WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success

New on the website

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

- ★ GOLD STARS Award
- ★ NAACE ICT Award
- ★ Artsmark Platinum Award Success
- ★ School Games GOLD Award

Forthcoming Events

- Y2 Information Evenings
 3.30pm Tuesday 26th
- Saracens High School Roadshow 3.30pm on Wednesday 27th
- Macmillan Coffee
 Morning 8.45am 10.00am Friday 29th
- Parent Evenings
- 4.00 7.00pm Tuesday October 3rd
- 4.00 6.00pm Thursday October 5th
- School Photographer 6th October (individual and family groups)

Twitter



PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about



Secondary Transfer 2018

Parents and carers of pupils currently in Year 6 (academic year 2017-18) should now complete an application for their child's transfer to secondary school in September 2018.



The eAdmissions website opened on Friday 1st September 2017. The deadline for submission of your application form is 31st October 2017. Please attempt to

login to this website as soon as possible. Many families are often unaware that they have already registered for an account when applying for a primary school place. If this is the case you will need to retrieve your original login details. This can sometimes delay the application process for you, so our advice is to login and register on the eAdmissions site as soon as possible and then complete the school selection page at a later date when you have made your final decisions.

For more information visit the Woodcroft website information pages and select <u>Secondary Transfer 2018</u>

Join us for a Coffee



Be part of the WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING! Friends of Woodcroft are planning to host their annual coffee and cake morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. This event is always well attended and lots of people also donate cakes. Make a note in your diary and plan to support this worthy charity event on Friday

29th September from 8.45am in the Oak Suite.

Year Group Information Evenings

We hope that you found the Information Meetings useful during this week. Year 2 will be hosting theirs on Tuesday 26th September. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please either catch the teacher at the end of the day, make an appointment through the office or write a note in the homelink book.

Woodcroft Pupil Wins Prestigious Music Scholarship



We are delighted to announce that Harrison (Y5) has been awarded a Mayor of London Young Musicians scholarship by the Trustees of the **London Music Fund**. Scholarships are awarded to pupils who have shown talent, commitment and enjoyment in their music-making. Only two of the very best students in the borough are recommended for a scholarship and it is

therefore a great achievement to receive this award! Harrison has now been invited to attend an awards day celebration on 25th September at City Hall.

School Meals 'Cinema' Theme Day on October 5th



On October 5th our catering team will be running a 'Lunch at the Movies' theme day for children who have a school dinner.

They plan to bring the excitement of the Hollywood cinema to school lunches by celebrating with film themed food, activities and a fantastic competition. Every child that has school lunches will get the chance to 'Be the Director' with a competition to win family

tickets to the cinema! A special menu will be served - check out the posters on the parent boards.

Summer Brainbuilder Challenge - Well Done!



We set the Summer Brainbuilder challenge for pupils at the end of term. This was an open project for families during the summer break. We have seen some amazing examples of creative work in school. There have been scrapbooks, diaries, photos, collections, pictures and even models. Lots of pupils have worked very hard over the

summer - congratulations on keeping those minds active!

Alive N Kicking



Barnet Alive N Kicking are delivering free Healthy Lifestyle Clubs for children across the borough. The programme is part of an action plan to improve family health by offering free sessions on nutrition and health, plus games-based physical activity sessions. Download the leaflet from the news section of the website or pick up a copy from the foyer.

Barnet Southgate - Community Learning Courses

A selection of leaflets are available in the school foyer that outline community learning courses delivered by **Barnet Southgate College.** These include ESOL, Return to Work, English, Art, Finance, Wellbeing and Computing. Please pick up a leaflet if you are interested.

Special Educational Needs & Disability Support in Barnet

Parent and carer drop-in sessions are being organised for those responsible for children and young people (0-25). You will be able to share any concerns or issues, with a relevant professional. These are stand-alone sessions, so this means that there is no follow-up. The aim of this session is to provide parents with an opportunity to discuss concerns and collectively think through how to move forward with the situation. The sessions are completely free (no cost). Download the leaflet from the website 'news' section or pick up a copy in the school foyer.

Little Oaks Parent and Toddler Group Every Thursday from 9.00am - 10.30am in the Oak Suite



Little Oaks, our popular pre-school group runs every Thursday from 9.00am to 10.30am. All Parents and carers are welcome to come along with their babies and preschool children to the Oak Suite.

The sessions are organised by Ms Finnegan, one of our qualified Nursery Nurses and are a great way to prepare younger children for school and to make friends. You don't even need to have a pupil at Woodcroft to come along.

If you have any questions please call Woodcroft on 02089593244 and ask to speak to Ciara Finnegan.

We look forward to seeing lots of you every Thursday!

Whole School Attendance 95%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week beginning 11th September 2017

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 96.7% Well Done!

KS2 Class of the week: 3B 99.6% TOP ATTENDANCE!!!

Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings Tuesday 3rd October and Thursday 5th October 2017

We are holding consultation evenings for Parents and Carers on Tuesday 3rd October and Thursday 5th October 2017. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their new classteacher. Last year we had 94% attendance - let's make it 100% this term!

A letter was sent out yesterday (Thursday) and is also available on the website 'News' page. Please return the form to indicate your preferred times for appointments as soon as possible. Classteachers will then return the slips back to you to inform you of the actual time of your appointment. If you are unavailable on the night please speak with class teachers to agree a suitable alternative. Thank you.

Saracens High School - Roadshow coming to Woodcroft



In response to a shortage of secondary school places for 2018 and beyond, Saracens Multi-Academy Trust are intending to open a secondary free school in Colindale, Barnet.

They plan to open in September 2018 at the Besthub training centre, Lanacre Avenue NW9 5FN, whilst a brand new building is being constructed at Trinity Square.

About the new school

- A state funded secondary school that will form part of the local community of schools
- The Saracens Multi-Academy Trust is a partnership between, educational professionals, Saracens' Rugby Club, Saracens Sports Foundation, Middlesex University and local primary schools in Barnet
- More information at http://www.thesaracenshighschool.co.uk/

Roadshow

Any interested parent is invited to a presentation here at **Woodcroft Primary School on Wednesday 27th September at 3.30pm.** Come along to the main hall after you have collected your child. **Open Evening**

Saracens are also holding an Open Evening on Monday 9th October 7pm – 9pm at Besthub training centre. Lanacre Avenue NW9 5FN.



School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting Woodcroft
On Friday 6th October

8.15am Family groups with parents and preschool siblings (You can come along from 8.15am with younger children not at school)

From 9.00am Individuals and Siblings
(The school will arrange for each child to have an individual photograph and in a group with their brothers and sisters from different classes)

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK! YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

Safe and Respectful Parking Around School

Please could we remind parents about the importance of safe and respectful parking around school. Our neighbours complain that parents are parking over driveways. Can we also remind parents of nursery and reception children that cars are not allowed down the short section of Wolsey Grove towards the school's back car park gate. This is an emergency access and cannot be blocked. It also prevents deliveries, and residents access. Thank you.