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Together Towards Success

New on the website

- Term dates for 2017 - 18 are now on the website
- Bling Your Bike (Gallery)
- Y3 Animal Encounters Report and gallery

Forthcoming Events

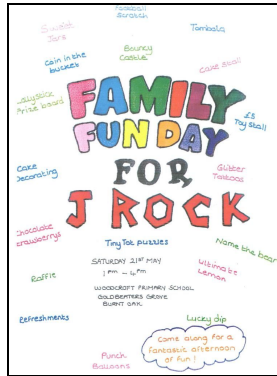
- Half Term - **SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**
- Staff Training day - **SCHOOL CLOSED on Monday 6th June**
- School re-opens on Tuesday 7th June
- Y1 Trip to The Unicorn theatre 7th June
- 8 - 10 June Y6 Residential Trip
- J Rock perform at Morrisons for a Queen's Birthday event on Saturday 11th June
- Online E-Safety Evening for parents 5.00pm on
• 15th June
- Choir Perform at the Barnet Music Festival 16th June
- Netball Final v Barnfield 17th June

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Family Fun Day Success

We are pleased that lots of families came along to our Fun Day on Saturday 21st May. We raised an amazing **£1680** for our J Rock Dancers.

As you know, our fantastic dance group have made it through to two national finals; Junior Rock Challenge at Portsmouth's Guildhall and The Great Big Dance Off at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre. The money was being raised to help pay for transport, costumes, set and make-up.

We would like to thank all of the parents, pupils and staff for supporting this event and making it such success.

Cycling Activities - Bling Your Bike and Ditch Your Stabilisers



Two excellent cycling events took place this week; **'Bling Your Bike'** and a second session of **'Ditch Your Stabilisers'**.

We had some wonderfully decorated bikes in school on Monday. Congratulations to Lucy (Y2) and Grace (RB) who were announced overall winners in a competition judged by our Year 6 JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors).

Every pupil that attended the ditch your stabilisers this week learnt to ride their bikes unaided with Arthur Shearlaw from Sustrans!

Football Result Success - Two More Fantastic Wins

Our football team played two matches in different competitions this week. On Tuesday they beat All Saints 4-1 in the Munroe Shield to progress through to the semi-final. The Munroe Shield is the play off competition between the winners and runners up of the four Barnet school leagues. Then the following day we were victorious against The Orion in the semi-final of the Martin Cup, beating them 5 -0!



The Queen's Birthday Celebration Patrons Lunch



On Sunday June 12th 2016, The Mall in St James's Park will be transformed for its largest ever street party to celebrate The Queen's patronage of over 600 charities and organisations on the occasion of her 90th birthday. The Patron's Lunch will be the climax to a fantastic weekend of celebrations.

Woodcroft Celebration Day - Friday 10th June

We shall be holding our own celebration lunch at Woodcroft on Friday 10th June. There will be a **red, white and blue themed non uniform day**, and children will also be making and wearing crowns in school that day to mark The Queen's 90th Birthday.

Animal Encounters Workshop Report

By Sharon 3R and Ariton 3S



On Tuesday 24th May Aled and Shona came to Woodcroft to do an animal workshop for year 3. We saw many animals in the morning and afternoon: including a bearcat called Biscuit, a meerkat called Mika, and a thick, black millipede. Aled and Shona came from a company called A&S Animal Encounters, and taught us about the animals they brought with them. For instance 3R saw a kookaburra and got to hold the bird while wearing a big leather glove. Mr Patel and Mr Tallon took lots of photos of us with the animals, we even got a photo stroking a six foot lizard. One of our favourite moments was when we got to hold the kookaburra because it laughed at us. Also, we enjoyed it when the bearcat ran on our laps because he sniffed our pockets. At the end of the workshop we gave Aled and Shona a card

we made saying thank you for bringing different animals to the school. Finally at the end of the day our parents got to see the bearcat and take photos of it with us.

Mega Movers Dance Show



Mega Movers Club performed their latest dance pieces to both parents and pupils this week. On Thursday, parents were invited to a show that demonstrated the skills and dance styles they have been learning such street dance, salsa and ballet; all performed wonderfully by the pupils. A big thank you, and well done, to Miss Stubbings who leads the group very week.

Burnt Oak Leisure ½ Term Activities and Open day

Remember, lot's happening at Burnt oak Leisure Centre over ½ Term. Take a look at the programme on our website (news section). All sessions are drop-in and cost only £1.

For more info call the centre on **02082018982**.

Burnt Oak Festival & Parade 2016 - Poster Competition

The organisers of the Burnt Oak Festival and Parade are once again holding a competition to design a poster for the event that takes place in September. Last year our very own Mia (Y6) won the competition and had her design used for all of the event banners and posters. This year the theme is '**costumes from around the world**'. Designs should be on A4 paper. Full competition rules are on the school website (News section). The closing date is 13th June.

Important Notices and Reminders

- **Parents of Year 5 pupils** who could not attend the secondary transfer meeting yesterday evening (26th May) need to collect an information pack from the school office.
- Don't forget that the **Year 1 Trip to Unicorn Theatre** is on Tuesday 7th June (the day we are back after ½ term).
- **Passport Applications:** can we remind parents that it is school policy **NOT** to sign passports after the ½ term break. In the vast majority of cases the school is contacted by The Passport Office after application are submitted in order to provide additional identity checks. To ensure that this does not occur after school closes for the summer break we are not able to process applications from June onwards. Please do not ask after ½ term as staff will politely decline.
- **½ Term Holiday - Back on Tuesday 7th June** - We break up for half term today. School will be closed until Tuesday 7th June. We hope you have an enjoyable week.



Whole School Attendance

↔ **95.4%** ↔

Let's keep improving our attendance!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 16th May)

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 93.1 % Well Done!

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 96.9% Great!

KS2 Class of the week: 3R 99.3% Excellent - Top Attendance!