

# WOODCROFT NEWS

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Together Towards Success

## New on the website

- Y6 Kayaking Club Gallery
- Rock Challenge Film Award
- Y6 Non Residential Photo Gallery

## Forthcoming Events

- Y4 Trip to Paradise Wildlife on 22nd June
- KS2 Music Festival 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
- 29th June is Nursery Sports Day
- 30th June Y1 Trip to Chiltern Museum
- 30th June KS2 Sports Day
- 1st July KS1 & Reception Sports Day
- 2nd July Meet the Teacher Day

## Congratulations



We would all like to congratulate Mr Guest on his recent marriage. We wish him and his new wife lots of happiness for the future.

## Rock Challenge Short Film Winners 2015

Staff and governor representatives of Woodcroft's J Rock Dance Crew were invited as VIP guests to the finals of the 2015 Rock Challenge competition. The evening event was taking place in Portsmouth on Wednesday 17th June. Woodcroft's 'Mission Impossible' film was one of 3 shortlisted finalists. Starring the cast and crew of J Rock, and directed by Miss Maynard, the film was shot over the course of the year in preparation for our performance in February. After the film was shown to a packed Portsmouth Guildhall a surprise announcement declared that Woodcroft's film was awarded overall 1st and the 2015 WINNER! Well done to everyone involved in J Rock, with special congratulations to Miss Maynard. This category was against all schools, including high schools and colleges, making it a fantastic achievement. Visit our school website to view the video again.

## Year 6 Residential Week

Year 6 returned on Friday from another exciting residential week at JCA on Hayling Island. They had a packed schedule while away and took part in activities ranging from archery to abseiling. They kept us updated with a daily photo diary on our website. For many of them it was a first time away from their families, but they all did extremely well. The centre instructors all commented on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. Take a look at their experience via our website.

## Non Residential Local Adventures

Those that did not take part in the Y6 Residential had an exciting week closer to home. On a visit to the Mill Hill Old Railway Nature Reserve, off Lyndhurst Park, they found some exciting wildlife. Once part of the branch railway to Edgware from Highgate (which closed in 1964) the Wildlife Trust now manages this 1 km strip of land as a nature reserve. They also spent a day at Mill Hill Park and carried out practical art and science activities in school with Mr Russell and Mrs Gignac. Photographs of their adventures are now on the 'Gallery' page of our website.



## National Sports Week - 22nd to 26th June 2015

Did you know next week is National Sports Week? At Woodcroft, pupils spend a minimum of 2 hours taking part in PE and Sport lessons every week. This will either be with their class teacher, Mr Raw our games coach or PE teacher Mr Judd. We also offer an exciting range of clubs to extend their skills - from cheerleading to kayaking at the Welsh Harp. Check out our AIM@Sport pages on the website to find out more about our approach to sports. On Thursday 25th we will be sending a team to the Barnet Athletics Event at Allianz Park - good luck to the whole squad. Sports days then take place during the following week, the online diary on our school website has all the details.

*What can you do at home to get your family more active during National Sports Week?*

### The Golden Lock



In association with the charity Sustrans, and as part of our 'Bike It' programme to encourage cycling, we are hosting a competition called 'The Golden Lock. Every week one lucky bike parked in our cycle shelter will be locked with a special golden lock, the owner will then need to come to the office to get the key and collect a prize! Our first winner of the competition this week was Laura (Y2). She won a digital mileage counter that was presented to her by Paul (Y6) one of our Junior Travel Ambassadors. Could you be the next winner?

### Earth Loom Materials - Calling All Gardeners

Have you seen the fantastic natural creations in our new Earth Loom? We now require natural materials for weaving. If you prune your garden and have plant cuttings of reasonable length (30cm or more) please bring it into school and put it straight into the Earth Loom basket. This will enable the children to carry on weaving at break and lunch!

### Class Lists Considerations

We are now drafting our class lists for September 2015. If you would like the school to consider a preference regarding your child's friendship group please write to the head teacher by Tuesday 23rd June. We cannot accommodate all requests, but endeavour to place children in class groups that are in their best 'educational' interests, and this is not always with their 'best' friends. Please do not assume a conversation with a teacher earlier in the year will be taken into consideration at this point.

### Ramadan

Ramadan is a sacred time for Muslims who believe that during this time the Qu'ran - the holy book - was revealed to mankind through the Prophet Muhammad. Ramadan in 2015 started on Thursday June 18 and will continue for 30 days until Friday July 17.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast during the hours of daylight, meaning they are allowed no food or drink at all. If older children are observing the fasting during this period then parents must ensure that **school has been notified in writing**.

**School Attendance**  
⇒ 95.4%⇐

### Attendance Awards: for week beginning 8/6/15

KS1 Class of the week: **2L (99.7%)** - Almost perfect attendance yet again!!

KS2 Class of the week: **5V (99.3%)** - Best in KS2 again this week!

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

Unfortunately **89** children were late again - we must get to school ON TIME!