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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Samba Performance
- Digital Technology Day

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, 9 February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday, 9 February

ConnectED Science investigation for a Y4 team'

Wednesday, 10 February

Netball v Broadfields (Home)'

Monday 15th to Friday 19th

Half Term - School Closed

Tuesday, 23 February

J Rock Perform at Stevenage Event

For more info see the website calendar.

Celebrating Success

Tell us about your achievements outside school.

Follow us on Twitter

@WPS_Success



Parents / Carers - Why not get a twitter account and follow the school news? Remember, this service is not for primary age children so current pupils should not have accounts and should be encouraged to use the Treehouse

An Enriched and Extended School Experience

Woodcroft provides an enriched and extended school experience for its pupils. The opportunities being offered are second to none. This is promoted through our **AIM@** programmes:

AIM@Sport

AIM@Digital

AIM@Arts

The fantastic events and activities over the next week show how these programmes are benefiting our pupils!

Minotaur at The Unicorn Theatre - Tuesday 2nd Feb



Key Stage 2 (Year's 3 to 6) are heading off for their second 'big day out' at the Unicorn Theatre to watch the Minotaur. As part of our collaborative partnership with the Unicorn we are getting to experience live theatre!



J Rock Club go to The Great Big Dance Off

Our fantastic J Rock dance club are heading off to the London Heats of The Great Big dance Off - a national schools dance competition - also on Tuesday 2nd Feb . This is our first year at the event that is taking place at The New Wimbledon Theatre - good luck.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to the Unicorn trip and dance event we do not have sufficient staff available in school to run Acorns safely. I have therefore had to close Acorns After School Club on Tuesday 2nd February.

Unicorn Theatre - Exclusive Press Night Invitation for J Rock Club

Not to miss out on the Theatre, our dancers were invited to a very special VIP press night showing of the Minotaur yesterday evening. We will hear about their experience next week

Football Team Success Continues

Our football teams continue to enjoy unprecedented success. On Friday 22nd January they took part in the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation Borough Tournament - and, yes - they won again! They now go through to the North London Finals at Tottenham's first team training centre against the winners of four other boroughs! The victors next Friday will then represent Tottenham Hotspur at a national tournament to be at Goodison Park, the ground of Premiership team Everton. Lets hope their winning streak continues

Barnet 6-a-Side Finals

The footballers are also taking part in the Barnet 6-a-Side Finals next Wednesday, 3rd February. After winning the West Barnet Tournament we take on the champions of the south, east and north area events. We also remain undefeated in the Borough Cup following our 5-0 victory at St Theresas.

Congratulations Mrs Brown

I am sure you will all join us in congratulating Mrs Brown and her husband who are adopting their first child this week. Mrs Brown will be taking adoption leave for the remainder of the year, and her Reception Class will be covered by Miss Cam. Miss Cam took a reception class at Woodcroft last year and has been supporting in Year 2 until Mrs Brown's good news was confirmed.



New High School Proposal - Looking for Support

Saracens are preparing to make an application to the department of Education to open a Saracens High School in September 2017. They wish to open a new secondary school in the BurntOak / Colindale area in response to the need for more secondary school places across the borough. The application to the DfE is to be submitted in March 2016 and Saracens are at the stage where they need to

demonstrate support for the proposed school from parents of primary school pupils who would consider sending their children to this school.

Complete the online survey form or fill in the card on the brochure and return this to the school office for collection.

A copy of the brochure was distributed to pupils in KS2 (with additional copies in the foyer). I have provided the link to their website below:

www.thesaracenshighschool.com

If you believe there is a need for a new secondary school in the area make sure you respond to the survey.

Samba Carnival Performances with Ollie Tunmer from 'Beat Goes On'

Woodcroft's 4 week samba percussion residency with Ollie Tunmer from 'Beat Goes On' came to a carnival climax with a fantastic performance from year's 3, 4 and 5G. The pupils had learnt traditional Brazilian Samba drumming techniques on authentic instruments as well as having an introduction to the cultural and historical origins of this music. The project was part of this year's AIM@Woodcroft Olympic Curriculum theme. Check out some of the photos on the website if you couldn't make it.

Getting Set for Rio with Paralympian Ian Rose



We welcome a friend of the school, Ian Rose, Olympic, World and European Judo medalist back on Monday. He came along to kick off our AIM@Woodcroft PSHE Programme which this year has an Olympic theme. He reminded the pupils about the olympic and paralympic values, and also led a practical session of judo with a Year 6 class. Read more in the report below.

Judo Class - Report by Florenta Mulaj

6G was chosen as the class who best demonstrated all of the Olympic values and were nominated to take part in the Judo class which was led by Paralympian Ian Rose. We first started with a warm-up game and we learnt new words such as 'Hajime' and 'Mattea'. After humiliating Mr Judd and making him wriggle all about, we were taught how to fall properly, do moves called the 'steering wheel', 'the scarf' and also a break fall. Our class had a lot of fun and it was a great experience working with Paralympian, Ian Rose.

connectED Partnership Events

Woodcroft is part of the connectED group of schools. This is a partnership of 8 schools that have agreed to help each other develop further to benefit every pupil and the local community. We are hosting lots of events this term to enable small groups of pupils to visit the different schools. Woodcroft has taken part in maths and dance at Barnfield and hosted drama workshops ourselves. Next week we host a chess tournament, and some Year 1 pupils go off to sing at Colindale.

Click on the **connectED** badge on the website for more information.



Whole School Attendance

↕95.3%↕

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 18th January)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: 95.93%

KS1 Class of the week: 96.3% Well done

KS2 Class of the week: 95.7% TOP ATTENDANCE!

We had 157 late arrivals last week! We must arrive at school by 8.45am