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#AIMvalues



New on the website

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

- Ofsted Inspection

Forthcoming Events

Check out our online diary for a full termly schedule.

January

- ★ 14th 'Bike It' Launch
- ★ Ofsted Report
- ★ 17th Y6 Power League Football Tournament
- ★ 18th Football Match v Broadfields (Away) 3.30pm
- ★ 22nd Y1 Oral Health Workshops
- ★ 25th Reception trip to Radlett Theatre
- ★ 28th Resilience Week
- ★ 29th Netball tournament
- ★ 31st Girls Football tournament

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:
@WPS_Success

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about

Dreams & Aspirations



Happy New Year

Welcome back to the start of a new term. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday break. I would like to welcome Miss Gibson on to the school's teaching staff. Miss Gibson has taken over responsibility for 4T following the departure of Mr Thomson.

You may remember that Woodcroft was visited by an Ofsted Inspector before Christmas. This was a routine, short, inspection for 'good' schools and was to verify that standards remain consistent. I have been notified by Ofsted that the report will be published next week.

I have included in today's news a list of some highlights to look out for this term. However, don't forget to check our online school diary. This can be accessed via our website.

A reminder that Nursery parents must ensure that they have completed the application for Reception Class by next week's Tuesday 15th deadline.

Finally, next Friday you will receive copies of your child's year group curriculum and information newsletters so there will not be an issue of Woodcroft Weekly.

Happy New Year!

Mr Tallon

Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?

School budgets have been significantly cut in recent years. Did you know that we are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra **£1320** for every pupil who is eligible so it is vital that the school knows who qualifies.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are **NOT** told who qualifies – we rely on parents informing the school.

You are eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following...

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (*provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190*)
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In these times of drastic cuts to school budgets it is essential that Woodcroft receives the maximum funding. Please speak with our Office staff if you think you may qualify.

Barnet Council is Seeking Your Views on the Council's 2019/20 Budget



Barnet Council are keen to give everyone – Barnet residents and those who use council services, businesses, and local community groups – the opportunity to have their say on our proposals. In particular, they are seeking your views on:

- the overall budget and savings for 2019/20
- proposals for General Council Tax
- how to bridge the remaining budget gap from 2020 to 2024.

They also want to give you an opportunity to suggest alternative ways we could meet the challenges ahead. The findings from the consultation will be considered before the final budget is agreed by Full Council in March 2019.

To give your view please take the time to read our [consultation document](#) at

<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/1282/documents/1265>

before completing our online questionnaire by visiting www.engage.barnet.gov.uk

If you require a paper copy of the consultation document and questionnaire, please call the Consultation Team on 020 8359 7016.

Reminder for Nursery Parents: Reception Application Deadline is TUESDAY

Applications for Reception class starting in September (2019) need to be completed before this Tuesday **15th January 2019**. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery does not guarantee automatic entry in Reception. Our school website has been updated with all of the latest information and downloads. Please ask Nursery staff for an admissions guide if you need more information.

Clubs

Reminder: Clubs will restart next week - beginning Monday 14th January 2019.

Car Park Entrance

Can we remind parents and carers that we have an agreement that cars are not allowed down the Wolsey Grove (back car park) entrance when dropping off children. This is for the safety of ALL children. This is also to respect our neighbours and prevents the school entrance being blocked for staff, deliveries or emergency services. Please do not use this part of Wolsey Grove. Thank you.

Science Challenge

There is still time to enter the Winter Science Challenge and win a prize! Take a look at the poster attached to this week's newsletter.



The Birthday Book Club

Thank you to the pupils who have had recent birthdays and joined our Birthday Book Club by donating a special book for the class and library.



We all wish a very happy birthday to ...

***Stefan (Reception) age 5, Kriththika (Y3) age 8, Eric (Reception) age 5
Melanie (Y1) age 6, Nawaal (Y4) age 9***

**Whole School
Attendance**

96%

ON TARGET 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 17th December 2018

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 97.5% Excellent Attendance

KS2 Class of the week: 5R 99.7% Well done! TOP CLASS

Who will be the class attendance champions for the Autumn Term? The winners will be announced in assembly next week!

Winter Science Challenge



Enter our first Science Council Challenge Competition of the academic year!

The theme for the challenge is "**Become a Scientist**".

The Challenge

Carry out a science related activity of your choice on the theme of WINTER!

Then to enter the competition all you need to do is record it, or bring the evidence in to school or share it with Miss Stubbings before **Friday 18th January 2019!**

The most impressive, winter themed experiments will win a prize!

Good luck to all of you budding scientists!

For ideas, and over 30 experiments to try out, visit:

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/winter-stem-activities/>

Here are just a few of the experiments you could try from this website ...

- ★Ice Lanterns
- ★Melting Snowman
- ★Confetti Cannon
- ★Fake Snow
- ★Crystal growing
- ★Frozen Bubbles
- ★Snowball Bath Bombs
- ★Winter Lava Lamps
- ★Snow storms in a jar
- ★Ice Castles
- ★Ice Magnifying Glass
- ★Symmetrical Snowflakes

Have Fun and Good Luck



Exciting Events for the Spring Term

Take a look at just some of the highlights coming up this term...

'Bike It' Launch - 14th January

Woodcroft has teamed up with national charity Sustrans to promote cycling!

WEBB Resilience Week - from 28th January

Woodcroft has formed a partnership with Edgware, Barnfield and Broadfields Primaries called **WEBB**. Staff have worked together to plan a week of well-being activities to support pupil resilience.

Safer Internet Day #SID2019 'Together for a better Internet' - 5th February

#OurInternetOurChoice

The BIG READ 2019 - starts 4th March.

This year's theme is **exciting journeys!**

Competitions, art projects, challenges, extreme reading, storytelling and lots more

M&M Theatre perform Alice in Wonderland - 5th March

A classic story brought to life at school.

World Book Day - 7th March

Celebrate stories. Love reading.

The Great Big Dance Off 2018 - 7th March

This year's team perform on the big stage for the first time!

British Science Week - 8th March

We are taking part in the UK's biggest celebration of science #BSW19 - we continue with the theme of 'Journeys'!

8th March is also the BIG Read Non Uniform Day! What will be this year's theme?

Barnet Dance Festival at the ArtsDepot - 14th March

Our dancers take to the stage again.

Comic Relief Day - 15th March

Red Nose Day is back! This year's theme is 'Let's Get Red'y To Help Other' - you guessed it - We are going to dress in as much red as possible!

Year 3 Tate Project - 28th March

Year 3 continue their collaboration with the Tate Gallery as an Ambassador School.

The WOW Factor Final - 2nd April

The Woodcroft's talent showcase returns for another amazing year!

In addition to these fantastic events we will also be competing in a host of sporting tournaments. Classes will be going on trips to museums, theatres, concerts and exhibitions. A Book Fair will be in school from 18th March and parents evenings will be held on 19th and 21st March.



Lots of opportunities to live our **#AIMvalues** because having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atters at Woodcroft!