

## What a Week at Woodcroft!

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# Woodcroft News

It has certainly been an interesting week for the staff and pupils at Woodcroft! We have had discos, inspections, awards and sports matches...

### **Winter Ball Fun**

First of all, thank you to Friends of Woodcroft and our parent helpers for organising the Winter Ball with Mr Raw on Monday. They had to run it all without any teachers present because we had just received a call from Ofsted that afternoon and need to get things ready!

### **Ofsted Inspection**

On Tuesday and Wednesday we were visited by a team of Ofsted Inspectors who carried out a thorough inspection of teaching and learning at our school. We will receive their report in about two weeks, hopefully before the Christmas break.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Woodcroft community for their support during the inspection. All of our staff, governors and families were positive and welcoming to the Ofsted team. However, I reserve the biggest praise for all of the pupils who were fantastic throughout the inspection and showed real pride in their school.

We are not allowed to inform parents of the Ofsted judgement, you will have to wait for the report!

### **National Music Award**

Also on Tuesday we were notified that Woodcroft has been shortlisted for a prestigious national music excellence award. When you consider that the National Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC are also on the shortlist I think that it puts the importance and stature of this nomination into perspective!

Well done to Ms Sherring, the pupils and all of our music tutors for having their hard work and achievements recognised nationally, and to be shortlisted against 1000's of nominations. The gala ceremony is in March, so we will keep you posted on any developments. Keep an eye on the links posted on our website for more information.

### **Football Victory**



Well done to the Football team who notched up a second consecutive victory in impressive style, with an 8-0 win over Goldbeaters. Well done to all of the squad and coach, Mr Judd. I must also thank Mrs Clarke and Mrs Vanner for stepping in as assistant managers at the last minute when Mr Judd was taken ill during the school day. Rumour has it that they are considering taking on the role full time following their impressive result.

***All in all, it has been quite an eventful week, even for Woodcroft!***

### Attendance Awards: for week beginning 1st December

★ KS1 Class of the week: **2L and 2M (both 92.7% )**- Good Attendance!

★ KS2 Class of the week: **5M (98%)** - Very good!

↑ **Whole school attendance is now 95%%** ↑ ...and is slowly improving.

☹ *We must be punctual, 79 late tickets were issued last week.* ☹

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# Friends of Woodcroft Table Top Sale

Friends of Woodcroft are hosting their annual Christmas Table Top Sale. If you would like to book a table to sell your own items, clear some space before Christmas and raise some money then please contact the school office.

12th December from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

**Book a table and sell your own items**

- ◆ **Small Tables £2.50 Large Tables £5.00**

**Lots of other stalls on the day:**

- ◆ **Tombola**
- ◆ **Photos with Santa**
- ◆ **Games**

**Contact Mrs Sharpe in the school office for more information on 02089593244**



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## Christmas Cards

The Christmas Post Box was put out in the foyer on Monday. We ask that all cards are distributed using the post-box as children are not allowed to hand them out during the school day. Please put all envelopes in the bins.

## Christmas Card Charity Appeal





Every year we support the Great Ormond Street Christmas Charity Appeal. Children can bring in a donation for their class GOSH Box and then write a seasonal message that goes onto a special festive poster. If you are eco-conscious this can replace traditional cards. Children would then write one message to the whole class and then give to the charity box what they would have spent on cards!

Alternatively, it can be done in addition to handing out personal cards.

## Festive Message Newsletter



Every year I publish a special edition newsletter that contains messages from the whole school community. Everyone can contribute; pupils, parents, staff and governors! Instead of sending cards to school staff, why not write one single message for the newsletter and then send it into the office with a small donation for GOSH. Use the space at the bottom of the page to write your message.

	<i>Festive Message</i>	
	<i>From</i>	

**FREE ESOL ENGLISH COURSE FOR MOTHERS**

I am delighted to announce that Woodcroft has been successful in becoming involved with an exciting new adult learning project. In association with the London Mayor and the European Integration Fund. This Course will run two morning per week from January until May. I have included a flyer with this newsletter. If you are interested in taking part, or would like more information, please enquire at the school office. More details will be sent out in due course.



## Christmas Notice Board

**December dates:**

- 8th Y2 Christmas Performance To Families 2.00pm
- 10th Y1 Christmas Performance To Families 2.00pm
- 11th Little Oaks Christmas Party from 9.00am
- 11th Foundation Stage Performance to Families 2.00pm (inc. Afternoon Nursery)
- 12th Foundation Stage Performance To Families 9.30am (inc. Morning Nursery)
- 15th Y2, Y3 & Y4 Parties (*all classes will send out further information about food and drink, etc*)
- 16th Y1, Y5 Parties (*all classes will send out further information about food and drink, etc*)
- 17th Christmas Lunch (No extra orders can now be taken, every child will receive a Christmas cracker including those on packed lunch)
- 17th Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception Parties)
- 18th Christmas Panto
- 18th Y6 Christmas Party
- 18th Nursery Last Day
- 19th Toy Day



**19th Last day of term - School closes at 2.00pm**



### **Achievements**

**Piano Exam:** Well done Debra (Y5) who passed her Grade 3 piano examination this week with distinction. Well done this is a good achievement.

**Poppy Appeal:** We have received thanks for raising **£90.13** through the recent poppy appeal.

**Children In Need 2014:** well done for help to raising and heroic **£331** for Children In Need

### Woodcroft Web Updates

Woodcroft launched its new website at the start of term - we have now uploaded lots of content all about the school. Recent new items include:

- ★ Music Concert Photographs (Gallery)
- ★ English and Phonics Guidance (Curriculum > English)
- ★ Woodcroft Weekly News (News > Weekly News)

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