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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Woodcroft Music Award Commendation
- Y3 Ukulele extravaganza
- King of Lions slideshow
- Y4 Trip Report
- School Games day photographs

Forthcoming Events

- 13th July - **Reports Published**
- 13th July - **Young Musicians Concerts**
- 14th July - **Last swimming lesson for Y4**
- 14th July - **Parent Consultations** 4.00pm to 6.30pm
- 16th July - **Nursery Trip to Willows Farm**
- 17th July - **Reception Trip to Butterfly World**
- 21st July - **Summer Ball and Leavers Disco**
- 22nd July - **Last Day for Nursery pupils**
- 23rd July - **LAST DAY of term** (2.00pm Finish)

Woodcroft Receives Top Sports Award



It has just been announced that Woodcroft has been awarded the top accolade for school sport and games:

The School Games GOLD Award!

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Schools in England are assessed across bronze, silver and gold levels of the quality mark. Each year we have improved our award from Bronze up to Gold: A great achievement!

Only the top 5% of schools achieve **GOLD** and can demonstrate that pupils have the widest range of clubs and activities in which to participate. Woodcroft has embraced external sporting opportunities and we have also established strong pupil sport leadership programmes. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported PE and Games helping us to achieve this fantastic award. Finally, well done to our excellent Sports Department, Ms Charalambous, Mr Raw and Mr Judd for all of their hard work and commitment.

Woodcroft Music Commendation

Woodcroft was shortlisted in the music category at the prestigious 2015 Education Business Awards. At a London ceremony on Wednesday 8th July we were presented with the runners-up commendation. Our nomination was recognition for the outstanding work that takes place at Woodcroft to promote music and the Arts. Liz Court (Chair of Governors), Donna Dolphin (Parent Governor), Miss Sherring (Music Leader) and Mr Tallon (Head) represented the school.



King of Lions - Amazing School Production



Parents and pupils were treated to an amazing combined school musical production on Friday 3rd July. Directed by Miss Burnett, the performance involved pupils from Drama Club, Mega Movers Dance Club, The Choir and a Y5&6 Stage Crew. Visit our website to enjoy some photographs of the show!

Annual Reports Published on Monday 13th

Pupils annual reports will be published on Monday 13th July. These can only be given to an adult, so please arrange for someone to collect your copy if you are unable to attend school on Monday.

New Report Format: This year's reports will be very different to previous ones. The government changed the way pupils are to be assessed and asked schools to report progress in line with new national expectations for year groups. As a result, you will find your child is recorded as either emerging (working below), expected (working within) or exceeding (working above) these new criteria. There will also be a record of attitude to learning and behaviour in school, including homework. Teachers have also written a brief progress statement to outline any key areas and progress toward targets.

Parent Consultations Available - Tuesday 14th from 4.00pm to 6.30pm

We hope that you find the new reports clear and concise. We also hope that they help you gain a good understanding of your child's strengths. Please note that schools nationally have found the criteria very challenging and as a result there are more children categorised as emerging and expected across the country. This is part of a national strategy by the government to challenge schools to raise standards. If you would like to discuss the report, teachers will be available in their classrooms on Tuesday 14th July from 4.00pm to 6.30pm. There will not be any set appointments, and parents will be seen on a first come first served basis. Please bring your report along on the evening. Mrs Cullen will also be on hand in the KS2 foyer to discuss any SEN concerns that parents may have.

Year 5 Trip To London Academy: Report By Marina and Sara Y5

On Wednesday 8th July 2015, Year 5 were invited to go to The London Academy to experience what it is like at secondary school. We took part in two different activities, a science and a history lesson. In science we had to carry out an investigation using clues. After that we had a history lesson about the suffragettes and took part in a study about them. We had a great time experiencing life at secondary school. London Academy treated us very well and we hope that everyone enjoyed it.

Young Musicians and Dancers Concert - Monday 13th July at 2.30pm

As part of our end of year Arts celebrations we are presenting a showcase of our young musicians and dancers. The showcase will begin promptly at **2:30pm** in the Large Hall on **Monday 13th July**. The groups performing are **Year 2 Drummers** (whole year group), **Mega Movers Dance Squad** with Miss Stubbings, **Junior Guitar Club** with Mr Huckerby and **Young Woodcroft Singers** (supported by the Senior Choir) with Miss Sherring. Parents and carers are invited to attend this performance of their children talents and abilities - we hope you can attend.

School Attendance Notice from Mr Duggan (Educational Welfare Officer for Woodcroft)

The last day of school will be **Thursday 23 July 2015**, and the children will return on **Thursday 3rd September 2015**. Any absence for illness on or around these dates need to be verified by medical evidence. Where an absence is unauthorised, Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued to parents. This is in line with policy to improve attendance.

**School
Attendance**

↑ **95.5%** ↑

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 29/6/2015

KS1 Class of the week: **2M (99.3%)** - Top attendance **3 Weeks running!**

KS2 Class of the week: **6G (97.7%)** - Well done - best in KS2

*Overall whole school attendance remains at **95.5%***

Unfortunately **84** children were late again - we **must** get to school **ON TIME!**