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St George's Day April 23rd

New on the website

- Art Week 2016
- 2016 National Curriculum Test Information
- WOW Factor 2016
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Sport Relief Gallery
- Spring Music Concerts
- Safeguarding at Woodcroft
- Spring Term Governance Reports

Forthcoming Events

- St George's Day - April 23rd
- Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May - School Closed
- Week beginning 9th May is Year 6 SATs Week
- Nursery Open Day on 19th May
- Year 6 Residential Meeting at 5.30pm on 19th May
- Class Photographs Day 25th May
- Y5 Secondary Transfer Meeting at 5.30pm on Thursday 26th May

Achievements

Happy 90th Birthday to The Queen

Read more at

<https://www.royal.uk/>

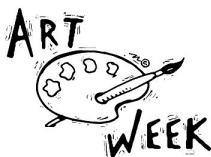


Welcome Back to the Summer Term

We hope that you had an enjoyable spring holiday break. The end of last term was definitely eventful. We enjoyed Music Concerts, Sport Relief Day, the WOW Factor Finals, an Easter Bonnet Parade and Art Week! Take a look on the school website for reports and photographs. We have lots planned for the summer term - keep looking at the online website calendar for your updates.

An Amazing Art Week Experience

We hope that families enjoyed our 'Road to Rio' themed, Olympic inspired, classroom gallery displays on Thursday 31st March. Over three busy days pupils learnt how to think visually, work practically and exhibit as a gallery. Across the school we studied seven Inspirational artists. Year groups then planned exciting projects that supported our SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) curriculum; promoting British Values through art! Pupils practised new skills to create individual pieces that were exhibited as classrooms galleries. The culmination of a wonderful week was the school display afternoon - I am sure you agree that the artwork was amazing!



Important Information for Year 5 Parents

This term Year 5 families will start thinking about the process of choosing a secondary school. Although it may seem like a long way off, the process has now begun. Many secondaries hold selection tests this term, and parents considering schools like Mill Hill need to be aware of the deadlines. On **Thursday 26th May at 5.30pm we will be having a Secondary Transfer Meeting** for families at Woodcroft. Please make a note in your diaries. Further school information will be put in this newsletter as it becomes available.

2017 Secondary Transfer Notices

- Registration for **Mill Hill County High** admission tests opened on 1st April. Please visit the 'Admissions 2017' pages of their website to register your child. www.mhchs.org.uk/
- For **Ashmole Academy** entry in **September 2017** under the Musical Aptitude criteria you need to apply to the school by **Friday 20th May 2016**. Details of the Musical Aptitude tests and the application forms can be found on the school website at www.ashmoleacademy.org. Or contact the *Admissions Secretary* on 020 8361 2703



Year 2 & 6 SATs Information for Parents



Department for Education

There have been some significant changes to the arrangements for assessing children's progress in school. The Department for Education has produced an information leaflet. This is being distributed to families with Year 2 and Year 6 pupils. It can also be downloaded from our school website. We have also posted a short information video about the new National Curriculum tests on our website as well.

Barnet Music Centre Open Days - 7th May 2016



Those pupils keen to further developing their music skills may be interested in one of our local Music Centre open days next month. The centres, run by Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT), will open to show you what happens at a music centre, hear all the instruments played, and have goes yourself. Booking isn't necessary, just turn up on the day. Take a look at the poster in the 'News' section of our website for more information.

Sporting Success - Netball and Football Finals



Woodcroft Football and Netball teams have enjoyed phenomenal success this year having won the vast majority of their matches. Infact, both teams are undefeated in their respective leagues and also through to tournament cup finals. We are now nearing the end of the season and next week both squads are involved in crucial games. I am sure you will join us in wishing them well, but also in congratulating the teams and coaches for achieving so much success already. To reach these finals is a phenomenal achievement - **Go Team Woodcroft!**

60 Minutes Per Day Activity Guide - Sit Less Move More

As the weather improves we have fewer excuses not to get outside and be more active! At Woodcroft we promote healthy lifestyles during the school day and through, lessons, PE and sport activities, clubs and healthy eating. But how active are we at home? Take a look at the activity guide sent home with this newsletter...do you aim to be physically active for 60 minutes every day?

Basketball Tournament



The Woodcroft Wildcats consisting of two teams of pupils from Year 5 and 6 successfully took part in the BPSS Basketball 3v3 tournament at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. They competed in the group stages against other schools from South and West Barnet. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Safe Driving and Parking Around School



We continue to receive complaints from neighbours and parents about inconsiderate drivers who park on pavements, across driveways and in other potentially dangerous places. Think about others when you are dropping children off at school. Please follow these do's and don'ts....

Do

- Do park a short distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way. This is both safe and healthy
- Do park safely and walk your child across the road and through the school gate.

Don't

- Don't park across driveways
- Don't mount the curb and park on pavements - think about younger children and buggies
- Don't park across junctions and on street corners
- Don't stop on the yellow zig-zag lines in Goldbeaters Grove to let children out at the front of school or reverse into people's drives
- Don't use the car park driveway in Wolsey Grove at the back of school.

We have had a number of near misses and accidents caused by cars in recent months - we do not want any child to be seriously injured because of inconsiderate driving. Let's all **Think Road Safety!**

Conversation Cafe - Starts Next Week

Our popular Conversation Cafe starts again next week. Look out for the posters with more details. This is a great way for parents new to English to gain confidence in a friendly and informal way.

**Whole School
Attendance
95.2%**

Please ensure you arrive on time everyday.
100% Attendance and 100% Punctuality for the Spring term will be celebrated next week.

