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Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

- Harvest Collections
- International Day Gallery (password sent out via text)

Forthcoming Events

- ½ Term - School Closed 24th - 28th October - children return to school on Monday 31st October
- Y2 Music Festival at Woodcroft on 1st November
- Remembrance Day 11th November
- Lenny's Leap of Faith Fun Day on Saturday 12th November

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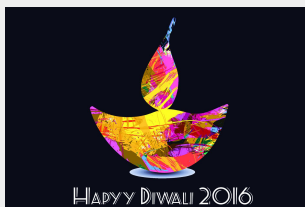
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PSHE Theme

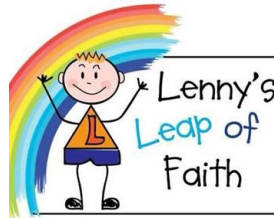
As part of our **AIM@ Curriculum** every week in school we have a theme for our assemblies and PSHE lessons.

In school we will be thinking about ...

Firework Safety & Diwali



Lenny's Leap of Faith - Fun Day on 12th November



A group of parents are organising a Family Fun Day to be held at Woodcroft on Saturday 12th November in support of 'Lenny's Leap of Faith' campaign.

Lenny, the son of our Reception Class member of staff Nina Kearns, was born 6 weeks early after a traumatic start to life. Then a brain scan and tests showed that Lenny had not been getting oxygen during birth. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and now requires a frame

and medication to enable him to walk. Unfortunately, the operation needed to enable him to walk has been removed from the NHS. Lenny's family have begun a fundraising campaign to raise the £30,000 required to pay for the operation and therapeutic physio.

Though not an official school event, a fun day will be run by a group of parents and hosted at Woodcroft from 1.00pm on Saturday 12th November. Please make a note in your diary and come along to help this worthy cause.

Woodcroft Saturday School

Saturday School Closed on October 29th

Please can parents who have enrolled their child in the Saturday School at Edgware please be aware that there will not be any lessons on Saturday October 29th.

Poor Attendance will lead to Withdrawal of Free Places

We have a very long waiting list for the Saturday school. If a pupil fails to attend without authorisation then they are at risk of losing their free place.

Winning Start to the Season - Match Report by Daniel Y6



Woodcroft started their league campaign with a well deserved victory. Last week on Thursday the 13th of October, Woodcroft had an intense football match against Barnfield. The stakes were high as it was Woodcroft's first league game. The players on the team were: Riza, Amar, Zaheer, Jibraeel, Archie, Jules, Daniel and Luca. It was a tense match, but we managed to win 3-0 due to amazing teamwork and fantastic goals. What a game!

Harvest Festival Success



Thank you to everyone for their support of our harvest food and coin collections last week. They were our most successful ever. We hope that you took the opportunity to view both displays after school. Take a look at the website if you didn't get a chance. We collected 14,381 coins, almost 2000 more than last year, in aid of 'Age UK Barnet' raising a fantastic total of **£397.63** - the highest ever total!

International Week Success - One World, One Community!



Thank you to everyone for their support of International Week. The children looked fantastic in their national dress. We also enjoyed our amazing international cake sale that raised over £200 (with some more cakes still to sell). At Woodcroft we celebrate the rich diversity that makes our school so special.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES for Year 6 and Nursery Parents

Year 6 and Nursery parents need to be aware of the application process for their child's education next year...

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications - DEADLINE 31st October



Year 6 parents need to ensure that they have submitted their secondary school applications. Please do not leave it until the last minute. If you have not submitted your form then log on to the **eAdmissions** website and do it this weekend. If you have any problems make an appointment to see Mr Tallon.

Application for Reception Class in September 2017

Children who were born between 1st September 2012 & 31st August 2013 should now be aware that the application process is now open for entry into primary Reception in September 2017. A leaflet and guide was sent home to all Nursery parents that explained the online admissions system. Please be aware that **ALL** parents **MUST** re-apply for their child's place. Being on role in Woodcroft's Nursery does not guarantee you a place in Reception. More information can be found on our website. There will also be a parent information meeting on Friday 11th November at 9.00am and again at 12.45pm for parents to attend after they have dropped their child in at Nursery. Please make your way across the playground through the blue doors to our 4D TARDIS suite.

School Uniform Name Check

Have you checked your child's uniform recently. Parents have reported that their child's named uniform has gone missing in class - however our lost property and lost uniform box is overflowing with unnamed items. Please can you check that your child hasn't accidentally got someone else's clothes by accident. Lost property is situated inside the KS2 playground door leading to Y3 & Y4.

Headlice - please check children at home



We have had a significant number of reported cases of headlice over the past couple of weeks. Please can we ask that you carefully check your child's hair for lice regularly over ½ term and obtain an approved treatment from a local chemist if any are discovered. Thank you

Have a Great ½ Term - See you again on Monday 31st October

School is closed next week, Monday 24th to Friday 28th October, for half term. We reopen on Monday 31st October. We hope that you have an enjoyable week away from school.

Conversation Café starting on 1st November

'Conversation Café' is an exciting new opportunity for parents to gain confidence and improve their spoken English. It is **FREE** and will take place on **Tuesday** mornings from **9.00am in the Oak Suite**, starting on 1st November.

- Parents work together on fun activities
- Refreshments available
- Younger children welcome
- Make new friends

Learn English



If you are interested in improving your spoken English please come along on Tuesday mornings. For more information see the posters around school or on the website 'New' section. If you have any questions please speak with Mrs. Meghji or ask at the Office.

Whole School Attendance

↑ 96.4% ↑

Attendance has improved - well done. We are above our 96% target for the whole school - keep it up!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week beginning 3rd October

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 99.7% Joint top attendance - Well Done!

KS2 Class of the week: 3J 99.7% Second week running with top attendance!

Week beginning 10th October

KS1 Class of the week: 2W 99% Great Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 5G 99.6% Well Done - Top attendance this week!