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## Our New and Improved Treehouse is Relaunched!

As part of Woodcroft's commitment to providing your child with the very best Computing curriculum, we are extremely proud to announce the relaunch of '**Treehouse**', our online learning platform.  We have teamed up with Realsmart and Google to give it a thorough overhaul and provide:

★ A new improved school website - **woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk**
★ A much easier to use online virtual learning environment (The Treehouse)
★ Safe access to a powerul suite of Google Apps for Education

## Learning Beyond the Classroom with GAfE

Your child will have received their new login details this week. We hope that you will enjoy some of the amazing new features which will enhance your child's learning beyond the classroom, and help equip them with the digital wisdom they need to thrive in an increasingly technological world.  Here are just a few of the features our pupils can now enjoy:

**Safe** and tested - Google Apps for Education (GAfE)
**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 'google' website inside the Treehouse

**Education City**
Your child now has home access to hundreds of learning resources which they can enjoy.  Teachers can set activities and get reports to help them assess your child's learning.

**Khan Academy**
Year 6 have been getting to grips with Khan Academy, a free online learning portal.  Some children have earned over 200,000 points so far and are really enjoying challenging each others' learning!

**Espresso Coding**
As part of the new Computing Curriculum, all Woodcroft pupils have been learning a new language - coding! In order to be digitally literate and ready for the modern age, pupils need to develop their digital literacy.  Hopefully you will soon be able to see some of the apps that your children have created appearing on your tablet computers at home!

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## Esafety

This week teachers have discussed various aspects of Esafety with their classes. All pupils will consider 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 well-equipped classrooms. For more information, look on the Computing page of the Treehouse, or go to [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](www.thinkuknow.co.uk) (follow the link from the school website home page).

## Anti-Bullying Week 17th to 21st November

This week was the annual National Anti-Bullying Week and at Woodcroft we are always keen to promote positive behaviour.  The week allowed teachers to focus on teaching pupils how to behave online. They also learned that bullying can happen online as well as elsewhere.

## A Guide to Good Netiquette

What is good netiquette? It's the online version of good manners of course! This week, your child discovered to show good manners while on the internet.  Perhaps you could discuss some of these tips for good netiquette with your child to help them develop their digital wisdom.

## Treehouse Keepers - Pupil Leadership Group

Woodcroft has its very own squad of computer experts - our pupil Treehouse Keepers.

This term the new Treehouse Keepers have been busy creating online content on the new virtual learning environment (VLE).  All of the 'Keepers have a curriculum area for which they act as online editors and they are committed to making the Treehouse a fun and engaging online classroom.  They started the week by collaborating to produce a wonderful assembly for KS1 and KS2 to launch the new Treehouse and highlight ways in which your children can stay safe online.  Have a look on the Treehouse with your child to see what they have been up to.

## Robo Club

Some of our pupils have been developing their engineering and computer programming skills in our Computer Programming and Robotics Club, better known as 'Robo Club'.  We have looked at a range of different programming tools, and at present we are building robots using Lego Mindstorms EV3.  We even have a finished robot arm that is currently being programmed.  We will post images on the website soon, so look out for updates.