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Together Towards Success

New on the website

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

- ★ Festival Weekend
- ★ Tri-Gold Champions
- ★ Y1 Science Challenge (Science Page)

Forthcoming Events

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

School Closes at normal time on Friday 26th May

Half Term Holiday
29th May to 2nd June (School Closed)

School Closed for Staff Training on Monday 5th June

Pupils return on Tuesday 6th June

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PSHE Theme

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Building Relationships

Woodcroft Win The Barnet Tri-Golf Championship



On Wednesday 16th May Woodcroft sent a team of golfers to the Barnet Tri-Golf Championships staged at Allianz Park. After winning their group stage our squad of 10 went through the play-offs against the other group winners. In a tense finale against Broadfields, The Hyde and Goldbeaters we emerged victorious and came away with the gold medals!

What is Tri-Golf?



Tri-golf is a 'mini' version of golf for primary schools. It involves the use of adapted equipment for use in a variety of golf skill games that mix individual and team play. Tri-Golf is designed to provide an enjoyable introduction to the sport.

London Youth Games



Woodcroft will now represent Barnet at the [London Youth Games](#) in July. The games, held at The National Sports Centre in Crystal Palace, are open competitions enabling the most talented young people in each London borough to compete to become champions of London.

KS1 SATs Continue in Year 2

Year 2 will be continuing to take their SATs next week. The pupils have done amazingly well so far. Miss Lloyd and Miss Wray have been extremely impressed with their attitude and application. In fact, most of our pupils say that they are actually enjoying the process! We aim to keep the test as low-key as possible. But please ensure your child is in school every day and on time to help with the administration. Thank you for your support.

Passport and Visa Applications Deadline: Friday 26th May



Can I remind parents that it is school policy **NOT** to sign passports or visa application after the ½ term break. 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 after this date as school staff will politely decline.*



African Drumming Performance



On Tuesday 16th we welcomed Abass and Nii from The One Drum African drumming ensemble to Woodcroft. Year 6 took part in workshops during the day as part of their Arts Award work. This led to a fabulous performance by Year 6 to the school in the afternoon.

Sainsbury's



Sainsbury's Vouchers

This year's scheme has now finished. Please bring in any remaining vouchers before half term for counting. Thank you.

A Festival Weekend - Wonderful Woodcroft Performances Saturday: SMASHfestUK



Despite three unplanned venue changes due to circumstances outside of their control, the SMASHfest team pulled out all of the stops to ensure their volcano themed science festival was a success. Those that went along to The Grahame Park on Saturday were able to enjoy a wide range of fun activities and experiments. As part of the afternoon, Woodcroft Dance Club had been invited to perform their winning routine. Thank you to all of the pupils, parents and staff who supported us at this event.

Sunday: Barnet Unity Festival



Then on Sunday, Woodcroft were one of the performance acts on the main stage of The Barnet Unity of Faiths Festival held at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. This event brought together all of the faiths and cultures that make up our wonderfully diverse locality. Both Woodcroft Choir and Dance Club's performed wonderfully to the festival crowd. Well done to everyone who took part.

Ramadan: Friday 26th May

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. We expect children observing prayer to be responsible and well behaved.

Lessons: We expect all pupils to take part in every school lesson and activity.

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.

Whole School Attendance

⇒ 95.5% ⇐

Attendance is below our
target of 96%

Attendance Matters

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 8th May

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 95.52% Excellent!

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 97.93% Well done!

KS2 Class of the week: 6M 99.64% Excellent - Top Attendance !

Apologies for not correctly crediting 4B with TOP attendance last week after their 100% score!

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Nursery Places for September 2017

Childcare
Choices

Did you know Woodcroft Nursery will be supporting the Government's new 30 hour free childcare initiative in September. Infact, all of our Nursery parents are able to access up to 32 ½ hours of childcare through a mixture of free entitlement and paid for 'top-up' sessions.

We still have a few places remaining for September. If you know any family still looking for a place please give them the Nursery poster distributed with today's newsletter. Thank you.

Year 1 ConnectED Science Challenge



On Wednesday 17th May, the ConnectEd Schools Science Group met again for another fun afternoon of experiment activities. This time, Year 1 was the lucky year group chosen and Miss Stubbings took a small group of Woodcroft pupils to Edgware Primary School where they had a great time creating bubbles, slime and testing whether objects floated or sunk.

Year 3 Bread Making at Menorah



On Tuesday afternoon a group of Y3 pupils were invited to Menorah Foundation, one of our ConnectED partners, to enjoy a bread making activity. The Headteacher, Mr Fink, had some kind words to say about our pupils....

"Many thanks for sending along children to our 'Challah Bake'. I hope they enjoyed themselves and learned a little along the way. The Woodcroft pupils who came were a real credit to your school"

Early Years Caterpillar Project



The Painted Lady Caterpillars have arrived in our Early Years. Mrs Baker has put them into their individual pots with their baby caterpillar food. They are now in the 'Understanding of the World' area of the setting which has been a hive of activity with the children exploring them through magnifying glasses. The children report that the caterpillars are currently 'small, black, spiky and very hungry'.

Barnet Autism Team - Y6 Parents Transition Coffee Morning

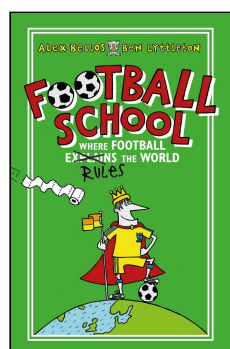
There is a coffee morning on Tuesday 6th June for Parents/Carers of Year 6 children on the autism spectrum who are transferring to a mainstream Barnet Secondary School in Autumn 2017. See the flyer in the 'News' section of our website for more information.

Car Accident Causes Damage to Woodcroft Entrance



I am sure that you will have all seen our front wall (or lack of it!) by now. On Saturday afternoon there was an unfortunate accident involving a car driver losing control of his vehicle and colliding with our entrance. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. The police attended the scene and will be investigating the circumstances. Repairs are now in the hands of the insurance companies but we hope for a speedy resolution so that we can repair the damage.

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



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 and shortlisted for Blue Peter's Book of the Year prize. His laugh-out-loud talk is perfect for any boy or girl who loves football. Ben will also be signing a limited number of copies of his book, costing £6.99, at the end of the day. These can be bought on the day; but to reserve a copy, and guarantee availability, please complete the flyer sent out yesterday and return it with correct payment (cheques payable to Woodcroft Primary School).

For more information about the book visit his wonderful website: footballschool.co

