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Together Towards Success

New on the website

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

- ★ Woodcroft Dance Winners
- ★ Netball League Champions

Forthcoming Events

Y6 SATS Next Week

13/5 SMASHfestUK on the OLD Orion school site
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
23/5 Y6 Author Visit
23/5 Y5 Orion Puppet Show visit
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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PSHE Theme

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Relationships

Woodcroft Dance Team Win Again!



Our amazing dancers have now won two major regional competitions! On Saturday 29th April the Woodcroft Dance Team won the London heats of the British Red Cross sponsored competition **Dance: Make Your Move** staged at The Michael Crawford Theatre in Dulwich. Not only that, Woodcroft were acknowledged as Platinum Fundraising Award winners for **raising over £1000** in support of The British Red Cross. The group also received a special commendation from the judges for outstanding engagement with the audience. Well done to the entire team for their wonderful performance and exceptional fundraising! They will now take part in the national finals at the London 02 in July. Take a look at the website for more photographs of their inspiring performance.

Online Calendar

Remember: for all important dates use the school's online calendar via the website.



School Attendance Notice – Supreme Court Ruling



The Supreme Court judged 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.

If parents need to request a leave of absence from school for their child please obtain a form from the office.

Community Barnet Parent Course Success Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities



On Monday 24th April twelve of Woodcroft parents received certificates for successfully completing the 13 week Community Barnet parenting programme. Over the past term these diligent parents have been attending sessions in school every Tuesday

learning new skills to support their families. Well done to all of our parents for their achievement. Thank you to Faith and Parisa from Community Barnet for running this programme, and to Mrs Meghji for coordinating it on behalf of Woodcroft.



Woodcroft Retain The Barnet West Netball League Championship



Woodcroft emerged victorious against The Orion in a hotly contested netball league play-off final. Both teams had won their respective league groups over the course of the season and came together on Wednesday 26th April to play for the Barnet West League Trophy. This was a repeat of last term's netball cup tournament final between these two closely matched squads. At the end of the first quarter The Orion held a narrow 2 – 3 lead. Woodcroft then had an excellent second quarter scoring 5 unanswered goals. Despite a close second half with some excellent play from both schools Woodcroft managed to hold onto their lead for an 11 – 5 final score; retaining the trophy that we

won last year! Congratulations to the whole squad; Maria, Suleman, Chisom, Tallulah, Yomade, Daniel, and their coaches, Mr Patel and Mr Judd.

Road Accident

It was with huge sadness that the Headteacher of The Annunciation Catholic Infant School has had to notify their school community of the unexpected death of one of their pupils following a road accident.

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of this popular and delightful little boy. At such a distressing time we are also reminded of the need to be careful and considerate of road users and pedestrians. Please think carefully about your own children's safety on the way to and from school. As drivers we also need to park safely and drive slowly around schools and in residential areas.

Y2 Football Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 2 pupils who represented Woodcroft at the Barnet Football Festival. The team which included Duncan, Josilas, Matei, Gabriel, Luis, Jobanpreet, Yolade and Jerzy showed fantastic effort and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved.

Fidget Spinners - Don't bring them into school!



Fidget Spinners were originally designed to help children with conditions like autism deal with stress, but have now become a popular toy. Unfortunately, they are not suitable for mass use in the classroom because they are distracting others from doing their work. These toys also pose a risk on the playground as they are quite heavy and could be thrown around during in games. We have decided not to allow their use in school. Children who benefit from hand held items to help with their concentration will be provided with suitable approved products by Ms Vanner (SENCo). Thank you for your support on this matter.

£30 Voucher - Lucky Draw Winner

Congratulations to Mrs Volpato Gomes (parent of Flavio Y6) who was the lucky winner of the £30 voucher for completing the parents questionnaire.

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.

Supervision in the morning - Children should not arrive before 8.30am

Please remember that school opens at 8.30am in the morning (or 8.00am for Breakfast Club). Please ensure younger children are supervised at all times until classrooms open for entry at 8.45am. Everyone should be in school by 8.55am without fail!

Whole School Attendance

⇒ 95.5% ⇐

Attendance is below our target of 96%

Attendance Matters

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 24th April

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 94.5% Well done

KS1 Class of the week: 1C 99% Well done TOP Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 3R 98.3% Excellent!

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Local Festival Weekend - 13th and 14th May

We would like to bring to your attention two fantastic events that are taking place next weekend in the local area, and Woodcroft have been invited to perform on both days! On Saturday 13th there is SMASHfest at the Best Hub (site of the old Orion school), then the following day at the Burnt Oak Leisure Centre is the Barnet Unity Festival. Take a look at the promotional posters below (copies are also available on the school website and foyer)

SMASHfestUK - Saturday 13th May - NEW VENUE Now at the Grahame Park Community Centre



We had a wonderfully explosive start to the week on Monday when the organisers of **SMASHfestUK** came into school to lead a school assembly and then workshops in Y4 all about volcanoes. They also told us all about their up and coming **SMASHfestUK** event next week. Now being held at The Grahame Park Community Centre (a new venue) it promises to be a fun event for the whole family. Woodcroft Dance Team

will also be performing their earthquake themed routine at around 1.00pm so why not come down and join us?



Barnet Unity Festival on Sunday 14th May

Join Woodcroft again the following day, this time at the Barnet Unity Festival on Sunday 14th May when our Dance Team and Choir perform at 12.30pm. This second festival takes place at the Burnt Oak Leisure Centre and looks like being another fun and exciting event. The organisers have informed me that **TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED** - Just turn up on the day!

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

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

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

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