WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website this week:

- Arts Award Evening
- Gold Travel Plan (Achievements page)

Forthcoming Events

- Parents Eve Wednesday
 5th October from 4.00pm 7.00pm
- Parents Eve Thursday 6th October from 4.00pm -6.00pm
- Little Oaks 'Dear Zoo' pre-school activities continue for 0 - 3s
- School Photographer on Friday 7th
- Harvest Festival coin collection on Thursday 13th
 please bring loose change
- Harvest Festival basket assembly on Friday 14th please bring food item

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Rosh Hashanah

Happy Rosh Hashanah





TfL STARS School Travel Plan Gold Level accreditation

GOLD Travel PLan Award

We are proud to announce that Woodcroft has again achieved the highest standard in encouraging sustainable travel - the GOLD STARS Accreditation. We have been invited to a special presentation ceremony by TfL (Transport for London) in October to collect our certificate and a gold star to add to our plaque. Our STARS plaque can be found in the main foyer and every year schools are awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold. Due to our commitment to support cycling, walking to school and healthy lifestyles we have achieved gold for two consecutive years. Well done to Mrs Valoti for coordinating our sustainable travel activities throughout the year.

Barnet Sports Awards Nomination



Good luck to our Woodcroft footballers who have been nominated for the prestigious 'Team Of The Year 2016' at the Barnet Sports Awards. The ceremony takes place this evening, Friday 30th September, at Finchley ArtsDepot. Our team won a clean sweep of major trophies last season; including the two

Barnet knock out cups (Martin Cup and Dick Bailey Cup) and the Munroe Shield (overall league champions). They were also runners-up in the North London 6-a-side competition. Quite an amazing year for Football at Woodcroft!

Bronze Arts Award Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 28th September we welcomed back our Year 6 pupils from



last year to celebrate their Bronze Arts Award success. A fantastic 55 pupils achieved this prestigious award by the end of the summer term, and they were invited back to Woodcroft for a special presentation evening.

The pupils, now in Year 7, enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers again as well as collecting the certificate from Trinity College London. The Arts Award at

Woodcroft is the culmination of our innovative AIM@Arts programme that extends and enriches the curriculum throughout the school. We hope that these amazing pupils



continue to aspire to achieve in the Arts throughout their secondary education.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to Friends of Woodcroft who hosted the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning today in The Oak Suite. A special thank you goes to Morrisons for donating a fantastic selection of fresh cakes, and everyone who came along and enjoyed a drink in aid of cancer support.



Special Assembly by Mitsotu





Pupils in KS1 and KS2 were treated to a fun assembly on Monday lead by X Factor Band Mitsotu. The 2012 Finalists now run successful drama and performance clubs. We asked them to talk about their inspirations and how they aspired to follow their dreams. This reinforces our **AIM**

message at Woodcroft - because Aspiration and Inspiration Matter!

Parent Consultation Evenings - Next Week

Letters were sent out this week inviting parents to attend a consultation meeting with their child's class teacher. This is an essential meeting to discuss progress and targets for improvement. We expect all parents to make an appointment. If you are unavailable on either of the two nights please speak with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications - Parent support sessions

Mr Tallon will be available to support parents who still need to complete their secondary transfer applications. Next week during Parent Consultation Evening he will be available in the school Computer Room to sit with parents and talk through the process. Please ensure you have a valid email address, and if you have already registered please have your password and username available. Support will be provided on ...

Wednesday 5th October 9.00am to 10.00am - please enquire at the office Wednesday 5th October 4.00pm to 7.00pm - inform Mrs Hurley at the reception desk Thursday 6th October 4.00pm to 6.00pm - inform Mrs Hurley at the reception desk

Parking Complaints

We have recently had a number of complaints from local residents and parents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking at both our front and back entrances. At the back of school please do not park around the entrance to the Wolsey Grove gates. Please also consider parking a short distance away from the entrances and walking the final few metres. This is both safer and healthier.

Barnet & Harrow Saturday School - Edgware Centre

Woodcroft is partner in the Barnet & Harrow Saturday School. They have a centre at Edgware Primary and we sponsor 25 free places for pupils eligible for pupil premium. Thank you for all of the enquires regarding places, however all of our allocation is now filled. Parents who are still interested can either go on our waiting list or make a private application and pay the termly subscription. An application form is available to download from the 'News' section of our website.

School Individual and Family Photographs - Friday 7th October



The school photographer will be in school next Friday. He will be taking family groups for parents with preschool children from 8.15am. Please enter via the Oak Suite. School age pupils will have individual photographs taken during the school day. We also arrange for sibling groups of pupils at Woodcroft to be taken as well. You only need to arrive at 8.15am if you want pre-school children and babies to be in the photos.

Current Whole School Attendance is <u>94.9%</u> We need to be above <u>96%!</u> Weekly Class Attendance Champions (for week beginning 19th September)

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 99.3% Great Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 5G 99.5% Excellent - Top Attendance!