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*To This is a special issue of the school Newsletter. Mr Tallon asked the pupils to submit articles about what they were doing in their classes and clubs. Have fun reading about their experiences this term.*



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# Woodcroft News



### Year 3 & 4 Football Academy

My name is Yassir Ali and I'm going to tell you about Football Academy. It's a mixture of Year 3 and Year 4 children. The good thing about it is we have all improved our football skills, also if we are lucky enough we play matches against other schools. Year 4 have had their turn and now it's the Year 3's turn. We have learned lots of skills like taking penalties, dribbling and passing (one-twos are my favourite). At the end of playing a match the coaches pick a good player for Man of the Match. Also if you don't shake hands then you are not showing respect.

By Yassir Ali (Year 3)



### Y4 Through to the District Finals

On Wednesday 4th March the Year 4 football team took part in the Barnet football tournament at Mill Hill Powerleague. We played teams from schools around Barnet (South and West). We beat lots of teams, for example Dollis and Broadfields, and we won our group! So we made it to the semi-finals but lost on penalties. However, we have still qualified for the District Finals! In order to get to the finals we all showed teamwork, courage and co-operation.

By Emmanuel (Year 4)

### Woodcroft Line Dancers

Our club is very popular. Lots of children have joined this year. We really look forward to this club on a Friday afternoon and the hall is filled with smiles and laughter. It is a great way make new friends. We entered WOW Factor and performed one of our line dances 'AB Ticket' to 'Timber' with Gui who was singing.

By Brook and Chloe



### 2M Report

In Year 2 we've done lots of fun things. It was so exciting when we went to the London Aquarium for our trip, we went on a coach right into London. Then we learned about The Great Fire of London. We got to write fire poems and decorate them for our display. After that we learned about an author who is called David McKee and two books he made, called 'Elmer' and 'Isabel's Noisy Tummy'. Finally we got to make our own Elmer book!

Sabrin and Andreea (2M)

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## **Reception Shared Writing Report**



Reception have been busy making plans for the Summer Term. We are looking forward to receiving our Painted Lady caterpillars and being able to care for them and watch them grow. We will then release them when they become Butterflies in our very own Butterfly Garden. We also have a trip to the Butterfly World Project in St Albans at the end of the summer term where we will learn more about Butterflies and see different types, as

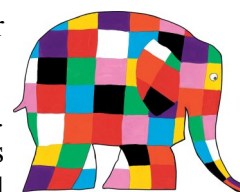
well as other insects and mini beasts.

We are planning a 'gar-den' for our Reception Garden. This will be made using bamboo and by growing our own beans that will climb up the bamboo to make the canopy. We are also planning to grow tomatoes and strawberries this year as well as lots of herbs and flowers. We are hoping that all these ideas will give us an interesting table at annual Gardening Competition at the end of the year

### **Elmer The Elephant by Year 2**

This term Year 2 studied the stories of David McKee in their Literacy lessons. After reading the story 'Elmer' they wrote a character description of the main character.

Ethan wrote: 'I'm going to tell you about a patchwork elephant who's called Elmer. He's friendly and kind but sometimes, you know, he's silly and cheeky. He's always sweet and lovely but he does trick you. He rolls in grapes to pretend to be a normal elephant. Then he scares all his friends by shouting "boooooo!" When I read the book I thought it was hilarious. His behaviour is really good. Of course Elmer's great. Elmer plays very nicely and makes all the elephants play with him joyfully. He is patchwork, colourful and chunky, huge and popular. He has a long trunk, a short tail and big flappy ears. He's a strange elephant. I like Elmer because he makes every single elephant laugh.'



### **Royal Albert Hall Classical Spectacular!**



On Friday 20th March 2015 Woodcroft's musicians attended the Royal Albert Hall Classical Spectacular. We were watching the National Philharmonic Orchestra and two very talented opera singers.

The concert was really inspiring. We especially loved hearing the orchestra play Pomp and Circumstance - we were all dancing and singing along! We also loved the fireworks and light displays - it was amazing! There were also canons that went off during the 1812 Overture - these were a bit scary and it sounded like an explosion. We loved going to the Royal Albert Hall, it was an amazing opportunity that we will never forget.

By Lea Reyna-Faria and Alexis Irina (Year 6)

### **Year 3 Chick Project**

In Science we have been studying Life Cycles and we had the opportunity to watch eggs hatch in our classrooms. When they first hatched they were all wet and sticky but then we saw them dry out and fluff up! We looked after them and watched them change over the two weeks. They grew secondary feathers, got bigger, grew stronger and started to eat worms! We also saw a real hen and got to stroke it, she was soooooo silky and soft. During the project I learnt that there is an air sac at the bottom of the egg which helps the chick to breathe. I think this was a brilliant experience that I will never forget it.

Josie Bodsworth (Y3)







## Football Mascots for the Day

On Saturday 7th March 11 pupils from the Woodcroft Football Team were mascots for Edgware Town Football Club. Before the match we had a training session with Mr Alexander which was great fun. During the match (Edgware vs Crawley Green) we were ball boys and collected all of the balls that went outside the pitch. We also got to have penalty shoot outs on the pitch during half time. In the end Edgware won 2-1 so we were happy! It was a hot day and we had great fun!

Swarnim and Mustaf (Year 6)

## The Woodcroft String Ensemble



String ensemble is part of the many opportunities the music department at Woodcroft provide for the pupils. The string ensemble started at Woodcroft for the first time this year. It was the first time we had ever played together as a group! We started with violins and a cello and we now have a viola to add to our ensemble too!

The String Ensemble have worked really hard. They performed in a string music festival at Frith Manor and are showcasing their hard work to the rest of the school in the spring term music concert. Next term will bring more opportunities to learn new pieces and techniques. We hope to continue performing our hard work to different audiences as we have now learnt the skills needed to play as part of an ensemble!

*'I enjoy playing in String Ensemble because it gives us more chance to play our instruments.'* Florenta (5R)

*'Playing in string ensemble can be quite tricky at first because we have to count together and listen to each other's parts as well as our own. When it all comes together it sounds really good!'* Alin (5R)

*'String ensemble has helped me to become more confident in my playing because I have learnt new pieces and I enjoy playing as part of a group. It's very rewarding.'* Makayla (5V)

*'I have learnt new techniques and I have really enjoyed learning the different pieces we have been playing'* Hira (5V)

*'I enjoy playing as part of a group and I feel really proud to be in string ensemble'* Aidan (5V)

## 5V Joke Time

Why did the boy take a pencil to bed? Because he wanted to draw the curtains.

Did you hear the story about the germ? Never mind it will spread.

Who is Squidward's favourite writer? William Shakespeare!!

Teacher: What is the formula for water?

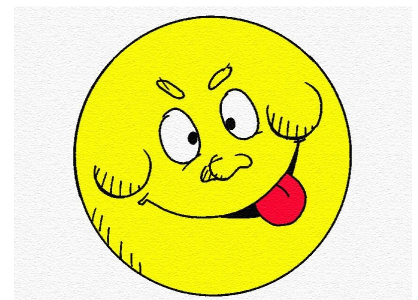
Child: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Child: You said it was H to O.

Why did the spider buy a car? So he could take it out for a spin.

Why can't a skeleton go swimming? Because he has no body to go with.



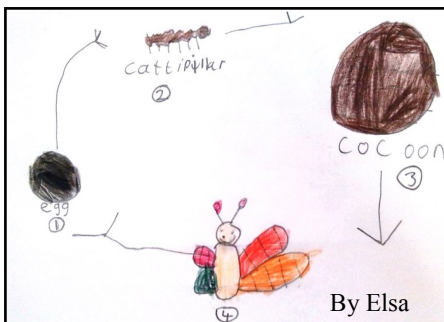
## 1H Jokes

*Why did the frog bring toilet paper to the party?  
Because he was a party pooper.  
Sebastian 1H*

*Why did the man throw the butter out of the window?  
He wanted to see a butterfly.  
Felix 1H*

### **Life Cycles by Najma 1H**

Inside the eggs are some caterpillars.  
Next the caterpillars hatch and eat some food.  
In the cocoon the caterpillar is transforming into a butterfly.



### **Life Cycle of a Butterfly by Arman 1V**

The caterpillar comes out of the egg.  
The caterpillar eats a lot to get fat.  
Next it makes a cocoon.  
The caterpillar goes into the cocoon

## **Guitar Club**



I am going to tell you what we do in guitar club. I hope you enjoy it. Sometimes we make up song lyrics which match with the seasons. We also learn some many chords like G and E minor. Guitar club is taught by a funny teacher called Mr Huckerby. We do it in the music room on Wednesday break-time. Read on to find out what I enjoy. My favourite part in guitar club is when Mr Huckerby makes up his own songs because they are very good lyrics

By Olivia Caddey 3S

### **It's Springtime - A song written by Guitar Club (chords G and Em)**

Eggs crack

Chicks come out

They start pecking

All about

It's Springtime

It's Springtime

Sun shines

Flowers grow

Bunnies hopping

It's Springtime

It's Springtime

Daffodils

And roses too

Clouds let the sun

Come shining

through

It's Springtime

It's Springtime

Easter bunny

Hops around

Brings chocolate

It's Springtime

It's Springtime

Cute little lambs

All fluffy and white

Munching grass

That's green and

bright

It's Springtime

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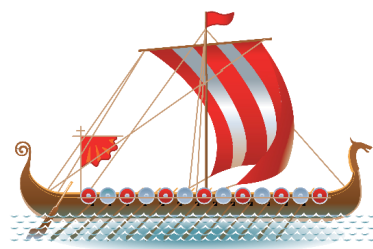


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## Year 5 Viking Topic

A Report By Maryem Seba 5R

Year Five we have been learning about the Vikings. The Vikings were vicious people who invaded Britain, Scotland and Wales. In topic we are doing independent learning and we each got an independent learning grid. Every topic lesson we choose one of the activities from the grid. Mr Rees provides us with all the equipment we need and we do our tasks. The activities are to write about Viking homes and lifestyles, all about Viking gods and beliefs, Viking craftsmen and Viking runes. We also had art and D.T activities which were to plan and make a Viking brooch, design and make a Viking longship, create a Viking invasion picture and last but not least evaluate all of the D.T and art projects. In Literacy we chose one of the activities to write as a report and publish. We also had to choose an activity to do for our Brain Builder. Some of the options we had to present it were make a poster, make a mini book, make a model, make a power point or a word document or any other way we could think of. This was the best topic lesson I have had in Year 5. It was also a lot of fun. The Vikings were very interesting people to learn about.



A Report By Marina Reyes 5R.



In Year 5 we are learning about the Vikings. We have independent learning and every lesson we do an activity. One of the activities is making our own brooches. Mr Rees provided us with all the equipment to make one. There are also seven more activities. The other activities include making, researching, creativity and drawing. In literacy we have been writing our own news article about the attack on Lindisfarne. It was a great subject to look at and all the facts we have researched, like ancient runes, Viking gods, Viking lifestyles and Viking craftsmen. We also got to draw a picture with water colours and pastels and make our own booklets about the Viking gods. It was so much fun. This was the best topic lesson that I ever had. The Vikings are fantastic people to research about.

## **Mega Movers**

This year a new club was set up called Mega Movers, it is run on a Thursday by Miss Stubbings. In Mega Movers - we want to make our routines really perfect, so that's why we improved some of our routines. For example - we changed and improved a little bit of the routine "I just can't wait to be King". I really, truly and extremely like Mega Movers because we are going to show our routines to the whole school in July, we are going to see the Lion King in June and I love the dances. But my favourite reason for being in Mega Movers is being in a massive show soon and learning new dance moves!



By Calvin 3S

## **Year 6 Blogs**

**Saturday School - Shabnam Amiry**

Every Saturday a group of children go to Saturday School. We learn English and Maths in the morning and in the afternoon there are several classes like drama and languages. It is a lot of fun! It starts at 10:00 and finishes at 3:30 pm.

**Paul Woody Wood - Shabnam Amiry**

On Thursday, two people from each class - a boy and a girl - got chosen to have a free training session with Paul 'Woody' Wood. From 6G Shabnam and Jessiah were chosen. We learned a few tricks like: The rocket launch, kick ups and other cool tricks.

**Khan Academy—Chelsea Nyoni Atoui**

Khan Academy has conquered Woodcroft! The first class that it captured was year 6! Khan Academy has been a vital part of our learning in Year 6. Our teachers can check on our progress and assign us activities. Pupils get to unlock cool characters and achieve points. Robert Lopitica in 6G has achieved a staggering 1 million points (and has beaten Ms. Gignac). Great work Year 6! Keep up the good work!



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## World Inner Peace Day

This week we celebrated World Peace Day which was when we celebrated peace amongst us. We all played a fun game when we put a rope on the floor and tried to balance on it. It was quite hard because some people kept falling off. Then we did meditation which made us feel calm. We did an exercise where we first put our hands on our tummy, then our hands on our hearts where we pressed gently and finally we lifted our hands up and saw if we felt anything. We also played a numbers game. Before we started the meditation we only got up to 5 but after the meditation we got up to 13! After the meditation we played the rope game and most people found it much easier because they felt more calm. Finally we learnt a dance which was my favourite part of the session.

By Subi 3S



## Chess Club



Chess Club have had quite a busy year, we have competed against Goldbeaters twice, won 1 match, lost the other match. We're ready for a match next term!

We have also competed against each other during Chess Club in the Delancey Chess tournament. This tournament took place for 7 weeks, everyone tried their best, our winner was Robbie who won all of his matches! Well done Robbie!



Here's what Robbie (5R) thinks about Chess Club *'I think it's very challenging and I likes versing Goldbeaters because they are very talented players. I felt very proud to win the chess tournament against the rest of the Woodcroft players!'*

Recently we started playing chess online using the 'Yes 2 Chess' online platform. We have been playing chess against each other online and we are able to play chess against people all over the country!

## The Thoughts of Year 4

Year 4 have done a lot this year, we have been swimming every Tuesday, had a body percussionist in to teach us some skills and lots of other things! Here are what some children in Year 4 think about our year so far...

Demi (4P) 'I have enjoyed PE because we play different kinds of games and we have learnt how to move our body weight in gymnastics'

Sora (4P) 'I enjoy swimming because the swimming teachers help me to swim properly.'

Alkowthar (4N) 'I enjoyed our trip to the Royal Albert Hall because I liked the different music and the instruments'

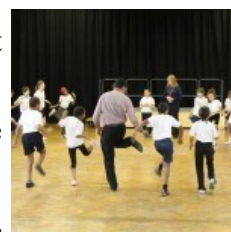
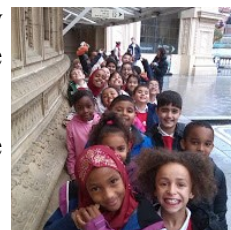
Mekiyah (4P) 'I liked the 10 pieces project we did in our assembly, 10 pieces makes me feel calm and it makes me want to play an instrument.'

Kenda (4N) 'I liked it when we made our own body percussion pieces with Ollie Tunner, I wanted to do it all day, it was really fun!'

Simran (4N) 'I really liked it when the dentist came in to talk to us about teeth'

Zikria (4N) 'I liked learning about the Anglo Saxons because I like learning about how Anglos fight each other and I liked making shields'

Amena (4N) 'I enjoy art because we made different kinds of shields and I enjoyed using charcoal'



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## Lion King Fun Facts

- ⚙ When the cast started out we didn't know any lines and some of us hadn't even seen the Lion King movie!
- ⚙ Did you know that Simba (Bobby) has over 50 lines in the script?
- ⚙ We are lucky enough to be going to see the Lion King in the West End in June!
- ⚙ During rehearsals we all form an audience line and watch in silence.
- ⚙ The actor Sumit(Pumbaa) says that his favourite scene is when he finds Simba alone in the savannah.
- ⚙ Did you know that there is a battle scene between Simba (Bobby) and Scar (Helio) at the end?
- ⚙ The most practised scene is at the end, when everyone has to take a bow! We haven't managed to get it right yet!
- ⚙ Sometimes Ms Sherring takes us out of rehearsals to learn songs.
- ⚙ Ms Burnett gives out personal points for the best performances of the week!
- ⚙ I think that everyone in Drama Club would agree Drama Club is the best club because it lets you express yourself.

Written by Bobby and Sumit 6B

