropriate expectation. Do not be alarmed if you the report does not match what you would expect. In recent published Government data only 53% of Y6 pupils across the country were achieving the expected grade for reading, writing and maths. Talk to your child's class teacher at Parents Evening if you need any clarification.

Parent Consultations Evening - Wednesday 13th July 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Letters were sent home this week about Parents' Evening. You do not need to make an appointment, however we would like you to return your reply form so that we can properly prepare for the evening.

Translation Service Available for Parent Consultations

Woodcroft staff will be able to provide support to translate or interpret the language for parent consultations. However, this support will be available during school hours and should be pre-arranged. These are the languages available for translation at Woodcroft: Arabic, Farsi, Dari, Spanish, Portuguese, Urdu, Gujarati, Turkish, Bengali, Romanian, French and others

If you wish to take this opportunity, please let school office know or contact Mrs Meghji.

Industrial Action by Teachers - *Thank you for your support*

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and understanding around Wednesday's strike by the National Union of Teachers. This industrial action was about the impact of funding cuts on children's education. The dispute was between teachers and the government; it was not a dispute with school or parents. In Barnet, a total of 53 schools reported that they were affected by the strike.

Getting ready to say goodbye to Y6 - Leavers Show 14th June

When we start to see our Y6 Pupils in their Leavers Hoodies and T shirts we know the end of term is fast approaching. A Woodcroft tradition is the Guest & Huckerby scripted and scored Leavers Show. Our two talented teacher have dreamt up something brand new again for year 6 this year and recorded their very own original songs to accompany the play.

The show will be performed in the Main Hall on Thursday 14th at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ASDA for Green Token Scheme Supports Woodcroft

 If you shop at Colindale ASDA make sure you pick up a green token and choose Woodcroft in the donation box. They have heard about our dance success and want to support our participation in the national events. Help us raise more money by popping your green token into the box. ***Make sure you ask at the checkout for your green token!***

Arts Award Week at Woodcroft 2nd - 10th July

 Woodcroft values the Arts (Music, Drama, Art and Dance) through our enriched and extended curriculum. We call this AIM@Arts. The culmination of this work is the Bronze Arts Award, a nationally recognised certificate, that is awarded by Trinity College London to our Year 6 pupils who have met all of the criteria. Year 6 are now currently busy, putting together the finishing touches to their portfolios ready for inspection by a college assessor on the 19th July.

This week was also national **Arts Award Week**; it was a chance to celebrate Arts Award's 10 years in centres all over the UK. Woodcroft is an accredited Arts

Award Centre - take a look at our website to see the activities organised this week such as the music concerts, opera shows and dance performances.

Year 2 Drumming Concert Invitation to Families

 As part of of AIM@Arts programme, we begin whole class instrumental tuition in Year 2. Pupils are taught drumming rhythms and beat, leading towards an end of term showcase performance. Families are invited to arrive at school early on Monday to watch Year 2 perform in the main hall. The show will start promptly at 2.45pm.

End of Term Dates and Reminders

Don't forget to check out our school online diary. This can be accessed via the website.

- **Graham Park Fun day on Saturday July 9th.** Woodcroft J Rock Dancers & Choir have been invited to perform. They will arrive at 12.00 and perform at 12.30pm - please come along.
- **Y2 Drumming Concert** on Monday 11th July at 2.45 - Parents & Carers invited to attend
- **Parent Consultation Evening** - Wednesday 13th July from 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Y6 Leavers Show** - 6.00pm on Thursday 14th July
- **Summer Ball** is on Tuesday 19th July - tickets go on sale Monday
- **KS1 Sports Day** is now on 19th July from 9.30am at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre.
- **Last day of term** is Thursday 21st July - school closes at 2.00pm (Nursery finishes 20th July)

Whole School Attendance

↔95.4%↔

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 27th June)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 96.4% Well Done!

KS1 Class of the week: 2W 98.7% Great! Top school attendance

KS2 Class of the week: 3R 97.7% Excellent