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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- *Nepal Day Newspaper Articles*
- *Cheerleading Report and Photos*
- *Reception Caterpillar Diary Updates*

Forthcoming Events

- **Year 6 Residential Trip** - 10th June to 12th June
- **Phonics Screening** for KS1 takes place during the week beginning 15th June
- **Speech and Language Coffee Morning** on 19th June
- **Y4 Trip to Paradise Wildlife** on 22nd June
- **KS2 Music Festival** for the Choir at Finchley arts Depot on 22nd June
- **Drama Group go to watch the Lion King** at the Theatre on 24th June
- **Barnet Athletics Tournament** on 25th June

New Earth Loom and Bench for the Butterfly Garden

An exciting addition to the Butterfly Garden is scheduled to be installed next week!

Earth looms are fixed wooden structures that are strung to create a loom. Weaving is then carried out using traditional fibres like wool, cloth and string as well as sticks, grasses and reeds that might be found. Children of all ages and abilities love to weave. The collaborative nature of such an installation is important. The looms are a fantastic way to encourage the creative arts in school and bring the artistic and natural worlds together.



Find out more by visiting the designers website:

<http://livingwillowlincoln.co.uk/>

We shall also be having a new bench inscribed in memory of Julie Thomas, the Woodcroft teacher who died in 2012 and in who's name the Butterfly garden was created. We hope pupils enjoy these new features.

Exciting Foundation Stage Mural

Those who use our Foundation Stage entrance will have noticed the wall has been recently painted. This is in preparation for an exciting new mural being created by artist Natalie Frost. Last month, Natalie carried out a workshop with Nursery and Reception. The pupils spent the day sharing ideas and painting their own artwork. Natalie then took all of this work away and has used it to create 5 fantastic giant wall mural plates, combining her own art with that of the pupils. Natalie has sent us a photo of the mural in progress. We are all excited to see the finished work brightening up the back entrance to school.



Introducing our new Parent Support Co-ordinator at Woodcroft

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Jill Smith and I now work at Woodcroft every Wednesday alongside Sarah Cullen, the SENCO. My role is to help parents with different aspects of their family life when things get difficult.

I bring to the school extensive knowledge of services and agencies, both in Barnet and nationally, to help you in your parenting role. Perhaps something may happen in your life and you want to speak to someone at the school, because you feel it may be starting to affect your children. It may be practical support that you are looking for or ideas of how you can help yourself to hopefully bring about some change.

I also want to develop some ideas that could be included on the school website about different organisations so that you can increase your knowledge of what is available for you and your family. I have already begun helping some parents, but look forward to working with many of you in the future. If you want to make an appointment to speak with me this can be done at the school office or by talking to Mrs Cullen or Mr Tallon.

Jill Smith (Parent Support Coordinator)

Burnt Oak Multicultural Parade and Festival Poster Competition

The organisers of the Burnt Oak Festival have asked us to submit entries into their competition to design the poster for this year's parade and festival. The winning art work will be used as the promotional poster and brochure cover. This year's festival is taking place on September 19th and the theme is local multicultural arts. The deadline for entries to be handed into your class teacher or the Office is Monday 8th June. Download the latest Better Burnt Oak Newsletter from our school website. The designs should be a piece of A4 Artwork that can be created electronically or on paper.

Pupils must provide their full name, year group and name of school on the back of their entries.

Deadline date: Monday 8th June 2015.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer Information Packs

Year 5 Parents are reminded that they can pick up their secondary transfer information packs from the Office if they were unable to attend the meeting before ½ term.

Class Photographs

Class photograph letters were sent out this week. We do not use a professional company for whole class photos; this means we can keep the costs to a minimum. Prints are now available to view in the main foyer. All orders need to be returned by Friday 12th June, unfortunately we will not be able to take any extra orders after that date.

J Rock Video Success

We are pleased to announce that our J Rock video has been shortlisted as a regional finalist in the Rock Challenge short film competition. Well done to Miss Maynard and the J Rock Crew for producing this excellent video. If you haven't yet seen it then visit our website 'home' page.

**School
Attendance
⇒ 95.4%←**

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 18/5/15

KS1 Class of the week: **2M (98%)** - Good attendance

KS2 Class of the week: **4P (99.3%)** - Top Attendance this week!

*Overall whole school attendance remains at **95.4%***

*Unfortunately **107** children arrived late last week!*