# WOODCROFTWEEKLY

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Together Towards Success

#### New on the website

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

- ★ Woodcroft Dance Team -**National Champions**
- ★ After The Event guidance for parents about talking to children after tragic news stories and events (News section)
- ★ Beat The Heat leaflet and poster from Public Health England (News section)

#### **Forthcoming Events**

Conversation Cafe runs every Friday from 9.00am to 10.30am

26/6 Y6 Citizenship Day at Canada Villa 28/6 Barnet Athletics Competition at Allianz Park 29/6 Strings Concert at 2.30pm - Parents Invited 29/6 Y4 Rugby Team attend ConnectED Festival 30/6 Non-Uniform Day for Grenfell Tower 3/7 Y3 Ukulele Concert to parents 4/7 Y1 Trip to Chiltern Museum 5/7 Y2 Drumming Concert to parents

#### **Twitter**



#### **PSHE Theme**

Next week in school we are thinking about ...

Changes

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! **Woodcroft Win 'The Great Big Dance Off' National Finals**



On Monday 19th June, one of the hottest days of the year, Woodcroft Dance Team travelled to Oxford to take part in the Great Big Dance Off National Finals. Competing against thirty two other schools, all regional finalists, from across the country we came away with the coveted trophy and title - Great **Big Dance Off National Champions 2017!** 

Woodcroft won the London Regional Dance Off back in February to earn their place in the national finals staged at The New Theatre, Oxford. The other schools taking part had travelled from as far afield as Yorkshire and Lancashire to the north and the Kent coast in the south!

The Woodcroft dancers from years 4 to 6 performed a piece titled 'What Shakes Us Won't Break Us' that was inspired by the Nepal earthquake of 2015. Feelings of sadness, anger and confusion were represented in a composition of contemporary movement; highlighting a tragedy that was close to the heart of our school community. Throughout the year, the dance team have also been involved in charity fundraising. They have collected over £1300 in sponsorships donated to the British Red Cross, a charity that that has supported the recovery work following the tragic disaster.

"I am immensely proud of all of our talented dancers; their commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm has been exemplary!"

Miss Williams, Woodcroft's Choreographer, said,

The professional judges at the finals agreed, awarding Woodcroft with a perfect score in each category; performance delivery, dance skill and originality! Take a look at the website for some more images of the our success. Unfortunately, the trophy is too BIG for our cabinet - we are looking for a place to display our wonderful award!

## Charity Family Fun Day for British Heart Foundation



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Fun Day at Woodcroft on Saturday 17th June. We raised £630 for the British Heart Foundation. The parents who organise these events do a fantastic job - well done to Miss Hoey, Miss Perez-Haines & Miss oundation Taylor and everyone who lent support. Thank you also to Mrs Clarke for opening the school.

## AIM@Arts Award Certificates









Woodcroft pupils are offered an Arts programme of outstanding opportunity that extends beyond the National Curriculum. We call this **AIM@Arts** and it covers Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Art. Every term, pupils explore these art forms as in many different ways as active participants and audience members. They also

research an artist in order to learn and share new skills. The pupils work over the year is then monitored against the expectations set out in our school Arts Charter. If pupils have completed all of the aspects and receive their 4 badges (Participate, Audience, Investigate and Share) they are eligible for an AIM@Arts Award Certificate.

#### **Bronze Arts Award**

Did you know that Woodcroft is an accredited Arts Council Award Centre? We collaborate with the Arts Council England and Trinity College London. When pupils reach Year 6 they then work towards the prestigious Bronze Arts Award issued by the world renowned Trinity College London. Pupils in Y6 are currently finalising their evidence portfolios ready for assessment.

### Barnet Parent/Carer Drop-In Sessions – SEND July 2017



The Specialist Inclusion Services and Educational Psychology Team in Barnet are running 'Parent/Carer Drop-In' sessions. These sessions are free, but must be booked in advance, and enable parents to share any concerns or issues with a relevant professional. Booking forms are available from the website (news section) or the school office.

## **Recent Tragic Events**

The recent tragic incidents in London and Manchester have been upsetting for us all. In school we try to deal with events in a measured and sensitive way. Staff have been provided with guidance, we have observed the national memorial silences and have discussed any worries in class groups. However, we are affected in different ways. On the website 'News' section for this week we have uploaded a leaflet; 'After the event: Supporting children after a frightening event', distributed by Barnet CAMHS service to help families deal with discussions. If you would like any further advice, please speak with Ms Vanner our school SENCO. We are also planning a special fundraising event for the families of Grenfell Tower.

# **Unity in the Community Day**



# Non Uniform Fundraising for Grenfell Tower Relief Fund

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 Woodcroft will be holding a non-uniform 'Mufti Day', where staff and pupils can come to school in their everyday clothes and contribute £1; helping to raise funds for people affected by the Grenfell Fire.

## **Knocking on Doors**

We have received a complaint from a neighbour about Woodcroft pupils playing games, on the way home from school, that involves knocking on people's doors, What is disappointing is that the children in question were being supervised by a parent who was somewhat further down the road. Could I ask that parents ensure children are respectful of other properties on the walk home.

# **School Sports and Games Days**

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you are our annual School Sports and Games Days: Nursery is on Monday 3rd July, KS1 on Tuesday 4th July and KS2 on Wednesday 5th July. The Nursery event takes place at school while KS1 & KS2 go along to Burnt Oak Leisure Centre.

Whole School
Attendance
⇒ 95.5% ←
Attendance is below our

target of 96%

Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 12th June 2017

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 98% Excellent!

KS1 Class of the week: 2W 99.3% Great

KS2 Class of the week: 6M 100% PERFECT SCORE- Top Attendance!

