



Together Towards Success

New on the website

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

- ★ Easter Bonnets
- ★ Spring Music Concerts
- ★ Red Nose Day Fun
- ★ Woodcroft Wow factor
- ★ Governance Reports for the Spring Term

Forthcoming Events

24/4 Y6 Mock SATs Week
29/4 Make Your Move Dance Competition (Saturday)

1/5 School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday

w/b 8/5 KS2 SATS

14/5 Barnet Unity Festival at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre
16/5 Y6 African Drumming Day
18/5 & 19/5 Nursery Open Days
18/5 Y6 Residential Meeting 5.00pm
25/5 New to Nursery Meeting 9.15am
25/5 Y5 Secondary Transfer Meeting (5.30pm)
26/5 Class Group & Team Photographs

Twitter



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@WPS_Success

PSHE Theme

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Relationships

Summer Term - Welcome Back

We welcome everyone back for the start of our summer term. This is always a busy time of year in schools as we prepare for end of year testing, reports, summer events and trips. The list of activities and dates is too long to publish so please use the online calendar facility on the website - we try to keep it up to date.

Distributed with this Newsletter are the term dates for the rest of this year and the next academic year (2017 - 2018). This is also available on our website.



School Attendance Notice – Supreme Court Ruling



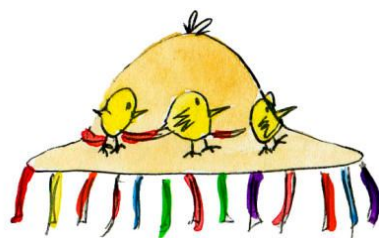
The Supreme Court judged on 6 April 2017 that regular attendance means attending school 'according to the rules'. This means that children are expected to attend every day. Our school policy remains unchanged as a result of this ruling. **Holidays and absences in term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.**

The Supreme Court Judges in the case commented on the disruptive actions of a minority of parents who remove their children from school and the wider impact that this has on the school as a whole. The Judges noted:

- A clear statistical link between school attendance and educational achievement
- Absences disrupt the education of the individual child
- Work missed has to be made up, requiring extra work by the school staff
- Individual absences can disrupt the progress of the whole class or group
- If different pupils are taken out at different times, then the disruptive effect increases exponentially
- Allowing some parents to take children out of school is unfair on the majority of parents who keep to the rules
- School should continue to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences.

If parents need to request a leave of absence from school for their child please obtain a form from the office. Please note; all absence requests (other than medical and sickness notifications) need to be approved by the Headteacher in advance.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 excelled themselves on Thursday 30th March with an outstanding Easter Bonnet Parade. They were also joined by some of our younger representatives from Little Oaks, our Thursday Parent and Toddler Group. The time and effort that had been put into the bonnet creations on parade was astonishing. Well done to everyone

who had helped make this event such a success. Take a look on the website for some photographs of this seasonal event.

New Parent Governor Appointed

We would like to notify parents of the appointment of your new parent Governor, Kate Bosworth, following last term's election. Kate has two children in the school and a background in writing and publishing. She will make an excellent addition to our Governing Body. Governors play a vital role in ensuring the school offers an outstanding education for all children. They volunteer their time to review the work of the school first hand and support the continual drive to raise standards.

Year 3 Cake Sale



Well done to Y3 who raised £180 from a cake and book sale on Thursday. The money is being used to fund their recent chick project. Our young entrepreneurs collected books and brought cakes to put toward the costs of the project. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

NEW - Parents' Notice Board

A parent recently enquired about the possibility of a space in school where parents could advertise unwanted items for sale, promote events, or make recommendations for local traders that had been used successfully. We thought it was a great idea so have allocated a notice board along the gallery corridor by the main entrance (just on your way out to the junior playground). If you would like to advertise please bring your card or notice to the school office to arrange for it to be displayed.

Barnet West Netball Play-Off Final v The Orion on Wednesday 26th April

Come and cheer on our Netball Team next Wednesday at 3.15pm as we take on The Orion in the West Barnet League Playoff Finals. Both teams won their respective league pools and will play each other for the West Barnet Trophy. Woodcroft narrowly beat The Orion last term in the West Cup final with a dramatic extra time golden goal, so the opposition will be keen to even things up.

Local Festivals During Weekend of 13th and 14th May

We would like to bring to your attention two events that are taking place in May. On Saturday 13th there is SMASHfest at the Best Hub (site of the old Orion school), and the following day at the Burnt Oak Leisure Centre Barnet Unity Festival is happening. Take a look at the promotional posters below (copies are also available on the school website)

Barnet Unity Festival - Sunday 14th May

Join Woodcroft at the Barnet Unity Festival on 14th May when our Dance Team and Choir perform at 12.00pm on the main stage to start proceedings. The festival takes place at the Burnt Oak Leisure Centre and looks like being a fun event.

Celebration BARNET
UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY 14/5/17

A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL
BARNET UNITY FESTIVAL
OF FAITH AND CULTURE

Sunday 14th May 2017 | 12.00 - 17.00
Burnt Oak Leisure Centre
Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, London HA8 0NP

ORGANISED BY BARNET MULTI FAITH FORUM
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITY OF FAITHS FOUNDATION

In partnership with community groups in Barnet

JOIN IN THE FAMILY FUN:

- FREE ENTRANCE
- Stage performances - music, dance and drama
- Sports zones
- Cooking demos
- Arts and crafts *
- Children's entertainments *
- Food stalls and refreshments *
- Exhibitions and information

* Charges may apply

LOTTERY FUNDED

To register for your free ticket:
www.cbfestival.co.uk

For more information or to take part:
info@cbfestival.co.uk

Logos for partners: CAPITA, BETTER, BARNET, YOUNG BARNET, Middlesex University London, and others.

SMASHfestUK mini-festival

A BIG ADVENTURE for all the family - arts, crafts, science, engineering, games, activities, experiments.

Saturday May 13th 11- 4pm

FREE!

SUPERVOLCANO 2017

@ The BEST Hub
Old Orion School, Lanacre Ave,
Colindale NW9 5FN

smashfestuk.com

FREE PARKING ONSITE



Scooters Parks and Padlocks



We now have new scooter parks at the front of school and inside the foundation stage entrance. However, we have noticed scooters being left unsecured. If you bring a scooter to school it is important to bring a padlock in your school bag. Please secure your scooter using the metal plate that slides across each rack. All bikes and scooters are left at the owner's risk. We cannot accept responsibility for any that go missing. Bikes should also be secured with a suitable lock inside the Cycle Shelter.

Woodcroft in print - National Music Magazine Report



Woodcroft's innovative Arts curriculum has made the headlines! An article written by our very own Miss Sherring was featured in a national magazine last month. If you follow Woodcroft on Twitter you may have seen some of the praise received from different organisations including the Arts Council England. Congratulations to Miss Sherring for ensuring Woodcroft remains at the forefront of music and arts education.

Whole School Attendance

⇒ 95.5% ⇐

Attendance is below our target of 96%

Attendance Matters

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 27/03/17

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 94.14% Well done

KS1 Class of the week: 1C 94% Well done!

KS2 Class of the week: 6S 98% Excellent!

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

