

WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Happy New Year
'Gong hei fat choy'

New on the website

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

- ★ Safer Internet week
- ★ Dance Off Champions 2018
- ★ School Money

Forthcoming Events

February

28th Y4 Football Comp
28th Y5 Trip to Unicorn

- 26th Feb to 2nd March
The BIG Read & Art week
- 27th M&M Theatre
 - 1st World Book Day

March

7th Parents Promise Licence
Prize Giving assembly
9th Dance Festival - ArtsDepot

12th British Science Week

12th - 16th Book Fair Week

Twitter

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PSHE Theme

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

Woodcroft now uses ..



All payments can now be made online. Our office does not accept cash!

Lots to look forward to during this term

Take a look at just some of the highlights coming up this term...

The BIG READ 2018 - starts 26th Feb

Competitions, art, challenges, extreme reading, storytelling and more ...

M&M Theatre perform The Little Princess - 27th Feb

A classic story brought to life at school!

World Book Day - 1st March

Celebrate stories. Love reading

Barnet Dance Festival at the ArtsDepot - 9th March

Our Champion dancers take to the stage again

British Science Week - 12th March

We are taking part in the UK's biggest celebration of science #BSW18

Year 3 Happy Chick Project starts on 12th March

We get to see chicks hatching in our school

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Easter Parade

More fantastic Easter bonnets

Sport Relief Day - 23rd March

Sport Relief is back! Bringing the nation together #WhateverMovesYou

The WOW Factor Final - 28th March

The Woodcroft's talent showcase returns for another amazing year!

Lots of opportunities to live our Woodcroft AIM values...



Year 4 Trip to the Science Museum report By Uzayra and Chloe 4J



On Thursday 8th February Year 4 went on a trip to the Science Museum. We watched a show called 'It takes guts!' and learnt all about the digestive system like where our food goes once we've eaten it. It was really really disgusting! We also learned lots of new things about the body and why we need food! Year 4 had so much fun!!!! (By Uzayra and Chloe 4J)

Woodcroft 2 - 0 Barnfield: Football Report by Mohammed (Y6)



The football team won its first game of the season against Barnfield! Woodcroft played so well; they were passing well and encouraging each other to win this game. When we scored the first goal everyone was so happy running and shouting "come on!" Barnfield then had a free kick but Messiah brilliantly saved it. Jibril then set up Zaheer who scored our second goal. It was 2-0 and everyone was so excited and proud because this was our first victory of the season. I think we can win our next game! (Mohammed Y6).

Lots of Hair to Share - Mrs Patel's Charity Fundraising Event!

Mrs Patel, our Reception Classteacher, is planning an unusual fundraising event. She is holding a sponsored haircut and then donating it to the Little Princess Trust! Little Princess Trust is a charity (Registration No. 1113172) that provides wigs to children with cancer to help them cope when they lose their hair. Hair loss can be very distressing, especially for children, and it has a devastating effect on their emotional well-being. If you would like to donate to this life-changing cause please visit Mrs Patel's JustGiving page ...



JustGiving <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/a-patel18>

School Catering - World Book Day Themed Menu



Our school catering service is joining in with our BIG Read activities and has created a World Book Day menu on Thursday 1st March. Those of you who enjoy a school meal will be tucking in to Popeye Pizza, Clifford's Big Red Pasta, Where's Wally Wedges, Jack's Magic Beans and James and the Giant Peach Crumble ... yum!


Year 1 visit to the Theatre

On Friday 9th February, Year 1 visited the Chicken Shed Theatre where they enjoyed a production called 'Tales from the Shed'. They had an enormous amount of fun and were even encouraged to join in with the show by singing at the top of their voices and dancing with the performers and their colourful puppet friends!

CHICKENSHED
THEATRE CHANGING LIVES



Choir Concert

 The Senior Choir took us into the Half Term on Friday with a wonderful performance of songs learned over the year so far. Their concert to families and friends included a wide range of musical genres which allowed our young singers to showcase their vocal skills. They are now preparing for the Barnet Music Festival next term. Well done to all our singers for their dedication to their musical learning!

REMINDER: Reception and Nursery Parent Workshops

- Tuesday 27th February 9.00 - 10.00, Oak Suite & Tardis, 'How parents support learning'
- Tuesday 6th March 9.00 - 10.00, Reception Classes, 'Observing Learning Stay & Play'
- Tuesday 13th March 9.00 - 10.00, Oak Suite & Tardis, 'Phonics'
- Tuesday 20th March 9.00 - 10.00, Reception Classes, 'Phonics Stay and Play'



schoolmoney

School Money - Online Payments

Woodcroft now uses School Money for all payments. Parents and carers have been sent passwords via text. When login in please make sure you use the Parent Login Page (links on our website). We now **do not accept any cash in school**. If you have any questions please speak with a member of the office staff.

WOW Badge Design Competition 2018

Reminder to pupils: remember to send in your WOW Badge designs based on your favourite season. Entries must be received by Friday 2nd March.



Whole School Attendance

↑ 95.7%↑

Going UP↑

We are still aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 5th February 2018

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 98.2% Keep it up!

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 96.3% Well done!

KS2 Class of the week: 3R 99% Amazing Attendance

Big Read

The BIG Read and Art Week Coming Soon!



From the **26th February to 2nd March** we are holding our annual **Big Read!** We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned to promote the enjoyment of reading. This year we are also combining it with our termly **Art Day!**



AIM@Arts

During the week pupils will be working towards their Arts Badges. Every term pupils complete each of these four areas as part of the curriculum. Look out for them in your child's Homelink book.



When pupils are watching, performing, learning new skills or researching artists they will be working towards these exclusive badges. At the end of the year, they will earn their Woodcroft Arts Award!

Monday

Miss Lloyd, our English Coordinator, and Miss Blyth, our Art Coordinator kicked things off on Monday with a launch assembly. Every class will be focusing on specially chosen text during their English lessons. I wonder what book each teacher will have chosen?

Tuesday



On Tuesday morning M&M Theatre will be performing a classic on English children's literature, **The Little Princess**. Classes will be creating themed displays with artwork and writing in their classrooms.

Wednesday

This is the day classes will be receiving their Mystery Books! All of the titles are prize winning children's books wrapped up ready to be read in a very special story time. What book will your class be opening?



Thursday



To celebrate World Book Day, we will all be coming to school in our **pyjamas!** In the afternoon, the children will settle down to hear and share their favourite stories.

Friday

Today we will be completing all our art and writing from the week and putting up displays of work. Look out for the update photos in our Gallery Corridor and in each class's book corners.

Competition Time: Character Competition!

As a homework activity the children are being asked to write a description of a character from a favourite book. The competition closes on Friday 9th March and there will be a winner from every year group, chosen by School Council. These children can then choose a prize from the upcoming Book Fair which runs from 12th - 16th March.



Extreme Reading Challenge

Over ½ term try take a photo of yourself reading in an unusual (but not dangerous!) place! Upload it onto the Treehouse page (**#BigReadWeek / Extreme Reading**) or Google share it with your teacher. Alternatively print it out and bring it to school..



Attic Bedroom Reads

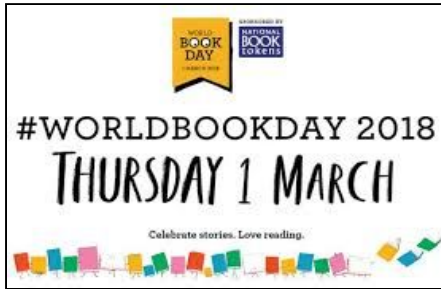


Let's get blogging about our best books. If you could only choose one, which book would you want to read if stuck in an attic bedroom like the Little Princess? Why would you read it? Tell the rest of the school on the TreeHouse **#BigReadWeek/ Attic Bedroom Reads**

We hope that everyone gets involved in our Big Read and Art Week!

World Book Day Vouchers and Book Fair

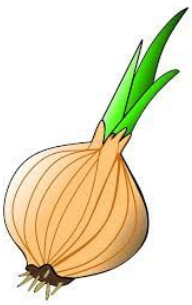
World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. Each child is also receiving a World Book Day voucher, attached to this newsletter, entitling them to £1 off a book throughout March. This can be used at any bookshop, and also at our **Book Fair** which will run from **Monday 12th – Friday 16th March at 3.15pm** each day in the large hall. There will be a wide range of books to choose from, covering all ages from 3 to young teenage. Please come along and support us. At Christmas we had our best ever book fair, selling more than £1,000 worth of books and claiming £600 worth of free books for the school!



Bulb Planting Expedition! Report by Bradley Y5

On Wednesday 7th February 2018, a group of us went to the Old Mill Hill Railway nature trail on a road called The Meads. This was the site of an old railway line that went from Mill Hill Broadway to Edgware but ceased services on the 10th September 1939 due to World War II. When we arrived, we had to go under a barrier and listen to Ms Gignac's instructions. We then started by digging holes and planting the daffodil bulbs. However, we did see something very unusual; lots of 7 inch records by artists such the Eurythmics, Dire Straits and the Pet Shop Boys. How did they get there?

I wish you had all been able to come along, you missed out on so much fun! (by Bradley Y5)



Parents Governors Needed for Woodcroft

Our current parent governors have done an excellent job supporting the school. However, several of their terms of office are coming to an end. Vacancies will therefore exist for three Parent Governors on the Governing Body. Letters were sent out about this yesterday.

All schools in England have a Governing Body which is responsible for overseeing many of the decisions in the school. It is a key role. Governors are needed to monitor, support, challenge, ask questions and ultimately to represent the school community. Governors help develop the school's ethos to ensure it maintains the highest standards.

The Governing Body works in close partnership with the headteacher, staff and the local authority. Whilst the headteacher is, of course, responsible for the day to day running of the school, the governors are involved with such things as staffing, curriculum, school buildings and finance.

If you wish to seek nomination as an elected Parent Governor, please collect a nomination form from the School Office. This form should be completed, with the accompanying personal statement of no more than 150 words, and returned to the Headteacher **no later than 12 noon on THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2018.**

If you are interested in the role, and would like to have a chat about it, we are happy to discuss this with you at any time.