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Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

- ★ Winter Ball
- ★ Parents Promise Licence Winners
- ★ Christmas Shows

Forthcoming Events

- 13th Reception & Nursery PM Show at 2.15pm to families
- 14th Reception & Nursery AM Show at 9.30am to families
- 15th Little Oaks Party
- 15th Christmas Lunch
- 16th Nursery & Reception
- 19th Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties further details will be sent out by classes
- 20th Y1, Y5 & Y6 Parties further details will be sent out by classes
- 20th Nursery last day
- 19th Y6 WWII Christmas Experience - parents invited 9.15am to 10.30am
- 21st Year 4 Dance Assembly to parents at 9.15am

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PSHE Theme

We are thinking about ... The Festival of Christmas

Christmas Diarv

- ★ 13th Reception & Nursery PM performance at 2.15pm
- ★ 14th Reception & Nursery AM performance at 9.30am
- ★ 15th Nursery and Little Oaks Christmas Parties
- ★ 15th Christmas Lunch
- ★ 16th Reception Christmas Party (change of date)
- ★ 16th School Panto
- ★ 19th Y6 WWII Event in the Oak Suite and Tardis from 9.15am to 10.30am
- families invited to come and experience a wartime Christmas
- ★ 19th Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties further details will be sent out by classes
- ★ 20th Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties further details will be sent out by classes
- ★ 20th Nursery last day
- ★ 21st Year 4 Dance Assembly to parents at 9.15am

Good Attendance Advice

Good attendance is very important. Please remember that medical, dental and opticians appointments should, whenever possible, be arranged outside of school hours. If this is not possible, always ensure that your child is in school for registration times (8.55am and between 1.00 and 1.45pm in the afternoon). If your child misses the register it will be recorded as an absence. Please also take a look at our attendance display in the foyer.

Woodcroft Featured in National Music Magazine



Woodcroft was featured in this month's Music Teacher Magazine, publication for music teachers across the country. They have heard about our fantastic success with music over the past few years and ran a feature on how we started brass tuition. Well done to our musicians and Ms Sherring for continuing to get national recognition. Last year we



won the national award for Best Music Department.

Thank You to Friends of Woodcroft



We would like to thank Friends of Woodcroft for their $r_{\rm r.c.}$ $q_{\rm croft}$ support this month. They have helped decorate the main hall and school Christmas trees, organised our Winter Ball (see the website) and provided a beautiful tree for the pupils who visit the Oak Suite such as Acorns Club or our

Little Oaks Parent and Toddler Group that runs on Thursdays. Parent support is always appreciated, especially at busy times of the year like Christmas.

Last Day of Term - 21st December

School closes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st December. Nursery finishes the previous day on Tuesday 20th December. We reopen for the spring term on Wednesday 4th January 2017.



Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show Success

We enjoyed two fantastic Christmas shows this week from Year 1 and Year 2, with Nursery and Reception still to take to the stage next week. All of the pupils performed wonderfully to an audience of friends and family, and we hope that you enjoyed the shows. Take a look at the website for a selection of photographs.



The Parents' Promise Licence



The Police set our pupils a homework assignment last week (see Newsletter 259) to encourage safer driving. Pupils were asked to interview their parents about their Working together for a safer London driving habits and then decorated a special licence. Prizes for the best licences

from each class were awarded and can be viewed on our website. Copies of the winning licences have also been sent to Edgware Police Station to be entered into the area competition.

Netball Match 7 - 0 Victory



Congratulations to the netball team, who showed great spirit and determination to start their league season with a 7-0 victory over Courtland School. The scorers were Suleman 3 goals, Yomade 2 goals and 1 goal each from Chisom and Maria. Overall, a great start to their league title defence. The team play again against Barnfield next week.

Science Challenge - Make a Lava Lamp!

Miss Stubbings and the Science Council are setting a prize science challenge over the Christmas break. You will need: water, clear plastic bottle, vegetable oil, food colouring and an antacid tablet like Alka-Seltzer (or you could use salt instead). Copies of the challenge poster can be downloaded from the news section of our website. For tips to this experiment watch....

https://sciencebob.com/blobs-in-a-bottle-2/

Please bring your finished lamps to school by Friday the 6th January, 2017. Prizes will be given out on the 13th January. Good luck!

New Homework App



The Science Challenge will be available to download from our new homework app on our website - why not try and submit your homework online? Watch out for smarthomeworkonline Brain Builders in the Spring Term!

The Importance of PE - Parent Leaflet



The Association for Physical Education (afPE) has been commissioned by Sport England to produce resources highlighting the difference that physical education can make to young people. An information leaflet for parents/carers

outlining the importance of children and young people being active is available to download from the news and PE sections of our website, with copies available in the foyer. Woodcroft is an afPE Quality Mark accredited school and we recognise how important children's physical health and emotional well-being are to achieving academic success.

Host a Perfume Party



Changing Spaces & enhancing places through colour & texture in flowers & gifts



- MADE IN THE CITY OF LONDON, UK

Have you ever wanted to design your own fragrance and create scents for yourself or loved ones? An ex-parent has set up a business organising perfume parties to host in your own homes with 10 or more family and friends to create fragrances, including scents for men. Hosts get to keep a commision from sales made on the night. If you are interested then complete the contact form at https://queenangelcreations.com/ or email: icreateperfumeparties@gmail.com

Whole School **Attendance** ⇒96.3%⊭ Attendance dropped!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week beginning 28th November

KS1 Class of the week: 2W (96.3%) Good Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 4B (99%) Well Done. Top attendance this week!