



Together Towards Success

New on the website

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

- ★ Spring Term Events
- ★ Updated Calendar
- ★ Y4 Dodgeball Tournament

Forthcoming Events

- 23/1 Chinese New Year Assembly
- 26/1 Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations
- 27/1 Barnet Netball Tournament
- 28/1 Chinese New Year
- 30/1 PC Rolfe Visit re: Safer Driving Licence Winners
- 1/2 Netball v Broadfields
- 1/2 Girls Football Borough Finals
- 3/2 AIM@ Digital Newsletter published
- w/b 6/2 Internet Safety Week
- 7/2 SID 2017 - Internet Safety Day
- 9/2 Internet Safety - Parents Workshop
- 10/2 ConnectED Coding Event at Woodcroft

Twitter

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PSHE Theme

We are thinking about ...

Going For Goals

"What are our aims and targets to improve?"

Spring Term Events

The spring term is looking as exciting as ever with lots of activities already planned. This term we will be having a number of special events:



Internet Safety Week begins on **6th February**. In addition to assemblies and lessons we will be having a special Technology Day on the 7th February and parent workshops on Thursday 9th February.



Visual Arts Week starts on Monday **20th February**. This term's theme is Fashion as the week coincides with London Fashion Week. We are planning lots of activities based around famous designers, jewellery, historical clothing, textiles, printing and international costume.

Big Read



The Big Read Week starts on **28th February** to coincide with World Book Day (on March 2nd). There will be lots of reading activities including a live theatre performance of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, plus competitions, buddy reading and storytelling sessions.



Red Nose Day is on Friday **24th March**. We will raise money through a funny fashion non-uniform day! Pupils can hilariously accessorise their clothes, dress back to front or inside out or mix and match some crazy colours. You could even come in your beach wear! Whatever you choose; the funnier the better.



The WOW Factor takes place at the end of term. Pupils will be starting to plan their acts for this year's exciting competition. Class auditions begin on 6th March with the grand final show scheduled for the evening of 29th March.

Online Calendar – There are also a host of trips, special assemblies, music concerts, activities and sporting events already booked in the diary – take a look at our online calendar on the website to keep up to date.

Boccia Tournament Champions



On Monday 16th January, a Woodcroft squad entered the Barnet Primary Boccia Tournament at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. Twenty four teams took part from across the borough. Every pupil represented the school wonderfully. We are proud to announce that a Woodcroft team were the overall champions and received gold medals for their amazing performances. Thank you to Mrs Fone and Mrs Ditchman for their coaching and support of Woodcroft Boccia Club.

Girls Football Tournament Success



Woodcroft Girls Football Team competed in the Barnet South and West competition on Wednesday 18th January. They were undefeated in the group stages and despite a narrow loss in the playoffs they have made it through to the Borough Finals in two weeks time. Well done to the entire squad and their coaches, Miss Maynard and Miss Stubbings.



Workshops for Reception and Nursery Parents



Woodcroft hosted a Phonics workshop for Reception and Nursery parents on Wednesday morning in the Oak Suite. Phonics is the

approach to teaching children the letter sounds that make up the words, then 'blending' them together to read and write. The workshop was well attended and the feedback from parents was very positive, here are some of their comments, *'Interactive with parents, interesting and understanding of how the learning process works', 'It was very useful', 'I didn't know about Phonics, so this workshop is very helpful. Thank you!' 'I'm looking forward to the next workshop.'*

A number of resources were given out at the workshop, including useful websites, letter mats, etc. These can now be found on the Early Years resource area of the Treehouse.



Future workshops and 'Stay and Play' sessions (younger siblings welcome to stay)

- Wednesday 25th January 9:00 – 10:00, Reception classes, 'Phonics modelled'
- Wednesday 1st February 9:00 – 10:00, Oak Suite, 'Maths Workshop'
- Wednesday 8th February 9:00 – 10:00, Reception classes, 'Maths modelled'
- Wednesday 22nd February 9:00 – 10:00, Oak Suite, Writing Workshop'
- Wednesday 1st March 9:00 – 10:00, Reception classes, 'Writing modelled'

Come along after dropping your children off at school and see how you can support your child at home. There will be a crèche available for younger siblings.

Woodcroft Pupil Science Council - Lava Lamp Challenge Report by Tallulah (Y6)



During December, the Pupil Science Council decided on a challenge for the rest of the school to complete. We came up with the idea of a lava lamp, and created the poster that was put up around the school. Over the course of 1 month, there were over 40 entries! We had to choose a winner - It was a very hard decision. To judge we based it on appearance and how well the lava lamp bubbled. The next challenge will be set for the Easter holiday, Good Luck!

Fruit and Veg Challenge - The Healthy Class Champions are 2L and 4B



Every term classes compete with each other to demonstrate that they are the healthiest eaters by bringing interesting fruit and veg into school. The winning class gets a fabulous fruit hamper to share between themselves and have a healthy feast! This term's outstanding winners were 2L and 4B. We hope they enjoyed their fruit.

Barnet Arts Council Open Poetry Competition - Two Woodcroft Winners!

Two of our Y6 pupils, Raluca and Maria, have just been announced as winners in the Barnet Open Poetry Competition. This was an open competition run by Barnet Arts Council with entrants coming from across North London and other counties. Both girls have been invited to a prizewinners day at The Bull Theatre in Barnet later this term, and their highly commended poems will be featured in a specially published anthology. Well done to all of the pupils from Mrs Gignac's English class who entered the competition last term.



Safer Internet - Parent Workshop on 9th February



Parents are invited to an Internet Safety presentation at 2.45pm on Thursday 9th February - Join us for ½ hour before the end of the school day to discuss the issues facing parents and children online.

This session will be part of our Internet Safety Week activities, so we urge parents to come along to find out about some helpful strategies to help protect your family online.

Attendance Matters

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 9th January

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 96% Well Done

KS1 Class of the week: 2W 98.3%% Great Attendance

KS2 Class of the week: 3J 99% TOP Attendance this week!



Whole School Attendance

95.6%

Attendance is below our target

Remember **BE ON TIME** - the school day starts at 8.45am