



Together Towards Success

## New on the website

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

- ★Y6 Carmen with Royal Opera House
- ★New Dinner Menus



A new menu will begin in the school canteen after half term. You can download a copy from the 'News' section of the website or view it at...

<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>

## Forthcoming Events

8/11/17 Nursery Parent Meeting about Reception Class in 2018

8/11/17 Y6 Perform Carmen

13/11/17 National Anti-Bullying Week

14/11/17 Book Fair Arrives

**Children In Need**  
**Friday 17th November**  
**'The Big Spotacular'**  
(apologies for incorrect date in last week's news)

## Twitter



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**@WPS\_Success**

## PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ...

**Road Safety**

## Woodcroft Hosts Barnet Music Festival

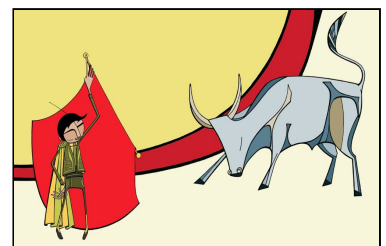


On Friday 20th October, Woodcroft hosted a KS1 Music Festival for Barnet's Music Service, BEAT. Our Year 2 classes were joined by 300 pupils from five neighbouring schools; Annunciation Infants, Blessed Dominic, Courtlands, Mathilda Marks-Kennedy and Menorah Foundation. They spent the morning performing a set of songs that they had been rehearsing in their own schools around the theme of 'space'. Each school had also prepared their own individual piece. Well done to all of Y2 for a wonderful performance, and thank you to Ms Sherring for arranging Woodcroft's participation.

## Year 6 Present: *Carmen*



Year 6 have been working with the Royal Opera House on their national programme 'Create and Sing Carmen.' As part of Year 6's Bronze Arts Award, the pupils have involved themselves in every aspect of rehearsing and staging an opera including learning the songs, rehearsing dances, and have had opportunities to create costumes, set and lighting design. We welcomed Kim Waldo, Head of National Programmes at the Royal Opera House into school in September, who was extremely impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm Woodcroft pupils displayed in their rehearsals. **Year 6 will be performing their final production of 'Carmen' at 2:30pm on 9th November for families, friends and guests from the Royal Opera House.**



## Cinema Ticket Lucky Draw and New Catering Menu



Unfortunately, due to an admin error, Woodcroft did not receive the competition activity sheets from our catering company for the Lunch at the Movies day two weeks ago. As an apology they have sent us a special prize to hold a lucky draw of **a Virgin Experience Day voucher for a family of four including film tickets at cineworld, drinks and popcorn!**

The draw will be held in an assembly next week for all the pupils who had a school dinner on that day. Good luck!

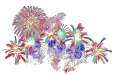
New menu leaflets are included with today's newsletter and are also available on the school website.

## Message for Nursery Parents: Reception Class Applications for 2018



Parents of children in Nursery should now be thinking about completing their application to start our Reception Class in September 2018. The deadline is January 15th, but time passes quickly and it is essential that you complete the form before the deadline. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery does not guarantee automatic entry in Reception so you **MUST** complete the online form!. Mr Tallon, the Headteacher will be holding **parent meetings at 9.00am and 12.45pm on 8th November** to discuss the process and answer any questions.

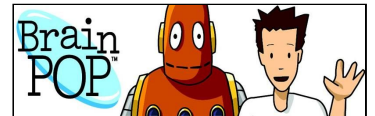
## Firework Code



Pupils have been reminded about safety around fireworks and that children and young people should watch and enjoy fireworks from a safe distance. Follow these top tips for an enjoyable fireworks party:

1. Plan ahead to make your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators

Check out Tim & Moby's poster from BrainPop (our school learning app) all about the firework code.. Pupils can access BrainPop for FREE when you are logged into the Woodcroft website and then access it using the apps button. You can learn more about every topic in the school curriculum.



## Flu Immunisation Programme For Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 to Year 4 will be receiving a letter on Monday informing them of a NHS nasal spray immunisation programme for children. This is part of a national programme to protect children against the flu. It is a simple and painless spray up the nose that will be administered by NHS nurses at Woodcroft in December. Please return the consent form before 13th November. If you have any questions please speak with Mrs Hatch.

## Children in Need Day 2017 - Friday 17th November



Woodcroft will be taking part and raising money for Children in Need 2017 again this year through our regular non-uniform day. This year's theme is ' **Go Spotty Spotacular!** ' Pupils are encouraged to dress in spots, dots, wear yellow or their Children in Need merchandise. We look forward to a fun and colourful day!



Helping Families to Live and Learn Together

## Effective Parenting Workshops



Hope, in association with Harrow Family and Community Learning have announced a series of workshops for parents of children aged 3-11 years. The three sessions will provide practical communication skills for everyday life and help develop our ability to bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

**Date:** Thursday 18 January 2018, **Time:** 7.00-9.00pm, **Venue:** 64 Pinner Road, Harrow, HA1 4HZ,  
**Further info:** Flyer in 'News' section of school website, **Call** 020 8863 7319 **email** [info@hopeharrow.org.uk](mailto:info@hopeharrow.org.uk)

## Whole School Attendance

↓ 95.4% ↓

Big drop! The virus before ½ term hit attendance hard.

## Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 16th October 2017

**KS1 Class of the week: 1H 97.3% TOP ATTENDANCE Fantastic!**

**KS2 Class of the week: 3R 96.7% Well Done**



## Safer Driving and Parents' Promise Licence

The Metropolitan Police Roads and Transport Team are continuing to run a safer driving initiative in our area. To support this programme, Woodcroft, along with other local schools, have joined forces with Edgware Police Station to take part in the **Parents' Promise Licence** again this year.

### **Parents, ask yourself, 'What kind of driver are you teaching your child to be?'**

We all think we're good drivers but are we always as good as we think we are? It's even more important to drive carefully with children in the car – not just to keep them safe now, but so they're learning good driving habits for the future from their most important role model – **YOU!**

### The Parents' Promise Licence

The Police spoke to pupils in assembly on Wednesday and set pupils a short homework assignment. They would like children to interview their parents (or a relative who drives) about their driving habits and then decorate a special licence. Don't worry, we don't want to know the answers. However, after completing the interview questions (see below) children will ask the driver to make a pledge to drive more safely. We are calling this the Parents' Promise. When your child thinks you are a good enough driver they will hand you the new licence that they have designed for homework. For more information visit: <http://dontriskit.info/kidsinthecar>

### Competition Time

Pupils will first need to bring their completed licence back to school as part of their homework. This will be entered into a competition to win prizes for the best decorated licences! Last year we had SIX winners! The licences will be copied and sent to Edgware Police Station. The police will choose some of the best from across the area to publish.

### The Interview

Pupil's need to ask their chosen driver the following questions:

*Have you ever...*

1. *Driven through amber lights?*
2. *Lost your temper or driven aggressively?*
3. *Used your phone or checked your texts and email in the car?*
4. *Driven too fast or had to brake too quickly?*
5. *Not worn your seatbelt or not made sure your child was wearing*
6. *Taken your eyes off the road for a bit too long?*

*And then talk about...*

*How to improve driving and become safer on the road.*

## Homework Competition

Please return all completed Parents' Promise Licences by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. A prize winner will be awarded from each class. The winning licences will then be copied and sent to Edgware Police Station.



## The Parents Safer Driving Promise

Once the driver has completed the interview they need to read through the 'safer driving promise' and agree to become better drivers. Pupils can then colour and decorate the licence to bring back into school. All licences will be sent home after judging for children to issue to their parent when they think that they have kept to the promise and become a safer driver.

### The Parents' Safer Driving Promise

*Read and make a promise to become a safer driver:*

1. *Watch my speed - I promise to keep within the speed limit.*
2. *Drive Calm - I promise to remain calm and keep my concentration when driving.*
3. *Make the car a no-phone zone - I promise to switch off my phone when I'm in the car.*
4. *Prepare to stop on an amber light - I promise to take away the risk of rushing through an amber light.*
5. *Belt up - I promise to wear a seatbelt at all times.*
6. *Focus - I promise to always keep my attention on the road and never drive when tired.*
7. *A big no - I promise to never drive whilst under the influence of alcohol or medication.*
8. *Be courteous - I promise to show positive behaviour towards other road users.*
9. *Arrive alive - I promise to leave plenty of time for my journey - better to arrive late than not at all.*
10. *Driving children to school - I promise to be extra careful when driving on the school run and park up safely.*