

WOODCROFT WEEKLY ARTS SPECIAL

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Year of Creative Arts at Woodcroft

Welcome



to the autumn issue of the Woodcroft Arts News Special. We believe that The Arts promote self-confidence, concentration and resilience as well as inspiring, motivating and developing empathy. So much of what children learn through the Arts provides the basis for a successful life.

Woodcroft is a thriving school with arts and culture central to school life. This enables our pupils to express themselves confidently and creatively. With so many exciting things happening in school we want to celebrate this

through this Arts News Special issue.

AIM@Arts - A Programme of Enriched and Extended Curriculum Opportunities

Woodcroft pupils are offered an Arts programme of outstanding opportunity that extends beyond the National Curriculum. We call this AIM@Arts. The Arts at Woodcroft and things have never been more exciting!

Highlights so far from this term...

- Our J Rock dancers and Year 5/6 Choir performed at the Burnt Oak Parade and Festival
- We held an amazing Art Week in September when every pupil in the school created art work based on the theme of 'courage.'
- We welcomed back our 2016 Year 6 group to celebrate their Bronze Arts Award success
- An inspirational visit by X Factor group 'Mitsotu'
- Our Year 2s performed brilliantly in the Barnet Education Arts Trust Infant Music Festival
- Our Senior Choir were invited to sing at a national celebration of music education at The Gresham Centre in Central London
- Year 4 have been working on the 'National Nutcracker;' a dance collaboration with the Royal Opera House and Royal Ballet.

Still to come this term...

- Instrumental concerts in November
- Our musicians will be busking to support Children In Need 2016
- Early Years and KS1 Christmas Plays
- Whole school Carol Assembly
- Dance performances

Coming up next term...

We have lots of exciting things planned for the Spring term:

- J Rock dance club will perform at the Barnet Dance Festival at Finchley Arts Depot and compete in the Great Big Dance Off
- We will host our spring term Art Week and music concerts

Arts Award

The ArtsAward at Woodcroft

Woodcroft are proud to be an accredited Arts Council ArtsAward Centre. We have developed an Arts Charter that guarantees for every child that each term they will:

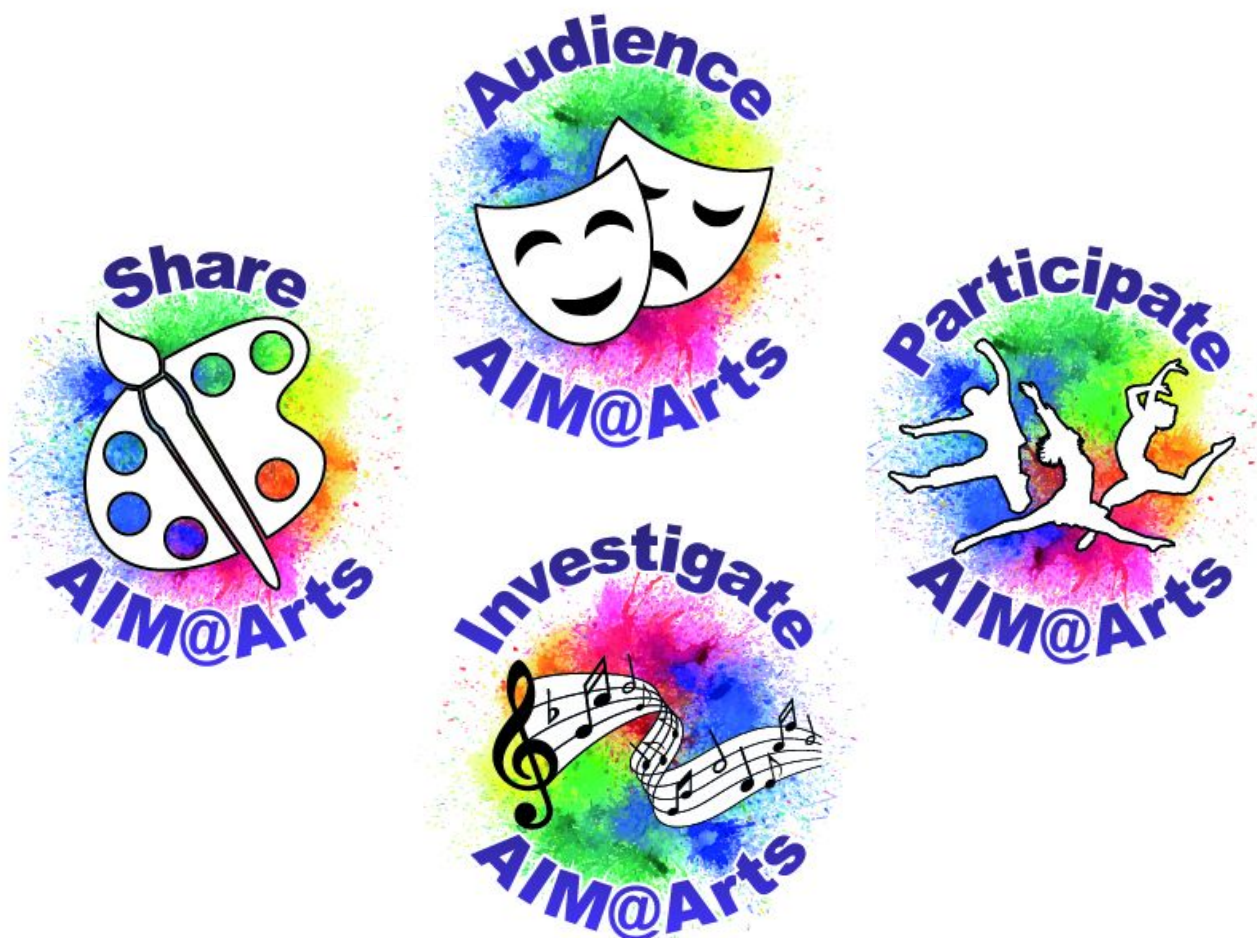
- Participate in an artform
- Be an audience member
- Research and investigate artists
- Share their arts with others



Across the year pupils explore the range of art forms; dance, music, drama and visual art. Our termly Art Week enables all pupils to focus in depth on the visual arts. Pupils in Year 6 develop Arts Award portfolios that are then submitted to Trinity College London for accreditation for their Bronze Arts Award qualification. An amazing 55 pupils achieved their Bronze Arts Award last year!

Arts Badges

In January we will be launching a brand new whole school AIM@Arts reward scheme to link with our Woodcroft Arts Charter. We have created stickers which pupils will earn as they take in arts activities over the school year. When they are watching, performing, learning new skills or researching artists they will be working towards these exclusive badges.



AIM@Music

Year 2 Infant Music Festival



On Tuesday 1st November, our Year 2s performed brilliantly at the annual BEAT Infant Music Festival. The theme this year linked with 'International Talk Like a Pirate Day' and pupils learned songs around this theme in their Music lessons, and a poem learned in English lessons. Woodcroft pupils also performed their own item, composed by Mr Huckerby. Congratulations to all our Year 2s for their fantastic performance!



Senior Choir Perform at National Event

ENSEMBLE 100

A Celebration of Music Education | Friday 4th November

The Woodcroft Senior Choir have started their performing year on a high! On Friday 4th November they were invited to open a celebration event hosted by the MMA, the national Music Teachers Association. This prestigious event was attended by representatives of music education and Members of Parliament from across the United Kingdom.



The Choir participated in a workshop in the afternoon with a professional cappella group Apollo 5 and learned two songs which they performed at the evening celebrations. In addition, they prepared and presented two of their own items. Our Senior Choir performed beautifully and received high praise from the guests for their professionalism, commitment and musical skills. Congratulations to our wonderful Senior Choir on an amazing first performance!

Autumn Music Concerts



Between the 24th to the 28th of November our Woodcroft musicians will be performing their first concerts of the school year. We look forward to welcoming you to the performances!

Thursday 24th at 2:30pm: Strings led by Miss Blyth (Senior String Ensemble), Mrs Maclean (Violin and large string ensembles) and Mrs Hooker (Cello)

Friday 25th at 11:00am: Brass led by Mrs Reeder, Senior Guitar Club led by Mr Huckerby, and Woodwind led by Miss Sherring

Monday 28th at 11:00am: Year 3 Ukulele led by Mr Hughes and Mrs Cingo



AIM@Art

Art Week Autumn 2016







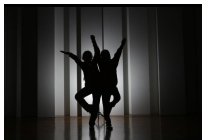

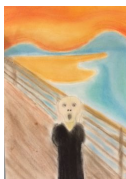
The school has already enjoyed exploring many elements of visual art this academic year! The emphasis on arts was propelled forward by Art week at the beginning of the Autumn term, using the theme of 'courage' as inspiration. Across the school the children participated in many different art forms to create pieces of visual art, and also studied the work of professional artists.

These skills will be built upon and new skills explored throughout the year. An 'art week' will take place each term, as well as each class participating in creating new works throughout the school year as part of their school curriculum. Art Weeks provide invaluable opportunities for pupils to develop their SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) education. We are promoting our

British Values through art! As the year progresses there will be more and more visual art to feast your eyes upon. Keep an eye out when walking around the school and when exploring the Treehouse to see what pieces of visual art you can see!

Each year group researched an artist and studied their work. They learned new skills to produce their own art. Their work was shared in Key Stage assemblies, and is on display in the Gallery Corridor and outside classrooms.

Class	Genre/Media	Artist	Cross Curricular Links
EYFS 	Paper plate collages	Andy Goldsworthy	Created self portraits showing themselves with a brave face
Year 1 	Digital Technology	Bob Kane	Studied work of Bob Kane and created own courageous superheroes
Year 2 	Pastel Drawing	Henri Matisse	Linked with English, creating Matisse style portraits of courageous fairy tale characters
Year 3 	Sketching and collage	Charis Tsevis	Linked with Paralympics

Year 4 	Digital Technology	Kike Calvo	Linked with Royal Opera House National Nutcracker project. Explored courage it takes to put on a performance.
Year 5 	Silhouettes	Karl Johnson	Linked with History study of Battle of Bosworth
Year 6 	Painting/sketching/charcoal	Edvard Munch	Courage to express self through art.

AIM@Dance

Professional Dance Choreography

Dance continues to go from strength to strength at Woodcroft. During the year every class benefits from a unit of dance lead by a professional choreographer. This is with Lemon Jelly in Foundation Stage and Year 1, or with Miss Williams throughout Years 2 to 6. This enables dance to become an integral part of our creative curriculum topics.

Lemon Jelly: Lemon Jelly is a specialist dance company who have worked with some of our children to help them develop their confidence and coordination for a few years now. We hope to have an opportunity to see them perform again soon!

National Nutcracker with Year 4



Our Year 4s have been busy working on an exciting collaboration with the Royal Opera House! Year 4 have been participating in their 'National Nutcracker' scheme; a project that aims to get the nation dancing using the ballet 'The Nutcracker' as a stimulus.



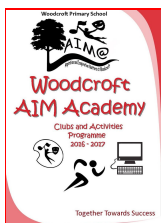
In class, we have been working on the National Nutcracker. We have choreographed and rehearsed our dance with the help of our class teachers and Miss Williams, and we've also used it to help us in other subjects too. In English we created playscripts for our dance story. We also studied the photography of artist Kike Calvo and used his work to inspire photos of our own for Art Week. In History we compared Roman Amphitheatres to the Royal Opera House theatre. **By Shyomi 4B**

J Rock Report By Tallulah 6S

J Rock is a dance club; we are taught by Miss Williams. As J Rock is a competitive club here, we spend loads of times practising and learning new routines. This year we are competing in The Great Big Dance Off, performing at the Barnet Dance Festival and performing to raise funds for the British Red Cross! We have lots of fun. J Rock is filled with hard work and patience.

Woodcroft AIM Academy

An Extended Curriculum - Enriching the National Curriculum



Woodcroft run an amazing number of extra-curricular clubs and activities. In fact, there are over 40 different clubs running this term. We call this our **AIM Academy**. Below is a timetable of just the Arts clubs and additional learning opportunities currently running in school this term. A copy of the leaflet was distributed at the start of term and can be downloaded from the school website.

AIM@Arts Clubs and Activities Time Timetable - Autumn 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				Senior String Ensemble	Senior String Ensemble
School Day	Whole Class Ukulele Tuition (Y3)	Lemon Jelly Dance Curriculum Dance (½ termly units)		Violin and Viola Tuition (Paid)	Brass Cello Woodwind Tuition (Paid)
Lunchtime	Senior Orchestra		Junior Guitar Club (Yrs 2-4)	Percussion Club	Young Woodcroft Singers
After School		Zumba (Y1-4) J Rock Dance	Senior Guitar Club (Yrs 4-6)	Art Club	Senior Choir

Woodcroft Website and Treehouse

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Have you visited the website and logged on to the Treehouse (via your child's account) yet? There are videos, photos and pieces of work showcased across all the pages of all the incredible things going on in school. You can practise music learned in class, re-live performances, discuss what you're doing and review special events you've seen or taken part in! Take a look at our special Arts, Music, Dance and Drama pages to see all the wonderful opportunities that are happening in school.



Arts Council

As part of our pupil leadership programme, pupils from each year group have the opportunity to represent the school as a member of the Arts Council. Pupils participating in extra Arts activities in school will be nominated in class and will meet every half term with Miss Sherring to plan and implement ways to improve Arts in school even further.

Pupil Voice

Here's what our pupils have to say about participating in the Arts at Woodcroft:

"I love dancing to the songs in Zumba. Sometimes I get to meet new people!" Emily 1C

"I can't believe I actually get the opportunity to learn the flute!" Paige Y4

"Art Club is a place where you can take your imagination and run wild!" Taysha Y6

"J Rock makes you work really hard and get better at dancing." Chisom Y6

"Art week was really fun - we learned how to use different textures and work with materials we'd never used before." Elyes Y6

"Choir is an amazing group and we sound spectacular together!" Diana and Julia, Y5

"I loved Art Week!" Rylee Y4

