WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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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

Y2 SATS Begin Next Week

13/5 SMASHfestUK at the Grahame Park Community Centre 14/5 Barnet Unity Festival at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre 16/5 Y6 African Drumming Day 18/5 & 19/5 Nursery Open Davs 18/5 Y6 Residential Meeting 5.00pm 23/5 Football School - 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

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PSHE Theme

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Building Relationships

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12th May 2017



Dance Competition Winners Trophy On Display

We had a pleasant surprise in the post this week when we received our winners trophy from the recent British Red Cross Dance: Make Your Move competition. As reported last week, the Woodcroft Dance Team won the London Junior Heats of this prestigious event and will now take part in the National Finals staged at the O2 in July.

The trophy will be proudly on show in our display cabinet. Make sure you take a look at it, and also the many other wonderful recent awards and achievements gained by our fantastic school. You can also visit our website achievements page for a description of recent successes.

http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/achievements/

We truly follow, and live up to, our motto: *Together Towards Success* Well Done Year 6 - Excellent Effort During KS2 SATs

Well done to year 6 pupils for their exceptional effort during their SATs week. Every pupil tried their very best through the grueling week of tests. Thank you also to all of the Y6 staff who volunteered their time to run SATS breakfast every day. Pupils were offered the opportunity to enjoy a FREE breakfast every day to ensure their brains were fully fuelled. All is not quite finished though. We still have to submit their writing pieces for inspection to enable each pupil to be awarded an accurate grade.

KS1 SATs in Year 2

Year 2 will be starting to take their SATs tests from Monday 15th May. They will take four tests altogether and these will be spread out over two weeks. The tests will be taken in small groups and we aim to keep them as low-key as possible. Please ensure your child is in school every day for this fortnight and also at school on time. Thank you for your support.

Passport Applications Deadline: Friday 26th May



Can I remind parents that it is school policy **NOT** to sign passports after the ½ term break. In the vast majority of cases the school is contacted by The Passport Office after applications are submitted in order to provide additional identity checks. To ensure that this does not occur after school closes for the summer break we are not able to

process applications from June onwards. If you are planning to renew your passport please ensure that you do so before we break up on Friday 26th May. *Please do not ask afterwards as school staff will politely decline.*

Barnet Tennis Tournament

Well done to our Year 3 students, Arman, Suhayla, Keira and Sebastian, who performed excellently at the Barnet Year 3&4 Mini Tennis Competition. We narrowly missed out on qualifying from our group with all the children achieving at least one win from our 4 games. Special mention goes to Sebastian who won all of his matches.

Year 6 Parent Reminder: School Journey Meeting Next Week Parents of pupils who are going on this year's Y6 Wildchild Residential

Camp are invited to a meeting at 5.00pm on Thursday 18th May.

Ramadan

Dear Parents and Carers

It is our understanding that Ramadan is expected to begin at sunset on Friday 26th May, subject to the moon sighting. At Woodcroft we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to fully support our Muslim pupils through this period.

Fasting

Some of our older KS2 pupils may be fasting while at school. We require a letter from parents to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting.

Prayer

We offer supervised classroom spaces for girls and boys to pray at 1.15pm after the sun has reached its height at mid-afternoon. We expect children observing prayer to be responsible and well behaved.

Lessons

We expect all pupils to take part in <u>every</u> school lesson and activity. If an aspect of the lesson proves difficult for a child due to religious observance then the teacher will modify aspects of their participation. For example, pupils may help the teacher during PE instead of doing vigorous exercise, or they will only listen to the music during singing.

Events

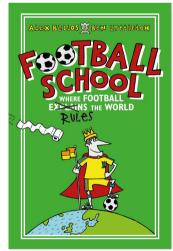
If a specific event is taking place such as a school trip or sports match we may ask that an older child has their parents' approval to break a fast on that day to enable them to take part. Also, if a child has a weekly club, e.g. Dance or Football, then parents may decide that their child does not fast on those particular days every week. Please include this approval for older children in your letter

Support

Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your support.

Mr Tallon

Ben Lyttleton - Author of 'Football School' is visiting Woodcroft on May 23rd



When do footballers poo? Can you play football on Mars? Why does the weather make Brazilians so skilful? And what is your favourite goal celebration?

On Tuesday May 23rd , author Ben Lyttleton will teach Woodcroft Primary about the world through the prism of football. Ben will tell true stories, real science and fascinating facts from his co-authored book **Football School: Where Football Explains the World**, a recent #1 bestseller children's sports title on <u>Amazon.co.uk</u> and shortlisted for Blue Peter's Book of the Year prize. This book is topical and effective in making primary school class subjects accessible, understandable and fun to young readers. His laugh-out-loud talk is perfect for any boy or girl who loves football.

Ben will be signing copies of his book, costing £6.99, at the end of the day. More details next week about how you can meet Ben and pick up your own

copy of **Football School: Where Football Explains the World**. For more information about the book visit his wonderful website: <u>footballschool.co</u>

Whole School Attendance ⇒ 95.5% ⇐ Attendance is below our target of 96% <u>Attendance Matters</u> <u>Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 1st May</u> Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 93.1% Well done KS1 Class of the week: 2L 98.3% Well done TOP Attendance! KS2 Class of the week: 4B 100% Excellent !



Local Festival Weekend - 13th and 14th May

We would like to remind you two fantastic events that are taking place this weekend in our local area. Woodcroft have been invited to perform on both days! On Saturday 13th there is **SMASHfestUK** at the Grahame Park Community Centre, then the following day at the Burnt Oak Leisure Centre is the **Barnet Unity Festiva**. Take a look at the promotional posters below (copies are also available on the school website and foyer). Don't miss these fantastic events and watch Woodcroft perform.

SMASHfestUK on Saturday 13th May



The organisers of SMASHfestUK came into school last week to lead an assembly all about volcanoes and to tell us about their up and coming SMASHfestUK event this weekend. It is taking place at the **Grahame Park Community Centre** and promises to be a fun event for the whole family. **Woodcroft Dance Team** will also be performing their award winning Nepal 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 around 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!



