

# AIM@Digital News Special

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Together Towards Success

## New on the website

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

- ★ Netball Tournament Success
- ★ Police Visit to present Safer Driving Project Winner

## Forthcoming Events

- 7/2 National Safer Internet Day #SID2017
- Y5 Football Tournament
- 9/2 Internet Safety - Parents Workshop (2.45 Main Hall)
- 9/2 Netball Finals
- 9/2 Y4 Trip to V&A Museum
- 10/2 ConnectED Coding Event at Woodcroft
- 20/2 Art Week
- 22/2 Y4 Football Tournament
- 23/2 Y2 Trip to Museum of London
- 23/2 Barnet Bar No One Sports Event

### Half Term

13th to 17th February  
SCHOOL CLOSED

## Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:  
[@WPS\\_Success](https://twitter.com/WPS_Success)

## PSHE Theme

Next week we are thinking about ...

### Internet Safety

How can we keep ourselves safe online?

Today's newsletter is a special AIM@Digital issue by Mr Guest. AIM@Digital is part of our enriched and extended curriculum.

## Brain Builder Online



Have you tried our new homework app? The homework app has been up and running for a few weeks now, and we're very pleased that pupils have been viewing their Brain Builder online - some have even been submitting their work electronically! At Woodcroft, we're committed to providing the most up-to-date resources to help our pupils learn; so you and your child can access homework anytime, anywhere and from any device! No more excuses for not doing homework!

## Safer Internet Week 6th to 10th February



At Woodcroft, we are always keen to promote positive behaviour online, and next week, your child will discover how to show good manners while on the internet, with teachers discussing various aspects of online safety with their classes. Perhaps you could discuss some of these tips for good netiquette with your child to help them develop their digital wisdom? Next week, pupils will learn about how they can stay safe online and behave responsibly themselves, showing good 'netiquette' at all times. Of course, Woodcroft pupils are expected to follow The Woodcroft Code in their virtual classrooms, just as they would in any of our other classrooms. For more information, look on the Computing page of the Treehouse, or go to [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) (follow the link from the school website home page).

## Online Safety Parent Workshop



On **Thursday 9th February at 2.45pm**, we will be holding a short meeting in the hall with the aim of helping you to navigate the complex issues that children using devices present. We will show a short slideshow to highlight some of the main issues, with some practical ideas for how to help your child have a safe experience online. We'll also provide a few links to recommended websites. *We really hope that you can join us - internet safety issues affect us all and it is really important for parents to be aware of the risks.*

## AIM@Digital Badges



Our newly-launched 'digital badges' scheme was created by Woodcroft to help pupils maximise their learning in Computing, and also across the whole curriculum. Throughout an academic year, pupils will be given the chance to gather a full set of badges - check the back pages of your child's home link book so see how many awards they've gained so far. At the end of the year, pupils with a full collector card will achieve a 'digital champion' certificate to celebrate their achievements!

# Learning Resources

Look out for these great learning resources on the Woodcroft homepage.



G Suite For Education



## Learning Beyond the Classroom with GSuite

Woodcroft have been teamed up with Google for the last few years; they provide many of the very useful online tools that enable Woodcroft pupils to collaborate safely online. We're really pleased with what our pupils tell us about our online tools, and that they enable Woodcroft pupils to continue to work *'Together Towards Success'*:

**Safe** and tested - GSuite for Education

**Secure** - Woodcroft only monitored Gmail

**Share** - Google Docs - create and collaborate with work

**Storage** - Google Drive - access and share files from anywhere

**Sites** - create your own blog or website inside the Treehouse



**Khan Academy** is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to provide a free education for all. Year Six have been using this website with pupils for the past few years and have been really pleased to see how it has helped improve pupils' mathematical abilities.



**Code Studio (Code.org):** In order to be digitally literate and ready for the modern age, pupils need to develop their digital skills, and we believe the best way to prepare for a constantly evolving technological world is to learn to speak a computer language - coding! We also believe that learning the logic of computation thinking really helps a child's development.

## AIM@Digital Clubs



**Robo Club:** Computer Programming and Robotics Club, better known as 'Robo Club' started in September with lots of new members. Luckily, it didn't take us long to build our first robots, and now we're very excited to have started programming them to do some very clever things. Using our robots' sensors, they can now move around school without bumping into anything! Have a look on the Robo Club Treehouse page for pictures and videos of what we've been up to!



**Code Club** started in September this year with a very exciting piece of news! Woodcroft were one of a few primary schools to successfully apply for BBC Micro:bits (initially designed for secondary schools!). We've put them to good use: making animated name-badges; rock-paper-scissors games and we are even making a piano out of fruit! Look out for pictures on the Treehouse soon!



**Treehouse Keepers** are an enormously important part of the Woodcroft community; they keep the Woodcroft magic alive even when school is closed. The 'Keepers keep a close eye on their subject and club pages and ensure that there is always plenty to see and do when you safely go online with Woodcroft.

## Important Notices:

- ❖ **Building Works** - Thank you for your patience during the building works at the front of school. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may be causing.
- ❖ **Half Term** - School will be closed for ½ term from 13th to 17th February.
- ❖ **Art Week** - We are looking forward to celebrating the visual arts from Monday 20th February

## Whole School Attendance

↓ 95.4% ↓

Attendance is below our target of 96%

## Attendance Matters

**Class Attendance Champions:** Week beginning 23rd January 2017

**Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 93%**

**KS1 Class of the week: 1H 99.3% Good Attendance!**

**KS2 Class of the week: 3R 99.7% Top attendance this week!**

