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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Woodcroft at the Unicorn
- connectEd Chess Tournament (connectED page)

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, 9 February

Safer Internet Day

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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.

West Barnet Netball Tournament Success for Woodcroft



Woodcroft Netball Team were crowned **West Barnet Champions** at last week's tournament held at Cophall School. They were undefeated in 6 matches and now go through to the Borough finals. They also won their league match on Monday 12-3 v St. Pauls. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mr Patel & Mr Rees for their successful coaching!

Science Council Challenge Results: Report by Maryem Y6

The Science Council set a challenge to make a rainbow in a glass. It was an experiment to test the density of water and to see if you can stack sugar water to make a rainbow in a glass. Many people found that this experiment took a lot of patience. But with some perseverance and cooperation it is possible and looks amazing. We had eleven entries and three of them have been chosen as winners.

Congratulations to... **1st - Mou - 6G , 2nd - Maryem - 6G, 3rd - Andra 6G**

Key Stage 2 saw Minotaur at The Unicorn Theatre



THE UK'S THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

The whole of Key Stage 2 (Year's 3 to 6) went to see Minotaur at The Unicorn Theatre. We were treated to a classic Greek myth with a contemporary twist. As part of our year long partnership with the Unicorn every pupil gets to experience live theatre! This is an amazing opportunity for Woodcroft pupils and demonstrates our commitment to promoting the Arts as part of our AIM@ programmes.



Great Performance by J Rock Club at The Great Big Dance Off



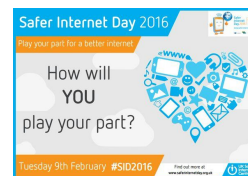
Our fantastic J Rock dancers performed on the stage of the New Wimbledon Theatre on Tuesday night in a national schools dance competition. In our first year at the event we came an excellent 4th place - only a few points separated us from the top spot so it was a very close competition. Well done to all the pupils for performing to such a high standard.



Play your part, make a SID pledge



Safer Internet Day (SID) takes place next Tuesday 9th February and the theme this year is **'Play Your Part'** to make the Internet better. To support the national **#shareaheart** campaign we are asking pupils to post a statement or pledge on the Treehouse to encourage people to make the internet a better place. The pledge can be a promise of something you will do on Safer Internet Day to make the internet a better place or it can be a wish for a better internet. Getting involved is easy; all you need to do is post your message on the special TreeHouse page and include the hashtag **#shareaheart**. We will then select some to send to the organisers at <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



New High School Proposal - Needs Your 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 support from local parents! **Please**

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 last week (with additional copies in the foyer). I have provided the link to their website: 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 by early next week. Thank you.

connectED Partnership Events

connectED Chess Tournament organised by Woodcroft:

Woodcroft hosted a fantastic tournament for the connectED schools' respective chess clubs. We were joined by Jonathan Bryant, Regional Director of the organisation CSC, Chess in Schools and Communities. CSC provide the coaches to schools and organise national events. The tournament was a close affair with only a few points separating the teams. It was eventually won by Rosh Pinah, with Menorah Primary and Broadfield taking the silver and bronze medals. All teams played in a great spirit - well done to all.



Singing at Colindale Primary:

Today a group of five Year 1 children took part in a singing event at Colindale Primary. The aim of these events is to provide opportunities for children from the different connectED schools to meet each other and experience a range of different activities.

This week we received a kind message from Paralympian Ian Rose - read below...



"Thank you so much for inviting me into your school again on Monday 25th January, I do hope the students had fun. I visit many schools around the UK and wanted to comment on, the excellent behaviour of your students right the way from Nursery up to Year 6. In the assembly, classroom walk around and judo lesson I delivered, I couldn't fault them. For children of this age to sit and listen for over 45 minutes and continuously be engaged is a testament to the leadership and teachers at Woodcroft Primary. Well done all and I look forward to visiting again in the future."

Parking Problems - Complaints From Neighbours

The school has been contacted by a number of residents over the past week with complaints of parents parking irresponsibly during pickup and drop off. Please respect the neighbourhood and take care when parking. We ask that you do not block driveways or pavements as this is dangerous to pedestrians and frustrating for other road users. We realise that it can be busy during the school run, but if you leave in good time and park a short distance from the school it can alleviate stress and improve road safety.

Happy New Year - Chinese Year of the Monkey



We would like to wish all of our Chinese families a very happy new year as they will be celebrating the year of the Monkey next week on February 8th 2016.

Whole School
Attendance

⇒95.3%←

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 25th January)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 97%%

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 97.2% Well done

KS2 Class of the week: 6M 98% **TOP ATTENDANCE!**

We had 74 late arrivals last week! We must arrive at school by **8.45am**