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New on the website

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

- Term Dates
- Wembley Trip
- New Dinner Menus

Forthcoming Events

Half Term 27 May to 3 June
Pupils return on Tuesday 4th June

June

4/6 Great Big Dance Off National Finals
5/6 Y6 Bushcraft Residential
7/6 Ocean Day in the dining hall
w/b 10/6 Y1 Phonics Screening
10/6 Y4 & Y5 visit Unitas
10/6 Y6 Drumming Workshop
14/6 Y6 Junior Citizenship Day

14/6 Passport Signing Deadline - the school will NOT sign any passport documents after 14th June.

18/6 KS2 Music Festival for the Choir at the ArtsDepot
21/6 Nursery Trip
21/6 Y4 Trip
Y5&Y6 Football Tournament.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:

 @WPS_Success

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about:

Rights and Responsibilities

Half Term Break

Can we remind parents that children will be on Half Term school break from 27th May. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 4th June (not Monday). All dates can be checked using our online school calendar via the website.

Copies of the 2019 - 2020 Term dates are also available on our website:

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Foundation Stage Stay and Play to continue every Wednesday



The series of workshops on Early Years Maths, Writing and Phonics have now finished. The feedback from parents was very positive. Particularly enjoyable were the 'Stay & Play' sessions, where parents were invited to come along to the Foundation Stage Setting between 9:00 - 10:00 on Wednesday to see a demonstration lesson. As this has proved

so popular we would like to extend the invitation for parents to continue to come along and join their child on Wednesdays from 8.45 - 10:00am.

Unitas Youth Zone - how to get a sneak peak!



Unitas Youth Zone is proud to announce that they are soon to open their doors to thousands of local young people 7 days a week – giving them access to world class facilities and brilliant activities outside of school hours for just 50p per visit. Year 6 were invited to visit today, then Y4 & Y5 get their chance on 10th June. The **Grand Opening Day is on Sunday 23rd June** but before that they have a number of taster events outlined below. Also, if your child registers in advance they will be offered tickets to special pre-opening VIP evenings.

- **Saturday 8th June – 11am – 3pm- Local Community Day**
- **Sunday 23rd June – 11am to 2pm – Grand Opening Day**

For any pupil, who would like to become a member, it is quick and easy to sign up at:

<https://www.unitasyouthzone.org/young-people/membership/>

Woodcroft Staff on Tour in Portugal!



Woodcroft is part of a European education project with colleagues from Italy, Portugal, Romania and Belgium. This EU funded initiative enables 10 staff to participate in professional development sessions in

each country. Our first group of five travelled to Porto this week and tell us that they worked really, really hard. Take a look at our Twitter for more evidence. A second group of dedicated staff head off for part two after half term.



Fantastic 5 Star Rating for the School Kitchen



You will be pleased to know that our school kitchen was visited by the environmental health inspectors this week and gained the TOP Food Hygiene Rating of 5. A top rating of 5 reflects the excellent standards that are being maintained on our premises. Well done to all of the kitchen staff for their hard work and dedication.

The Lost Words Writing Competition



The Mayor's Office, in association with the charity Trees For Cities have distributed a book called 'The Lost Words' to every primary school in the capital. The book is a series of beautifully illustrated acrostic poems. Each poem is based around a word from nature that has been removed



for the latest edition of the Oxford Junior Dictionary. Over Half Term we would like the pupils to write their own Lost Words Acrostic Poem - it's easy! Choose any word from nature (it doesn't have to be a lost word), write an acrostic poem and decorate your page with a picture. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries in each class.

Xplore Clubs at Burnt Oak Leisure



On Monday, pupils in KS1 and KS2 were visited by Yinka and George from the Barnet Explore Project. They told us all about a FREE Healthy Lifestyles Club every Wednesday after school at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. If you are interested in enrolling your child contact the team on xplore.barnet@gll.org or 02084579907. Leaflets are also available.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer Information

Parent and carers of Year 5 pupils attended a meeting last Thursday evening (16th May) all about the transfer to secondary school in 2020! If you were unable to attend please collect the information sheets from the office. Further updates will be provided in due course as they become available.

Passport and Visa Applications Deadline: Friday 14th June



If you are planning to renew your passport and were thinking of asking a school staff member to verify your identity please ensure that you do so before Friday 14th June. *Please do not ask after this date as school staff will politely decline.* This is to allow sufficient time for Home Office checks to be carried out that often involve school being required to send additional evidence.

Year 6 'Bushcraft' Adventure Camp



Year 6 head off on their annual wild adventure camp after half term. They will be spending their week in the woods, under canvas, for a true back-to-nature experience that they will never forget.

Please note: There will not be an issue of Woodcroft Weekly on 7th June due to the residential trip.

The Birthday Book Club



Thank you to the pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and joined the Birthday Book Club by donating books for the Library.



Happy Birthday to ...

Sophie (Reception) age 5, Jodie Marie (Year 2) age 7, Zahra (Year 3) age 8

Whole School Attendance

↑ 95.6% ↑

Creeping up! We are still aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 13th May 2019

KS1 Class of the week: 1D 98.2% Excellent

KS2 Class of the week: 6G & 6B 100% Well Done - TOP ATTENDANCE!

SCHOOLSAFE MESSAGE

Parents were sent a text yesterday evening that included a SchoolSafe message. SchoolSafe is the official system for the reporting and distribution of safety messages. It is coordinated by the London Borough of Barnet Safeguarding Team and The Police. Rest assured, when parents report concerns to us about incidents outside of school that can affect pupil safety we follow clear SchoolSafe reporting protocols. If you receive a SchoolSafe Message you know that it has been validated by the police and should be taken seriously.

Thank you

SCHOOLSAFE MESSAGE

Schools have been asked to distribute this message by Barnet Local Authority and The Police. This is an official SchoolSafe message.

For parents in all schools in Barnet

A couple of pupils from a Barnet primary school have recently experienced an incident which they perceived to be a 'stranger danger' incident. The police are currently investigating.

Please use this as an opportunity to remind and rehearse with your children the rules they should apply if they feel they are in any danger.

Stranger danger rules:

- Never go anywhere with a stranger.
- Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger.
- Never get in a car with a stranger.
- Always tell a trusted adult if you think something bad happened or might happen.
- Never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult.
- Tell your child it is okay to break the rules if they are in danger.

SchoolSafe Procedure for Primary Schools

SchoolSafe is a system that enables schools to share and distribute information regarding student safety in the school's vicinity. It is coordinated by the London Borough of Barnet Safeguarding Team.