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Together Towards Success

New on the website

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

- ★ Festival Weekend
- ★ Tri-Gold Champions
- ★ Y1 Science Challenge (Science Page)

Forthcoming Events

Half Term Holiday

29th May to 2nd June (School Closed)

School Closed for

Staff Training on Monday 5th June

Pupils return on Tuesday 6th June

6/6 Spanish Workshop at Colindale Primary
6/6 Y1 & Y2 Puppet Show Performance
7/6 Kwik Cricket Team - Tournament at Old Elizabethan
7/6 Konflux Theatre Group Road Safety Workshop in Y3
9/6 New to Reception Meeting at 9.15am for Parents with pupils starting in September

Twitter

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PSHE Theme

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Changes

Half Term Break - Pupils Return on Tuesday 6th June

We hope that you all have a good half term break next week. The pupils have worked hard this term and have done very well in their year group tests. Year 2 and Year 6 deserve a special mention for their excellent approach to the Key Stage SATs Tests. These national assessments are used to measure attainment and progress and are important milestones in their educational careers. Well done to all of the pupils and we look forward to receiving their results later this term.

Brilliant Barnet Bar No One



Well done to the Woodcroft squad that joined students from 13 schools across **Allianz Park** Barnet; taking part in the **Barnet Bar No**

One sports event with enthusiasm and energy. Allianz Park hosted the event on their indoor track and the pupils got a taste of many different sports. Congratulations to the following pupils who were all awarded Barnet School Sports Partnership certificates of achievement in assembly: Nico, Lumiere, Annette, Chloe, Dylan, Esther, Bradley, Ryan, Michelle, Bailey, Tyler, Bruno, Queen, Lynne and Farhaan.

Late arrivals MUST report to the Office for pupil safety



If a pupil arrives after 8.55am and the morning bell has rung staff close the doors into classrooms. It is crucial that ALL pupils report to the school office. After this time teachers have taken register and sent them down to the office. If your child goes directly into class after 8.55am without reporting to the office then they may miss being marked as present on the register. In the event of a fire they would therefore not be checked and accounted for. Can we ask that parents do not vent their frustrations about being late on morning door duty staff. These adults are following instructions and doing their jobs in the best interests of your children.

Passport and Visa Applications



We would like to remind parents that it is school policy **NOT** to sign passports or visa applications after the ½ term break. School staff will **NOT** now countersign applications until September.

Sainsbury's Vouchers



This year's scheme has now finished. Please bring in any remaining vouchers as we will now begin counting these.

Nursery Places for September 2017

Childcare Choices Did you know Woodcroft Nursery will be supporting the Government's new 30 hour free childcare initiative in September. Infact, all of our Nursery parents are able to access up to 32 ½ hours of childcare through a mixture of free entitlement and paid for 'top-up' sessions. We still have a few places remaining for September. If you know any family still looking for a place please give them the Nursery poster distributed with today's newsletter. Thank you.

Visual Arts Week

After half term classes will be taking part in our 3rd termly Visual Arts Week - look out for more information after half term

The Year 3 Trip to Sea Life Aquarium in London: Report by Brooke and Elsa



On Friday 19th May Year 3 went to Sea Life Aquarium in London. When we entered the aquarium we walked over to the sharks and fish which was scary. After a while we all got to touch the starfish. Did you know that the starfish's eyes are on the tips of its hands and legs? We also learned that seahorses flap their ears 70 times per minute. 3R completed a workshop with a teacher called Jess who taught us facts about penguins and seahorses. We all had a great day at the aquarium and we recommend that you go too!

By Brooke and Elsa

Sealife London Vouchers

If you are thinking about visiting the London Aquarium over the ½ term break we have been provided with a number of 50% off vouchers that can be collected from the school office.

Suitable Sun Hats in School



As the weather improves we recommend that children wear hats at breaktimes as part of their sunsafe behaviour. However, can we remind parents that caps should be appropriate for school. That means they should be plain and without bold logos. We do not allow graffiti style caps or the latest 'Snapback' or sports design hats. These are expensive fashion items and have caused problems in the past. They also do not follow our school uniform code.

National Minute's Silence

Woodcroft pupils and staff joined the National Minute's Silence on Thursday at 11.00am to remember the victims of the Manchester attack.

UK Terrorism Threat

You will have seen on the news that the UK's terrorism threat level has moved up from severe to critical. All members of the public are being asked to remain calm but alert and are advised that if you see anything that causes immediate concern it should be reported to the police.

School Lock Down Policy

Following Government guidance, staff and governors at Woodcroft have developed a lockdown policy to ensure pupils remain safe in the unlikely event of an intruder on site or incident in the locality. After ½ term pupils will practice these procedures. We do not wish to alarm or frighten children so they will be informed ahead of any practice that it is taking place. I shall also inform parents on the day the practice happens so that you can reassure your children if they express concern at home.

Whole School Attendance

⇒ 95.5% ⇐

Attendance is below our target of 96%

Attendance Matters

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 8th May

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 91.2%% Excellent!

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 99% Excellent - Top Attendance !KS2

Class of the week: 6G 98.7% Well done!

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

