

# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success

## New on the website

- Christmas Showtime Galleries
- Y4 Dodgeball Festival
- Y4 Dentist Visit

## Forthcoming Events

January 2016

- ★ Pupils return on Tuesday 5th January

We have lots of exciting events planned for next term; Ollie Turner from STOMP returns, more trips to The Unicorn Theatre, World Book Week, connectED Partnership activities, a special art week project, dance festivals, M&M Theatre will be back to perform The Railway Children and lots more ... including the now famous Woodcroft WOW Factor

For more info see the website calendar.

## Celebrating Success

Tell us about your achievements outside school.

### Woodcroft 4 v 1 Brooklands

Well done to the football team for another excellent victory. Their unbeaten run continues!

Follow us on Twitter  
@WPS\_Success



## Christmas Message



To the pupils, families and staff of Woodcroft,  
On behalf of the Governors I would like to thank you all for helping to make Woodcroft such a successful and special school. I hope that you have a fun filled holiday and a very happy New Year.

With very best wishes, Liz Court (Chair of Governors)

## Year 4 Dodgeball Festival Success - Woodcroft Winners!



Woodcroft were victorious in the first ever connectED Dodgeball Festival sponsored by Tutor Hunt. Woodcroft, Goldbeaters and The Orion all entered three teams to the tournament that took place at Woodcroft on Thursday 10th December. The final placings were:

- ★ 1st Woodcroft Blues
- ★ 2nd Place Goldbeaters Yellows
- ★ 3rd Place Goldbeaters Greens

Special individual awards were also presented to Charlie Morrison, who was voted best team player for his sporting behaviour throughout the festival, and to Andrejs, voted player of the final. Well done to all of the pupils involved from every school. It was excellent to see children coming together from the connectED Partnership and playing competitive sport in such a positive way.

## Bikeability Training Success for Year 6



Bikeability was a great success this year with all participants achieving Level 1 and thirteen pupils achieving Level 2. Instructors commented that all children were able to ride their bikes with more control and were building on their skills. The pupils who achieved Level 2 were taken out on the roads and were taught how to approach junctions, recognise road hazards and follow the Highway Code

## Football Success - Unbeaten Record in 2015



Well done to our school football team - they are now unbeaten not only this season, but for the whole of 2015! Their last defeat was in Oct 2014. What a fantastic achievement - lets hope they can keep it up. Well done to Mr Judd, Mrs Clark and Mr Gagen (football coaches).

## Calling All Grown-ups! Do You Have Time to Volunteer?



Barnet Association for the Blind is currently recruiting Home Visiting volunteers – to support blind, partially sighted and deafblind clients to lead independent lives.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours a week/fortnight, you could help provide a valuable service to a visually impaired person. Full training and support given. For further information call 020 8423 5141, or email: [nasreen@aftb.org.uk](mailto:nasreen@aftb.org.uk)

### Woodcroft Saturday School

Woodcroft subscribes to the Edgware Saturday School to enable our pupils to attend for FREE. We would like to congratulate those pupils who have completed their first half term of Saturday School! Classes resume on January 16th 2016. There are still a few spaces available - if you are interested in your child receiving extra tuition on a Saturday morning please contact Ms. Gignac.

### Holiday Science Challenge - by Ndi Moore (Science Councillor)



The Science Council would like pupils at Woodcroft to try out a Science Challenge over the holidays! The challenge is to create a rainbow in a glass or bottle. There are several different ways to do this challenge - you can find details on the Science page of the **Treehouse**. Bring your rainbows to school on the 12th of January for judging. Good luck!

### Library Consultation

You may be aware that Barnet are currently further consulting residents on the future of our library services. The public consultation will be open until 5pm on 7 January 2016. They are very keen to hear the views of families as the proposals will affect how children and young people use the council's libraries in the future. To find out more visit <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/> or to ask any questions please call 020 8359 7100 or email [libraryconsultation@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:libraryconsultation@barnet.gov.uk).

A group representing local residents have also prepared a leaflet on this subject, copies are available from our foyer.

### Christmas at Woodcroft

Christmas is a special time in school. I would like to thank our pupils, families and staff, representing all religions, for supporting our school events and helping to bring us closer together into one school community. We recognise that all have different beliefs, so our ethos at Woodcroft is about respecting and celebrating other cultures and traditions. We have certainly done that throughout December with outstanding shows, concerts, festive discos, experience days, dance festivals and pantos. This makes Woodcroft a vibrant and exciting place for all of your children - with outstanding opportunities to learn. This can only continue if we all work **Together Towards Success!**

So, on behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish all of our families a happy holiday and prosperous New Year. Don't forget to leave your own festive message on the special Tree House page.

*Craig Tallon (Headteacher)*

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**Reminder:** pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016

**Whole School  
Attendance**

↔**95.7%**↔

**Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 7th December)**

**KS1 Class of the week: 2W 96.9% TOP ATTENDANCE!**

**KS2 Class of the week: 5V 96.8% Well done**

We had **63** late arrivals last week! We must arrive at school by **8.45am!**