

WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Friday 22nd January



Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Digital Technology Day
- Samba with Ollie Tunmer
- Music Training

Forthcoming Events

Monday, 25 January

Ian Rose - Paralympian – visits Woodcroft

Thursday, 28 January

18:30 J Rock Club attend the Unicorn Press Night of 'Minotaur'

Tuesday, 2 February

4.00pm to 7.00pm J Rock perform at the 'The Great Big Dance Off'

Tuesday, 2 February

Unicorn Theatre Trip for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

For more info see the website calendar.

Celebrating Success

Tell us about your achievements outside school.

Football Tournament - well done to our Girls and Boys Football Teams for some great results!

Congratulations to 6G - who were demonstrated the Olympic Values and have been selected to take part in a judo masterclass with Ian Rose on Monday

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West Barnet Football Champions - a report by Aidan (Y6)



On Wednesday the 13th six pupils; Aidan, Mehran, Usman, Riza, William and Billy did an outstanding job by winning the West Barnet Boys 6-a-side Football tournament staged at The Mill Hill Powerleague.

We managed to win all of our matches in the group with our biggest win being 8-0! They were all excellent schools playing in the tournament. We played against Dollis in the

semi finals and won 1-0 in a close game. We then played against St Vincents in the final and won 2-1 in another close game. Usman was voted 'player of the tournament'. We are looking forward to playing in our next competition and matches. We also managed to keep our unbeaten record for a whole year since January 2015! We could not have done this amazing job, achieving 1st place, without Mr Judd and Mrs Clark.

Girls Football Success

Our Girls team also competed in their 6-a-side tournament on Wednesday 20th January at Power League. The team played extremely well, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals with a won 1, draw 2, lost 2 record from a particularly strong group stage. Thank you to Mr Gagen for coaching the team.



Music teacher Training held at Woodcroft

This year, Woodcroft were the proud recipients of the Music Teacher Excellence Award for Best School Music Department. Our award category was sponsored by the MMA who are the National Association of Music Teaching Professionals – the largest and longest established association of music teachers in the UK. On

Monday 11th January Woodcroft hosted a successful MMA training day for music teachers. Part of the day involved a presentation from Ms Sherring, our own Music Coordinator, and a performance to the course delegates by our string ensemble lead by Miss Blyth and Mrs McLean (violin tutor).



Goodbye Miss Johnston

We said a sad goodbye to Miss Johnston yesterday who left Woodcroft to return to her home country, Australia. Miss Johnstone has been with us for over 2 years - we wish her well for the future and hope she keeps in touch.

Samba with Ollie Tunmer from 'Beat Goes On'

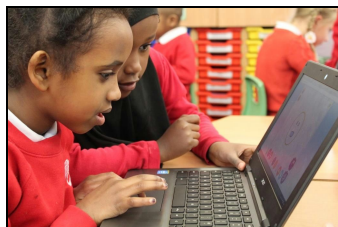


Woodcroft's year has started off with a bang! Some of our KS2 classes have the incredible opportunity to work with renowned percussionist Ollie Tunmer from 'Beat Goes On' on a four week Brazilian Samba drumming residency as part of their PSHE curriculum to learning about Olympic Values through music, as 2016 is year of the Rio Games. They have composed in the style of Brazilian Samba and have the opportunity to become a *mestre* (leader) of the *bateria* (band)!

An Invitation: The families of pupils in Year 3, Year 4 and Class 5G are invited to a special Samba Percussion Performance on Wednesday 27th February at 2.20pm. Please come and join the carnival!

Woodcroft Visited by 20 Swedish IT Teachers

On Wednesday 20th January Woodcroft was host to 20 visiting teachers who had come all the way from Sweden. The group were on a trip to England to learn about new technology for education, see how schools use it to support learning and visit the BETT Show at The Excel. The Schools International Network (NLSIN) in North London had heard about the fantastic work we do at Woodcroft so recommended the Swedish group visit us for the day. The group went into classes, enjoyed



presentations from our teachers and talked with pupils. They saw some of the outstanding digital experiences available at Woodcroft. The group were also joined on the day by members of Woodcroft's Governing Body. Take a look at our website to view a selection of photos from our Digital Technology Day.



Y2 Trip To the Unicorn report by Vera (2L)



On Wednesday we went to see 'Grass' at the Unicorn Theatre. The play was about insects and bugs. The characters taught us about insects. They taught us by acting. The bee puppet went on my hand and I touched it. The lights were amazing and they were on the wall. I also liked the puppets. I enjoyed the show because the dancing was very funny. I think other people should watch it.

Nursery Applications for September 2016

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 who is due to start a Nursery in September? Now is the time to register your child at Woodcroft - this can be done at the school office. The closing date for first round applications is 16th March so don't delay and book your place today!

**Whole School
Attendance**

↔95.4%↔

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 11th January)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 95.9%

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 97.4% Well done

KS2 Class of the week: 5G 99.3% TOP ATTENDANCE!

We had 60 late arrivals last week! We must arrive at school by 8.45am!