

WOODCROFT NEWS

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Together Towards Success

New Dates

- 15th May - Nepal Day
- 29th June - Nursery Sports Day
- 30th June - KS2 Sports
- 1st July - KS1 Sports
- 6th July - Y3 Ukulele

Look for the school calendar on our website for all the latest information.

Forthcoming Events

Charity Fun Day Saturday 2nd May

A fun day has been organised in support of Pancreatic Cancer UK. Come along between 1.00pm and 4.00pm

Bank Holiday - School Closed 4th May

J Rock Performance Tuesday 5th May

Parents invited to attend at 5.00pm

Open Nursery

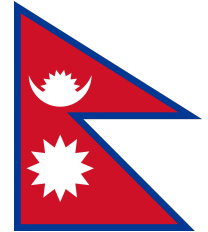
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th
If your child is due to start in September book to come and see Nursery

Election Day 7th May SCHOOL OPEN

Woodcroft is not a polling station so will be OPEN as normal on election day

Nepal Benefit Day

We have all been shocked by the news of the earthquake in Nepal. The 7.8-magnitude quake has killed more than 6,000 people. Many survivors are now in desperate need of food and water.



Woodcroft has strong ties with Nepal. Many of our families originate from the country and our link school Nagarjuna Academy and Kids World is in the capital Kathmandu. You may remember that Mr Tallon and Ms Vanner visited in October 2013. We also raise money annually to support a charity funded jungle school.

On Friday 15th May we shall be holding a Nepal Benefit Day when we will raise funds to help our friends in Nepal. Look out for more details next week about how you can help.

Charity Fun Day: Saturday May 2nd



A group of parents have asked to use our school hall to hold a Charity Fun Day in support of Pancreatic Cancer UK. Look out for their poster for more details and come along on Saturday between 1.00pm and 4.00pm to support. Access will only be via the main front entrance, the back entrance will remain locked, thankyou.

Please note: this is not an official school event. Any questions should be directed to the parent organisers Emma & Kayleigh Hoey.

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?



Year 3 have been busy! On Friday 25th April they performed a wonderful class assembly to their families. Based around a mock episode of the quiz 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?', they cleverly included elements of all of their curriculum topics. You can get a flavour of their show by viewing a photo gallery on our website. Well done to all of the pupils and staff for this excellent work.

Foundation Stage Entrance Mural

Pupils in Nursery and Reception have started work on an amazing new project that will transform their entrance. I am sure you will all agree that the gate into the Foundation Stage is not the most attractive of entrances. That is all about to change!



We were visited on Tuesday by artist Natalie Frost who is going to create a fabulous mural all along the wall. She spent the day getting ideas and pieces of art from the children. These will all be then used in the finished artwork. We can't wait to see the finished piece later this summer.

Year 2 Trip to the Unicorn Theatre

Woodcroft is proud to collaborate with The Unicorn Theatre as part of their Aim@Arts curriculum. On Tuesday 21st April Year 2 visited the theatre to see a play of 'The Velveteen Rabbit,' based on the classic children's story. The children loved the story and really enjoyed watching the boy and his toy rabbit play lots of imaginary games together. They were all relieved when the story had a happy ending! The Year 2 staff were very proud of the sensible way the children behaved throughout the day and thought they were a credit to the school.

Woodcroft at the Royal Albert Hall



Woodcroft pupils performed at The Royal Albert Hall last week as part of 'Play On', a production organised by BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust). The choir had a fantastic day; having lunch in Kensington Park, rehearsing through the afternoon and finally on to the spectacular evening performance! Visit the website for photos and reports. Lynn Holman-Fox, CEO of BEAT commented, *"Please congratulate the students from Woodcroft School - their singing was wonderful and their behaviour exemplary."*

Sainsbury's

Last Chance To Collect Your Vouchers



Active Kids vouchers are only available in store or online at Sainsbury's until **Tuesday 5th May 2015**. So keep collecting for the final few days. Make sure you round up all of the vouchers you've got at home, in the car or in bags and send them to school so that we can get counting! Every voucher helps us to get more essential equipment for school.

Last Few Spaces Remaining In Nursery For September

We have a few remaining spaces in Nursery for September. These always fill up before term starts so if you have yet to register your child, or know a family that is looking for a place, please speak with Mrs Sharpe in our school office.

Y2 Football Tournament

On 20th April, twelve Year 2 footballers took part in the Year 2 football festival at Finchley Catholic Fields. Lots of different schools took part and we had two 6-a-side teams representing Woodcroft. Each footballer displayed excellent determination and teamwork. Miss Maynard and Miss Lloyd were proud of both teams! They all received a special participation medal in achievement assembly.



Uniform and Dress Code

Woodcroft pupils are looking very smart - thank you to all of our parents for ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately. I would like to remind parents of the following:

Head Scarves and Hair Bands - these should always be plain and in school approved colours of red, white, grey or black.

Hair - there is no rule about hair length for boys or girls, but we do not allow carvings or colours. This includes mohican style haircuts or eyebrow cuts. We aim to keep school free of 'street' influences that can cause associated behavioral problems with some children.

Summer Caps - we encourage caps for sun protection, but they should be plain and in approved school colours. We do not allow branded caps or snapbacks. We sell red Woodcroft caps in the office for a very reasonable £2.00.

Footwear - black school shoes should be worn at all times with plain grey or white socks. Girls can wear tights but again, these should be in approved school colours.

Jewellery - jewellery is not allowed unless for religious reasons. A plain stud earring can be worn if ears are pierced, but children will be required to remove or tape during certain lessons.

Coats - please remember to still send children to school with a coat while the weather is changeable.

**School
Attendance**

➡ **95.3%**

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 20/4/15

KS1 Class of the week: 2M (97.3%) - Good Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 3C (99.3%) - Top attendance this week!

*Whole school attendance is now **95.3%***

Attendance continues to improve - our aim is to reach **96%**

57 children arrived late last week!

