



Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website this week:

- **Y6 Leavers balloon update**
- **Achievements section**
- **Safeguarding Notice**
- **Child Protection policy**
- **Prevent Duty Information**

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

Forthcoming Events

- 17th September - Burnt Oak Festival
- Curriculum Evenings:
Y1 & Y2 19th September
Y3 & Y4 20th September
Y5 & Y6 21st September

It is essential that all Y6 parents and carers attend the Y6 curriculum evening to receive SATs and Secondary Transfer information.

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. Last year was amazingly successful for Woodcroft Primary School. The list of recent awards and achievements is exceptional and includes:

- 55 Year 6 pupils qualified for the Bronze Arts Award with the Arts Council & Trinity College London
- Woodcroft netball team were crowned Barnet league & cup champions
- Our dancers were finalists in two prestigious national competitions
- Woodcroft football team won both the Barnet cup and league shield. They have also been nominated for the Barnet Sports Award Team of the Year
- We completed our Collaborate Partnership Award with The Unicorn Theatre
- The school achieved Sainsbury's School Sport and Games GOLD Award
- GOLD Level TfL STARS Accreditation was awarded for our sustainable travel plan

Wow! I am sure you will agree that the pupils at Woodcroft have exceptional opportunities for extending and enriching their learning.

An Exciting Term Ahead

- The Burnt Oak Festival and Parade is on the 17th September
- Year Group Curriculum Evenings are during the week beginning 19th September
- A Creative Arts Week starts on 26th September
- An Arts Award Presentation Evening on Wednesday 28th September for last year's Year 6 who will return to collect their Bronze Arts Awards Certificates from Trinity College London
- Join Friends of Woodcroft (PTA) for a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September
- Parent Consultation Evenings are scheduled for the 5th & 6th October
- Harvest Festival this year will be on Thursday 13th October for our coin picture collections with Harvest Basket assemblies the following day on Friday 14th
- Come to school in your national dress or colours on 20th October when we celebrate International Week
- Year 2 take part in the Barnet Infant Music Festival on Tuesday 1st November
- Remembrance Day is Friday 11th November
- National Anti-Bullying Week takes place from 14th to 18th November. This year's theme is 'The Power for Good'
- We will all be 'Spotacular' on Friday 18th November for the BBC Children in Need Appeal
- Music concerts take place from 21st to 28th November

And then we head into Christmas ...

Keep up to date by visiting our website, viewing our online calendar and reading our weekly Newsletter.



Did you take part in the 'The Big Friendly Read' with your local library this summer? This Summer Reading Challenge 2016 runs until Saturday 17th September so there is still time to finish it. We would like to celebrate in assemblies all of our pupils who completed the challenge. Please bring in your medals and certificates to show your teacher and the rest of the school.

Bronze Arts Award Certificate Presentation Evening 28th September



As part of our **AIM@Arts** programme all Woodcroft pupils take part in an extended and enriched curriculum. Year 6 then work towards the prestigious Arts Award. This is a nationally recognised qualification issued by Trinity College London to young people



aged 11 to 25. Year 6 pupils had to submit a portfolio of work for moderation by an external college assessor. We are proud to announce that 55 pupils successfully met all of the criteria and achieved their Bronze Level Award. This qualification is the start of an educational CV and can even support college and university applications in future years! Pupils are now able to study for Silver and Gold Awards at high school. We will be holding a special presentation night on Wednesday 28th September at 5.00pm for last years Y6 to return to collect their certificates and meet up with their old classmates.

Burnt Oak Festival and Parade: Saturday 17th September

Don't forget to come along to the Burnt Oak Festival on Saturday 17th September. Woodcroft will be performing along with other **ConnectEd** schools on the main stage from around 12.15pm. Why not join us for the parade walk that starts at Edgware Hospital from 11.00am and makes its way towards Silkstream park in Burnt Oak.

A leaflet was sent out with today's newsletter that included artwork by our very own Alex (Y6) who won the design competition last term.

Uniform Reminder - smart shoes and hair please!

The majority of pupils are looking really smart in their school uniforms. However, we have noticed a small number of children who are not in black school shoes. Black trainers are not acceptable. Please also remember that hair and eyebrow carvings are not allowed in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

'The Only Way is Essex' for our Year 6 Leavers Balloon

For the second year in succession our Y6 leavers balloon has been found in Essex. This year it was returned from Braintree, 56 miles away. Take a look at the website for photos of the release and a map of the location where it was found. You can also follow the link to see last year's release.

Class Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance matters at Woodcroft. Our whole school target is to stay above 96%. As you can see, last year we didn't quite make it. Please remember that every day counts.

It is vital to be in school on time. Children can enter class at **8.45am** . A late arrival disrupts not only your own child but the rest of the class.

**2015-16
Whole School
Attendance
95.4%
Let's aim for 96%!**