

## ISSUE 198

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### Sad News

We start today's newsletter with some very sad news. Sharon Williams, our Breakfast Club Assistant, died unexpectedly while in hospital.

Sharon has been part of the Woodcroft Community all of her life. She was a pupil at the school herself, sent both her daughters, Gemma and Kasey, to Woodcroft, and then has worked in our breakfast club for many years!

It was with great sadness that we attended her funeral today at Hendon Crematorium.



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# Woodcroft News



Sharon holding the star while at school in a Woodcroft nativity

The family requested not to have flowers at the funeral, but would rather people made a donation to two of Sharon's favoured charities; the British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. We shall display a memorial to Sharon in our foyer next week. There will be a book of remembrance open for any one who knew Sharon to sign or write a few words. We will also have a collection box in the school office for anyone who would like to contribute.

Sharon was a loving mum and grandmother, who also cared for her own elderly mother. She devoted her life to children working both at Woodcroft and Barnfield Schools and helping support the education hundreds of pupils who would have known her. She also served the local community over many years of devoted service at St Alphage Church.

Sharon will be missed greatly by those who knew her. Our thoughts are now with her family at this very sad time.

#### Attendance Awards: for week beginning 2/3/15

- ★ KS1 Class of the week: 2L (97.7% )- Good Attendance!
- ★ KS2 Class of the week: 3C (99%) - an almost PERFECT week!

**↑ Whole school attendance is now 95.2% ↑**

Attendance continues to improving - we are edging closer to 96%

**58** children arrived late last week. This is better but still not good enough!

## BTBYCB in a Freestyle Football lesson with 'THE WOODY'



Paul Wood, Football Freestyler, who has appeared on Britain's Got Talent and who is the only official freestyler of UEFA is returning to Woodcroft on Thursday 19th March to give a special football lesson to a lucky few! Teachers will be choosing one boy and one girl from each class, Year 2 to Year 6 who have shown excellent behaviour and have tried to, 'Be the Best they can Be!' Will you be the lucky boy or girl from your class? Chosen pupils will need to bring in their football kits on the day. Have a look at Paul's amazing achievements and skills on his website, [www.paulwoodfreestyle.com](http://www.paulwoodfreestyle.com). A flyer with details of how you can find out more about Paul's lessons and events will go out on the day.



## Sainsbury's Active Kids Scheme 2015



Active Kids vouchers can be collected from 28 January until 5 May 2015 at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online. One voucher is earned for every £10 spent in a single transaction at Sainsbury's Supermarkets. Get your friends and family to help collect the vouchers which we exchange for sports equipment.

## Solar Eclipse



On Friday 20 March, starting at 8.21am and lasting until 10.41am, there will be a solar eclipse, visible in London. The moon will not block out the entire Sun but around 85% will be covered. This is a rare event, the next opportunity to see an eclipse in London will be 2026! Please check the school website for information regarding safe practice when viewing; remember to **NEVER** look directly at the Sun.

## Wow Factor is Coming

Our Annual talent show - the Woodcroft WOW Factor will take place next Tuesday 17th March. Entry to the exclusive evening show is by **invitation only** to the family and friends of the finalists. If you have been lucky enough to take part in the past you will know what an excellent event this always is. Three acts from each Year Group have won through to the finals. We will know on Tuesday the WOW Factor winner, but they will need to be '**The Best That They Can Be!**'



## Year 5 Viking Assembly

Year 5 Families were treated to an epic assembly on Thursday when the year group managed to cover the entire National Curriculum in 30 minutes! They performed songs, dances and drama, read stories, played instruments, showed artwork and told us both historical and geographical facts. They had even made a movie and presented their own gymnastic routines. We never realised that the Vikings were so cross curricular! The pupils and staff have worked very hard on this assembly - well done Year 5!



## Woodcroft Bikers News #2

Hilary Campbell from Sustrans supported pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 so that they were able to '**Ditch their Stabilisers**' through an intensive one hour cycling session on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to those that took part.

**Bikers Breakfast:** Woodcroft held its first bikers breakfast this week to encourage safe cycling. We had over 20 cyclists arrive with their bikes and enjoy a complimentary breakfast of fruit, yogurt, flap jacks and brioche. The pupils also got to make their own fresh fruit smoothie using pedal power on the 'Smoothie Bike!' The event is part of our 'Bike It' programme in association with Sustrans. Visit our website to view our Bike It Gallery of photos from some of the cycling events we are running this year.

**Bike Control** training will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March for Year 4 pupils**, and then on Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> March for Year 3**. They will be practising their balancing, braking and bike control skills to enable them to become more skilful and safer cyclists through a series of fun and exciting cycling games.

*Look out for more cycling events taking place at Woodcroft during the summer term! If you have any questions about our **Bike It** programme please speak with Mrs Valoti.*



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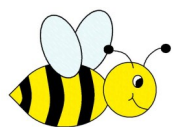
## Do Something Funny For Money and Accessorise Your Head!

For this year's Red Nose Day we all decorated our hair, painted our faces or wore funny hats and wigs. Children also came to school in non-uniform with a donation for Comic Relief. Look out on the website for some photos of the day.

### Year 3 Chicks

Year 3 bid farewell to their chicks today. Twenty eggs arrived last week and the pupils in year 3 have enjoyed observing them hatch, grow and develop. They have learned valuable lessons about life cycles, animal care and also about business enterprise. They were sad to say goodbye, but will remember these lessons for a long time!

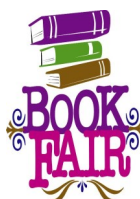
### Dance Festival



Woodcroft's J Rock Club took to the stage at the Finchley Arts Depot on Tuesday night and wowed the audience with an outstanding performance of their latest dance, 'A Sting In The Tale'. Well done to all of the dancers and support staff for creating this outstanding dance routine. The group are pictured on our website in full costume just before they performed.

### Spring Bookfair: 16th - 20th March

The Spring Bookfair will run from Monday 16th March until Friday 20th March from 3.15pm each day in the main hall. There will be a wide selection of books available, covering all ages from Nursery to young teenage. The **World Book Day vouchers** can be used, entitling you to **£1 off** any book. Please come and support us - we can claim free books for the school library if we sell over £100 worth of books!



### Complaints About Dangerous and Irresponsible Car Parking

We have received a number of complaints from both parents and neighbours about car drivers parking irresponsibly on the pavements when dropping off or collecting their children. We have received reports of cars parking across pavements preventing young children and buggies from passing and causing them to walk in the road. Please think about other users and park cars safely and away from the school gates.

### Nursery Places 2015 - Application DEADLINE Next week!

Children who will have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September are eligible for a place in Woodcroft Nursery. The closing date for the first round of admission applications for entry into our Nursery in September 2015 is **Wednesday 18th March 2015**. Applications are made directly to the school, so you need to apply **NOW** at our school office.

### Camp Woodcroft - 30th March to 2nd April



Letters were sent home yesterday about this year's Easter Camp, our **FREE** holiday activity days for years 1 to 6. Please return forms by **Monday 16th March** to guarantee your child's place. If you have any questions please speak with Mrs Clark (Learning Mentor) who organises the camps. These are always well attended so return your forms on time to avoid disappointment.

### STOP PRESS: Woodcroft Win at the National Music Teacher Awards



On Thursday evening Woodcroft staff attended a prestigious gala ceremony in central London to take part in the National Music Awards. Woodcroft was nominated for **Best School Music Department** in the country - and **we WON!** A fantastic achievement. More news and photos to follow...

### Woodcroft Website Updates

- ★ Chick Watch, Dance Festival, Red Nose Day, Choir Cluster Rehearsals (Home Page)
- ★ Bikers Breakfast (Home Page + Gallery > Bike It Programme)
- ★ News 198 & Solar Eclipse Information (News > Weekly News + Home Page)