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New on the website

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

★ STARS Gold Award Ceremony

Forthcoming Events

December Events

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

Party Time

15th - Nursery & Reception
18th - Y3, Y4 and Y1
19th - Y5, Y6 and Y2
More details sent out by
classes

19th Woodcroft Dance Show

19th Nursery Final Day

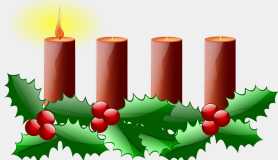
20th Last Day - 2.00pm Close

Twitter

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PSHE Theme

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



'Mr Raw's Fruit & Veg Challenge' Healthy Lifestyles Activity

We encourage pupils to lead healthy lifestyles. To help children try out new healthy options at home and school we run our termly 'Fruit and Veg Challenge'. All families can get involved.

Here's what you can do to take part in Mr. Raw's Fruit and Veg Challenge...

If you try a new fruit or vegetable at home then all you need to do is to bring in the evidence to earn a fruit token for your class basket. The classes in KS1 and KS2 with the most plastic fruit tokens at the end of each term will receive a special healthy treat for their class.



How to earn fruit tokens...

1. Bring a piece of fruit or veg into school to show during your games lesson with Mr Raw.
2. If you have tried a piece of fruit or vegetable at home, bring the washed seed or stone to show your teacher
3. You can also take a picture to show what you have tried at home.
4. Your parent or carer can also write in your Homelink book, stating which fruit you have tried.

Who will be the fruit basket winner this term?

Cinema Ticket Lucky Draw Winner's Report by Felix Y4



Felix in Y4 won the lucky draw prize of a Virgin Experience Day at Cineworld. He took two friends along to the cinema and wrote this report about his day out...

On November the 25th me, Ryan and Archie went to the cinema. My dad drove us to Wembley but because a match was on at the stadium there were no parking spaces. We had to drive to Harlesden and get the tube back to Wembley. Finally we arrived at the cinema, got our snacks and watched Paddington 2.

It was an extremely good movie and I enjoyed the plot about Paddington trying to catch a thief who stole a special book. I especially liked how at the end there were little movies while the credits were being played.

On the way back we stopped off in a Tottenham shop and Ryan got a Tottenham flask. Archie wore the box on his head so we took a selfie - it was hilarious! What a great day.

New FREE School App Available: Download it NOW!



Have you installed the new school app? All parents were sent a notification text on Tuesday. Set up is quick and easy if you already receive our school texts. Follow the simple steps online and get a hub for school information on your phone.



SchoolMoney

Payments Made Easy

School Money - Online Payments Are Coming to Woodcroft

We are delighted to inform you that Woodcroft will soon be using the online payment system **SchoolMoney**. This means that you will be able to pay online for school expenses like trips, dinner money, clubs and uniform with your debit or credit card. The system will be starting in the New Year ...Look out for more information coming soon.

December Diary

- ★ 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 Party
- ★ 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



Thank You to our Friends of Woodcroft Parent Supporters



Winter Ball Success

We would like to thank all of the parents that joined Friends of Woodcroft to help out at the Winter Ball. They organised our disco and helped decorate the main hall and school Christmas trees.

Parent's Cake Sale

We would also like to thank Sabina, one of our supportive mum's who is also a MTS. Sabina organised her own cake and sweet sale and raised an amazing **£127** for the school. Thank you to everyone who donated treats for the sale, we couldn't have done it without you. Sabina hopes to run a stall every month so look out for one at the end of January.

Parent support is always appreciated, especially at busy times of the year like Christmas. Thank you.



Whole School Attendance

↑ **95.7%** ↑

We are getting closer to our target - keep it up!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 27th November 2017

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 99% TOP ATTENDANCE in the school - Excellent!

KS2 Class of the week: 3R 98% Fantastic, keep it up!

Snow & Extreme Weather Procedures

It is getting to that time of year when we have to start planning for the possible bad weather. Please read the guide below and prepare yourself.



Arrangements for Winter 2017-18



We will always do everything possible to keep the school open throughout the winter without compromising the safety of your children. However, on rare occasions we may need to close due to extreme weather conditions such as heavy snow. A detailed description of procedures is available on our website. Click on the snow warning triangle on the website home page or visit:

<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/snow-and-extreme-weather-procedures/>

School Closed due to Bad Weather

If the Headteacher decides to close the school for safety reasons:

- A text is sent to parents by 8.00am if the school is going to close. Parents are asked **NOT** to call the school. Information will also be posted on the school website.
- If you do not hear from the school then assume it is a normal day and we are OPEN

Restricted Site Access on Snow Days

On mornings when the school is open but disrupted by heavy snow we will do the following:

- Only open the main, middle front gate, keep the top front gate locked due to unsafe steps.
- The Foundation Stage entrance will be cleared, however grit cannot be used on the safety surface
- The back gates *will* be OPEN but the paths may **NOT** be cleared of snow - please be cautious
- From 8.45am children can access classrooms directly through the corridors from the main entrance (they will not need to go across the KS2 playground)

On snow days we ask that parents and children **DO NOT** arrive at school before 8.45am unless they have a morning club e.g breakfast club.

Early Closing for Snow and Severe Weather Dismissals

If the school needs to close early due to deteriorating weather conditions or we have severe weather at 3.15pm then a text will be sent to parents. Children will remain in their classrooms. On arrival, parents and carers will go down the corridors and collect their children directly from the classroom door. This system has worked well in the past. Corridors will be congested, so we ask for care and patience. Please try to operate a lane system down corridors i.e. drive your buggies on the left!



Text Service - Make sure we have your latest number

Do you receive school texts? We have sent out two frost warning texts this week. If you didn't receive these texts please visit the school office to update your number. It is vital that you are able to receive all emergency notifications and general reminders. Thank you.

Appropriate Winter Clothing, Boots & PE Kits

Please remember, children need a winter coat for break times. If you send your child in boots, please ensure they have black shoes to change into in school. Please also ensure that children bring a grey or blue sweatshirt for outside PE lessons (jogging bottoms are optional). Mr Raw says that there is no inappropriate weather for sport - just inappropriate clothing. So be prepared!

Avoid Early Arrival - Remember, School Opens at 8.30am

Please ensure that children do not arrive before 8.30am for school. It is cold, dark and dangerous during the winter months. Please enquire about our breakfast club if you need to drop children off early!

Science Challenge - Can you make water walk?

Miss Stubbings and the Science Council are setting a prize science challenge over the Christmas break. You will need: water, glass cups, paper kitchen towels and food colouring. Copies of the challenge poster can be downloaded from the news section of our website. For tips on this experiment search 'Walking Water' on Youtube.

To enter, send a photo or video of your experiment to Miss Stubbings by Friday the 6th January, 2017.

Prizes will be given out on the 13th January. Good luck!



Online Safety: warning against live streaming sites



Recent news has highlighted the dangers of children using live streaming sites on the Internet . Police are warning that offenders are learning how young people communicate online and using this knowledge to target children. Watch the short BBC video article from this week at ...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command are calling for better education for children on the risks around using live streaming sites such as Houseparty, Periscope, Omegle, Liveme and Lively, plus many more. We advise that parents monitor their children's online activity and are especially vigilant to the use of live streaming and chat sites.

Useful advice available at

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

And for younger children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/stay-safe>

New Course For Parents at Woodcroft who are not working on Tuesdays



Woodcroft will be hosting a fantastic new FREE course for parents starting in January. It will be provided by Barnet's Family Resilience Team every Tuesday morning for 10 weeks. Creche facilities will also be available at no cost. If you are not working on Tuesday's and are free to attend please sign up or express an interest. For more information enquire at the school

office or speak with Ms Tolone if you use the Foundation Stage entrance.

More course details about the course:

FAMILY LINKS (10 weeks starting Tuesday January 16th 2018)

For parents of children aged 2-11 years. The focus is on looking after yourself as a parent to help understand your own and your child's emotional needs. The purpose is to help good communication within the family. Areas covered: family rules, behaviour management, understanding and managing feelings, nurturing ourselves, child development and problem solving.

Refreshments are provided and certificates will be awarded at the end of the course.

Winter Wonderland



Barnet Homes is delighted to sponsor a special Winter wonderland for the local community in Grahame Park on December 14th! It's free and comes complete with a Santa's Grotto, festive-themed games and a reindeer! That's right. A real reindeer. So plenty for all the family to enjoy. This event is also sponsored by our partners, Genesis and Barnet Council.



Check out the poster in the News section of the school website...