### **Special Visitors to Woodcroft**

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We endeavour to provide pupils with the best experiences at Woodcroft and over the past week we have welcomed two special visitors; Bryn Court, movie sculptor and Ollie Tunmer, West End 'Stomp' performer. You can see photographs of both visits on the 'home page' of our school website www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk

Bryn, an ex-pupil, told us about his early life as a pupil at Woodcroft, and how he achieved his dream to become a sculptor. He went on to show us examples of his work in movies that

Together Towards Success ranged from James Bond to Batman. Bryn is most famous for Harry Potter. He has been involved in every film in the series, becoming

Head Sculptor. Take a look at our website to see his latest creation at Universal Studios in Orlando!



Yesterday, we were treated to a body percussion workshop by Ollie Tunmer, West End Stage star. Ollie came to Woodcroft to work especially with our Year 4 classes who are taking part in an exciting arts project organised by the BBC called 'Ten Pieces'.

However, he also performed in two assemblies and taught the whole school some body percussion techniques.

**Ten Pieces** is an exciting new initiative for Key Stage 2 pupils, led by BBC focusing on classical music and creativity. Ten Pieces aims to open up the world of classical music to children – and inspire them to develop their own creative responses to the pieces through music, dance or digital art. The project will culminate in an exciting national finale later this year. It forms part of our Arts Award curriculum at Woodcroft.Find out more at: bbc.co.uk/tenpieces

# Be The Best You Can Be 2015

We welcome another visitor to Woodcroft on Monday, this time a



Be the Best you can Be

familiar face. Ian Rose, Paralympic and World Judo Champion, will be back in school to launch this year's 'Be The Best You Can Be' programme. Ian will be speaking in assembly and visiting classes to encourage pupils to have a dream and plan how to achieve it. We will keep you up to date with all of our BTBYCB activities through

our website and newsletter.

A 'Be The Best' brainbuilder homework will be sent home this week. Please take time to work through the activities with your child.

#### Attendance Awards: for week beginning 12/1/15

★KS1 Class of the week: 1V(97.2%) - Good Attendance!

★KS2 Class of the week: 5V (98.6%) - Almost Perfect!

↑ Whole school attendance has now increased to 95% ↑

 $\otimes$  We must be punctual, 78 late tickets were issued last week  $\otimes$ 

## Nursery Places 2015 - Apply at the school office

Will your child be 3 years old in September? If so you need to apply for your place in our Nursery class. Nursery applications are made directly to the school, and NOT via the Local Authority.

#### Flexible Nursery Entitlement (15 hours)

Nursery is considered to be a vital part of our Early Years provision. Woodcroft Nursery has a maximum capacity of 52 places. Pupils are entitled to 15 hours free provision per week. Parents are consulted and we endeavour to match the needs of the family with an appropriate offer of provision. This can be through a variety of flexible arrangements, such as:

- Five 3 hour sessions per week
- Three five hour sessions per week
- Four 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour sessions and one full day

#### Additional 'charged' Sessions

In addition to a child's 15 hours of free entitlement, Woodcroft Nursery is able to provide extra 3 hour sessions of Nursery care at a rate of £16.50.

For more information...http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions/

## Friends of Woodcroft Raffle...Win an



Friends of Woodcroft are organising a very special raffle to win an iPad mini. They are raising funds to support our **J-Rock** Dance Club who are again competing in this year's Rock Challenge competition. We have successfully made it through to the southern finals on the last two occasions, and this year's crew are working hard to emulate our previous success. However, transport, make-up and costumes all cost money. Friends of Woodcroft kindly help out every year with the fundraising support.

Tickets are on sale now, priced £1.00 per strip, from the J-Rock Club or on the playground at 3.15pm. Please pick up some tickets for a chance to win this fantastic prize and help our pupils take part in this prestigious national competition.

### National Breakfast Week 25 - 31 January 2015

Breakfast Week is just around the corner, starting 25th January to celebrate the most important meal of the day.

Don't forget that Woodcroft **Breakfast Club** runs every day from 8.00am serving hot cooked breakfasts, cereal and toast - all for 95p! Speak to Mrs Clark or the office for more information and to register your child.

## Woodcroft Web Updates

Recent new items on the website include:

- \* Ollie Tunmer body percussion workshops (Home Page and Gallery > 2014-15)
- \* National Music Award nomination for Woodcroft (Home)
- ★ Chess Club Information (Information > School Clubs > Chess)
- ★ Spring Term Diary (Information > Parent Diary dates)
- ★ Ofsted Report (Home >)
- Year Group Curriculum Newsletter and Woodcroft Weekly Newsletter (News)

Always keep yourself up to date by visiting woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk

