



Together Towards Success
#AIMvalues



New on the website

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

- Online Calendar updates
- Dance Success

Forthcoming Events

May

- 14th Y6 SATs begin
- 14th Y2 SATs begin
- 14th Caterpillars arrive in Foundation Stage
- 17th and 18th Nursery Open day
- 22nd Y6 Residential Meeting 5.30pm
- 24th Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y5 Parents
- 25th Y6 African Drumming Workshops

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:

 @WPS_Success

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about
Positive Relationships

Woodcroft now uses ...



All payments must now be made online!

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).

View our **online calendar** on the website to take a look at some of the amazing things that are coming up over the term.

Dance Team Success Continues



WINNERS! On Saturday 21st April our amazing Woodcroft Dance Team won the 2018 London heat of 'Dance: Make Your Move'. The competition, organised by The British Red Cross, is open to schools from across the South East of England. Woodcroft will now go on to compete at the O2 in the Grand Final on Sunday 8th July.




It was a truly outstanding performance by all of our dancers on stage at MCT Alleyns. Woodcroft also received the Platinum Fundraiser Award for collecting over £1000 in sponsorship for The British Red Cross. What an achievement by everyone! As the top fundraisers, Woodcroft's dancers will now receive a workshop day at London's Pineapple Dance Studios,

sponsors of the London heats..

EPOC - English Pocket Opera Workshop for KS2



On April 27th, Woodcroft Years 3 to 6 enjoyed another amazing opera workshop by EPOC . The show was a whirlwind celebration titled 'The History of Western Music'. Check out the photos on our Twitter page.

Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability



Before the bank Holiday we hosted a bikeability course for Year 3 and Year 4. We will have lots of badges and certificates to present, but also take a look at this kind message from the instructors:

*Hi - it was my pleasure to visit your school this week as a Bikeability instructor teaching some of your pupils to ride bicycles safely and confidently. Your school is lovely! There's a friendly feeling in the air. Staff were helpful without exception and pupils made cycle training fun!.....which is what cycling should be. They listened, followed instructions, and kept Paul, my lead instructor, and myself on our toes because they were so eager to ride. Thank you for making us welcome and I hope the sunny weather continues for you all.
Best regards, Mel*

Year 6 SATS Week 2018

National SATs tests take place next week for Year 6.

Monday 14th: Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling

Tuesday 15th: Reading

Wednesday 16th : Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning A

Thursday 17th : Maths Reasoning B

A few reminders:

- Children should attend school to sit the tests even if feeling unwell
- We look forward to seeing lots of Y6 for our daily SATs Breakfast
- Make sure you get a good night's sleep and arrive on time
- Don't forget your water bottle and healthy snacks (Breaktime bananas will be provided)

And finally...Year 6 have worked very hard and do not need to worry - they are all ready and well prepared and can only do their best.

Nursery Places for September 2018

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery

Childcare

It is now time to book your child's place in our Nursery for September 2018. A few places still remain! Speak with Ms Jessop in the school office.

Choices

Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2018.

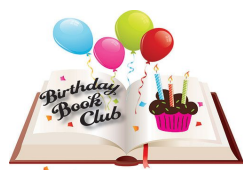
We still have a few spaces left for September. If you know of a family that are looking for a Nursery place for their child please ask them to book a visit or put their child's name down on our register by speaking to Ms Jessop in the school office.

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents can also apply for the new **30 hours free childcare** offer if they are eligible and register through www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Special Educational Needs & Disability Support in Barnet

- NHS Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT): Thurs 10th May at Underhill Children's Centre, EN5 2LZ 9.00-11.45
- Preparing for Secondary Transition - 23rd May at 9.30am The Orion School
- SEN Support in School Workshop - Thursday 7th June

For more information see the flyers in the 'News' section of the school website.



The Birthday Book Club

WOW! Lots of pupils have enjoyed recent birthdays and have joined the Birthday Book Club by donating books for the Library.

Happy Birthday to ...



**Nadia Y1 age 6, Ryan Y4 age 9, Teddymac Y2 age 7,
Trayon Y2 age 7, Sebastian Y4 age 9, Sara Y1 age 6, Hei Y1 age 6,
Ashley Y1 age 6, Izabela Y2 age 7**

Whole School Attendance

⇒ 95.7%≠

Still aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 30th April 2018

Foundation Stage Class of the Week: RP 94% Good attendance

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 99% Well Done - TOP ATTENDANCE!

KS2 Class of the week: 3R 98.3% Keep it up!

Year 2 SATS

Our Year 2 pupils will be taking part in National KS1 SATs tests over the next two weeks. We try to keep this as informal as possible, however pupils will be involved in both small group tasks and whole class tests.

Please reassure your child that these SATS are an opportunity to show what they have learned in school, and that they should not worry about them. Please speak with Miss Lloyd if you have any questions.

Ramadan

It is our understanding that Ramadan is expected to begin at sunset on Tuesday 15th May, subject to the moon sighting. At Woodcroft we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to fully support our Muslim pupils through this period.

Fasting

Some of our older KS2 pupils may be fasting while at school. We require a letter from parents to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting.

Prayer

We offer supervised classroom spaces for girls and boys to pray at 1.15pm after the sun has reached its height at mid-afternoon. We expect children observing prayer to be responsible and well behaved.

Lessons

*We expect all pupils to take part in **every** school lesson and activity. If an aspect of the lesson proves difficult for a child due to religious observance then the teacher will modify aspects of their participation. For example, pupils may help the teacher during PE instead of doing vigorous exercise, or they will only listen to the music during singing.*

Events

If a specific event is taking place such as a school trip or sports match we may ask that an older child has their parents' approval to break a fast on that day to enable them to take part. Also, if a child has a weekly club, e.g. Dance or Football, then parents may decide that their child does not fast on those particular days every week. Please include this approval for older children in your letter

Support

Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any questions or concerns. Please ensure all notification letters are provided to school by Tuesday 15th May. We thank you for your support.

Employment Assistance support for Parents - Sign Up NOW!

We are fortunate enough to have Children's Services Employment Advisers visiting Woodcroft School next **Wednesday, 17th May 2018** at 9am in the Tardis.

This is an informal session whereby the Advisers will be able to inform parents of possible opportunities for work or training and how to go about finding work or training. They are experienced particularly in helping parents with children.

Hopefully there will be time to speak to them individually depending on numbers attending. Numbers will be limited and it will be essential to put your name down if you want to attend. Please give your name in at the school office.

Twitter - follow us!



Have you signed up to our Twitter feed? We post lots of updates about what's going on in school. It is easy to create a Twitter account. You can also lock the privacy settings so you only have to follow the school and others don't have access to your profile.

Tennis Tournament



A team from our Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis Club took part in the Barnet Schools Tennis Tournament on Thursday 9th May. On a beautiful sunny afternoon we were involved in some very close matches. Miss Ryan was proud of the whole squad.



The event was staged at Barnet Lawn Tennis Club. If you are interested in experiencing tennis for FREE the club is holding an open day this Saturday, 12th May, from 2.00pm. Take a look at the flyer in the News section of our website

Head Lice - please check children at home



We have had a number of reported cases of head lice over the past few of weeks. Please can we ask that you carefully check your child's hair for lice regularly and obtain an approved treatment from a local chemist if any are discovered. Thank you.

Important Information for Year 5 Parents

This term Year 5 families will start thinking about choosing a secondary school. Although it may seem like a long way off, the process has now begun! Many secondaries hold selection tests this term, and parents considering schools like Mill Hill need to be aware of the deadlines. On **Thursday 24th May at 5.30pm we will be having a Secondary Transfer Meeting** for families at Woodcroft. Please make a note in your diaries. Further secondary school information will be put in this newsletter as it becomes available.

2018 Secondary Transfer Notices

- Registration for **Mill Hill County High** admission tests closes on 18th May. Please visit the 'Admissions 2018' pages of their website to register your child.
<http://www.mhchs.org.uk/sept-2019-intake/7083.html>



Please note applications for Mill Hill must be completed by Friday 18th May 2018, 3pm, late applications will not be accepted.

Sea Life Centre Vouchers

We have been sent a number of half price vouchers for London Sea Life Aquarium. The voucher can be used for up to 4 people and is valid until February 2019. If you are interested, please collect a voucher from the School Office.

