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New on the
website

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

- ★ Digital Day Report
- ★ Netball Tournament Success

Forthcoming
Events

February

- 5th Dance Team at The Great Big Dance Off London Finals
- 6th National Safer Internet Day #SID2018
- 6th Reception and Nursery Writing Workshop at 9.00am
- 6th Online Safety Parent Workshop at 2.45pm
- 8th Y4 Trip to Science Museum
- 9th Choir Perform to Parents at 2.30pm

Half Term

12th to 16th February
SCHOOL CLOSED

- 20th Reception and Nursery Stay and Play session 9.00 to 10.00am
- 21st Y5 Football Tournament
- 23rd Dentist talk to Year 4

Twitter



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PSHE Theme

Next week we are thinking about ...

Internet Safety

How can we keep ourselves safe online?

Today's newsletter is a special digital issue by Mr Guest and the pupil Digital Champions as part of **AIM@Digital**, our enriched and extended curriculum.

Digital Week Report by Calvin (Y6 Digital Champion)



On Thursday 25 January 2018, it was an eventful day, because 20 teachers from Sweden came to Woodcroft to see how we use technology. Also, a film crew which included six children (which was Huda, Subi, Diana, Tiyaana, Gayathri and me) went around the school interviewing children, teachers and teaching assistants about the technology we use at our school, and the Digital Badges we have. The film crew received some excellent responses. This started at 9:00 am, and continued until the afternoon. At about 12:00, everybody in the film crew, Treehouse Keepers, Code Club and Robo Club went down to the Tardis to put on a presentation for the Swedish teachers. We told them about what we do in our clubs while answering their questions. Finally, we asked them questions about how technology was different in their country compared to the UK. So, overall, Digital Day and the rest of Digital Week went successfully, because we showed our Swedish visitors how we use technology at Woodcroft.



We are delighted to inform you that our new online payment system from **SchoolMoney** will go **live on Monday 5th February**. This means that you will now have the facility to make payments for school expenses, such as trips, online with your debit or credit card.

This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home it will enable us to experience a more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient payment system in a secure and safe environment.

You won't need to sign up to this new system as this is done automatically through the school. You will be sent login details on Monday. This password will give you access to your **SchoolMoney** account! To log on with this password visit the website www.schoolmoney.co.uk and enter your mobile number and email address. If for any reason you are struggling to log in, it may be because you have not provided us with the correct contact details. Please let us know immediately if either your mobile number or email address changes.

We appreciate your cooperation in the early stages of rolling this system out. But remember, our Office will no longer be accepting cash payments! **From Monday you can only pay online or by using your bank card at the Office.**





Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

At Woodcroft, we are always keen to promote positive behaviour online, and next week is **Safer Internet Week at Woodcroft**. This coincides with national Safer Internet Day 2018. Your child will take part in a number of activities during the week and will discover how to show good manners while on the internet. In class, teachers will be discussing various aspects of online safety so perhaps you could take this opportunity to talk about this at home and think about your family's safety online.

Things to talk about include:

- How to show good 'netiquette' (Internet manners)
- How to consider what information is personal to them.
- Maintaining password security
- What to do if they see something which makes them uncomfortable

If you are unsure about discussing these matters then make sure you come along to our short parent workshop on Tuesday 6th February at 2.45pm in the main hall.

Online Safety Parent Workshop



On **Tuesday 6th February at 2.45pm**, we will be holding a short meeting in the hall with the aim of helping you to navigate the complex issues that children using devices present. We will show a short slideshow to highlight some of the main issues, with some practical ideas for how to help your child have a safe experience online. We'll also provide a few links to recommended websites, as well as a copy of Digital Parenting magazine. *We really hope that you can join us - internet safety issues affect us all and it is really important for parents to be aware of the risks.*

AIM@Digital Badges



Now in its second year, our '**Digital Badges**' scheme was created by Woodcroft to help pupils maximise their learning in Computing, and also across the whole curriculum. Throughout an academic year, pupils will be given the chance to gather a full set of badges - check the back pages of your child's home link book to see how many awards they've gained so far.

At the end of the year, pupils with a full collector card will achieve a 'digital champion' certificate to celebrate their achievements! This shows they have covered all aspects of the digital curriculum for their year group.



Brain Builder Online



Have you tried our homework app? The homework app has been up and running for a year now, and we're very pleased that pupils have been viewing their Brain Builder online - some have even been submitting their work electronically! At Woodcroft, we're committed to providing the most up-to-date resources to help our pupils learn; so you and your child can access homework anytime, anywhere and from any device! No more excuses for not doing homework!

Learning Resources

Look out for these great learning resources on the Woodcroft homepage.



G Suite For Education



Learning Beyond the Classroom with GSuite

Woodcroft have been teamed up with Google for the last few years; they provide many of the very useful online tools that enable Woodcroft pupils to collaborate safely online. We're really pleased with what our pupils tell us about our online tools, and that they enable Woodcroft pupils to continue to work *'Together Towards Success'*:

Safe and tested - GSuite for Education

Secure - Woodcroft only monitored Gmail

Share - Google Docs - create and collaborate with work

Storage - Google Drive - access and share files from anywhere

Sites - create your own blog or website inside the Treehouse

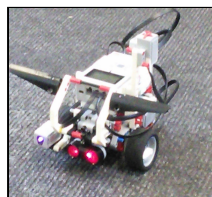


Khan Academy is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to provide a free education for all. Year Six have been using this website with pupils for the past few years and have been really pleased to see how it has helped improve pupils' mathematical abilities.

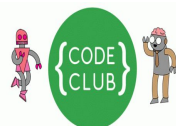


Code Studio (Code.org): In order to be digitally literate and ready for the modern age, pupils need to develop their digital skills, and we believe the best way to prepare for a constantly evolving technological world is to learn to speak a computer language - coding! We also believe that learning the logic of computation thinking really helps a child's development.

AIM@Digital Clubs



Robo Club: Computer Programming and Robotics Club, better known as 'Robo Club' started in September with lots of new members. Luckily, it didn't take us long to build our first robots, and now we're very excited to have started programming them to do some very clever things. Using our robots' sensors, they can now move around school without bumping into anything!



Code Club is now in its second year, and it continues to provide opportunities for Woodcroft pupils to apply the coding skills they learn in classes to real life micro-computers (BBC Micro:bits). We've put the Micro:bits to good use: making animated name-badges; rock-paper-scissors games and we are currently using them to control a piano using fruit! Look out for pictures on the Treehouse soon!



Treehouse Keepers are an enormously important part of the Woodcroft community; they keep the Woodcroft magic alive even when school is closed. The 'Keepers keep a close eye on their subject and club pages and ensure that there is always plenty to see and do when you safely go online with Woodcroft.

Important Notices:

- ❖ **Half Term** - School will be closed for ½ term from 12th to 16th February.
- ❖ **Art Week** - We are looking forward to celebrating the visual arts from Monday 20th February

Whole School Attendance

↑ 95.7%↑

Attendance is improving but below our target of 96%

Attendance Matters

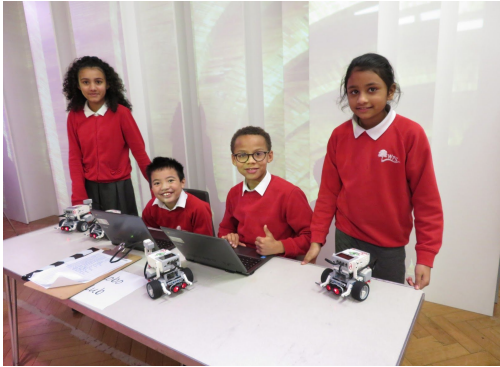
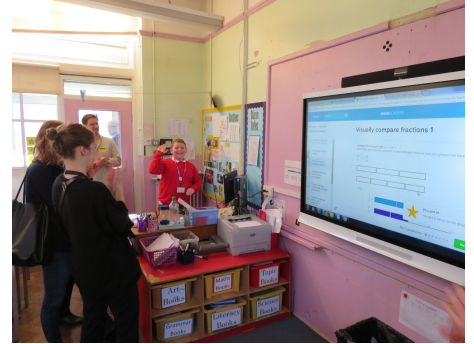
Class Attendance Champions: Week beginning 22nd January 2018

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RA 97.9% Excellent!

KS1 Class of the week: 2W 97.6% Good Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 6G 99.3% TOP attendance this week!





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