



New on the website

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

★ STARS Gold Award Ceremony

Forthcoming Events

December Events

6th Y2 Christmas Show 9.30am - all invited

7th Little Oaks Party 9.00am (last session of term)

8th Y1 Christmas Show 9.30am - all invited

12th Nursery and Reception PM show 2.15pm - all invited

13th Nursery and Reception AM Show 9.30am - all invited

14th Y6 1940s Christmas experience - all invited anytime between 9.30 to 10.30am

14th School Christmas Lunch

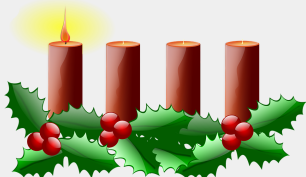
15th Nursery and Reception Parties

Twitter

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PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ... **Advent**



Woodcroft #AIM Values



At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a core set of values. We call these our **AIM Values** because we believe that having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atter in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the National Curriculum through our **AIM** Programmes (AIM Digital/Technology, AIM PE/Sports and AIM Arts). Take a look at some of the amazing things that have been happening in school over the last week...

Inner Peace Day



On Wednesday 22nd November we were joined by representatives from the Inner Peace Projects. This is the third year we have invited their volunteers into school. They work with younger generations to promote a world without conflict. Pupils in Y3 to Y6 had class based sessions along with their teacher to work toward experiencing inner peace for themselves. Through a process of calm reflection and meditation message of peace can be encouraged.



Autumn Music Concerts



Our musicians fully demonstrated their AIM Values showing passion, self belief and determination during our three concert performances over recent days:

Strings Concert



On Thursday our fantastic strings players took to the stage to perform to family and friends. Some of our younger players had only begun learning instruments this term and amazed everyone with their playing after only nine lessons.

Brass and Woodwind Concert



Friday saw our brass and woodwind musicians perform an accomplished set. It was particularly pleasing to see the progress of pupils as they develop their instrumental skills and experience over their many years of practice.

Ukulele Concert



Year 3 amazed us all on Monday playing and singing no less than eight songs and using three cords. The commitment of all pupils was self evident in their confident playing. Another real demonstration of our **#AIM Values!**

Thank you to all our music staff and tutors from **BEAT.org** for their commitment and dedication over the year.

Primary Maths Challenge Success



A group of Woodcroft mathematicians have had amazing success in the 2017 Primary Maths Challenge, a competition organised by the National Mathematical Association. On 15th November, 20 pupils from Y4 to Y6 took part in this highly challenging competition. All of the pupils achieved impressive results with the following pupils receiving awards:

In the Year 4 & 5 challenge, Shyomi took Bronze, Sharon and Muaaz took Silver and Kleya, Ariton and Felix tied for Gold! In the Year 6 challenge, the scores were high and

extremely competitive: Calvin and Subi tied for Bronze, Gayathri achieved Silver and Josie, with a high score of 20, took the Gold award!

Woodcroft Pupils through to Primary Maths Challenge National Finals

Incredibly, Gayathri and Josie's scores were high enough to earn qualification into the national finals of the Primary Maths Challenge that take place in February 2018. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement and well done to every mathematician who challenged themselves to take part.

Phonics Workshops

Foundation Stage Staff (Nursery and Reception) hosted a Phonics Workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday 22nd November. Ms Patel and Mr Russell demonstrated how phonics is taught in school and how parents can help their children at home to succeed in acquiring this essential skill. More sessions for parents will be scheduled next term. Thank you to everyone who attended. The feedback was extremely positive from all of those who came along.



Netball Match Report By Diana and Erza Y6



On Wednesday 22nd November, the Woodcroft netball team played a league match against Deansbrook. We were a bit nervous at the start because we knew that we had to win this game, but we played really well in the first half. By halftime, the score was 8-0 to Woodcroft! We felt relieved, but we didn't want to relax too much. In the second half, the Deansbrook players scored four goals, but the final score was 11-4 to Woodcroft. We had won, and it felt amazing!

It was brilliant to have support from some of our friends in Y5 and 6, and also the Parents that came along too! We're now really excited to play some more league matches in January. Bring on 2018!

December Diary

- ★ 6th Y2 Performance to families 9.30am
- ★ 7th Little Oaks Party 9.00am (this is also the last session until January 11th)
- ★ 8th Y1 Performance to families 9.30am
- ★ 12th Reception & Nursery PM Performance at 2.15pm
- ★ 13th Reception & Nursery AM Performance at 9.30am
- ★ 14th Y6 WWII Event in the Oak Suite and Tardis from 9.30am to 10.30am - families invited to come and experience a second world wartime Christmas
- ★ 14th Christmas Lunch (packed lunch pupils need to sign up and pay 1st December to take part)
- ★ 15th Reception and Nursery Christmas Parties
- ★ 15th School Panto
- ★ 18th Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties - further details will be sent out by classes
- ★ 19th Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties - further details will be sent out by classes
- ★ 19th Festival of Dance 9.30am (families of performing groups will be invited to attend - more details to follow)
- ★ 19th Nursery last day
- ★ 20th Last Day of term - **2.00pm Finish**
- ★ Pupils Return to school on 3rd January 2018



Whole School Attendance

95.7%

We are aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 20th November 2017

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 99.7% TOP ATTENDANCE Excellent!

KS2 Class of the week: 6G 98.7% Well Done!

FREE EVENT

WINTER WONDERLAND

GRAHAME PARK

DECEMBER 14TH FROM 3PM - 8PM

LOCATION

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CONCOURSE
COLINDALE, LONDON
NW9 5XA

RAFFLES
FUN & GAMES
HOT FOOD & DRINKS




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Homework and Home Learning at Woodcroft: Parent Information Guide

Woodcroft Primary School

 Together Towards Success

Reading Record
 Home Link Book

Name: _____
 Class: _____

At Woodcroft we believe that homework is an opportunity to extend learning and encourage independence. It also supports families to develop a learning ethos at home. We want homework to be a help not a hindrance and to promote good study habits. It is also an opportunity for families to actively talk about school with their child. Homework is provided in two ways; firstly through the Brain Builder Book and secondly through regular daily tasks to learn the basic skills; especially reading, spellings and times tables. Notes can always be made in the Homelink Book. **Please sign your Homelink Book every week!**

Brain Builder Homework



Brain Builders are flexible tasks designed to suit all styles of learning and ability. Weekly objectives are set in class with children. They are often open ended so that children can do them in whatever way they choose. There is no right or wrong way to complete a Brain Builder task, all we ask is that children try their best and parents give a little help and support where

required (but not to do it for them!). Assignments are given out once a week so that you can choose when to do it at home and plan the week ahead.

Some weeks a child may really enjoy a task and produce a major project, at other times a family may be busy and therefore only have time to complete a simpler piece. Every task should always be attempted. All Brain Builder assignments are acknowledged in a weekly class review session where pupils get to celebrate their own Brain Builder work and appreciate the efforts of others.

Smarthomework: Remember that your child's weekly Brainbuilder homework activities are also available to view from our website. Look out for the Smarthomework button at the top of the website page when your child logs in.



Daily Home Learning

In addition to the Brain Builder there is an expectation that children will complete regular daily tasks (see below). These may be set with the Brain Builder or as separate sheets.

Reading Record: It is vital that parents and carers read **daily** with their children. Books and reading at home should be recorded. We encourage families to make regular comments using the comprehension questions in the Homelink Book.

Year Group	Home Learning Tasks	Time Allocation (guidelines)
Nursery	Sharing books	10 minutes daily
Reception	Reading	10 minutes daily
Year 1	Reading Spelling	10 minutes daily 5 minutes daily
Year 2	Reading Spelling/Times tables	10 minutes daily 10 minutes daily
Year 3	Reading Spelling/Times Tables	15 minutes daily 10 minutes daily
Year 4	Reading Spelling/Times Tables	15 minutes daily 10 minutes daily
Year 5	Reading Spelling/Times Tables	20 minutes daily 15 minutes daily
Year 6	Reading Spelling/Times Tables SATs Revision Tasks	20 minutes daily 15 minutes daily Daily (pre SATS)

If you have any questions about your child's homework please speak with your class teacher.

