

WOODCROFT ARTS NEWS

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Year of Creative Arts at Woodcroft

Welcome to the autumn issue of the Woodcroft Arts News Special. We believe that The Arts promote self-confidence, concentration and resilience as well as inspiring, motivating and developing empathy. So much of what children learn through the Arts provides the basis for a successful life.



Arts and culture are thriving at Woodcroft and are central to our school life. The Arts enables our pupils to express themselves



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
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confidently and creatively. With so many exciting things happening in school we want to celebrate this through this Arts News Special issue.

Arts Award

The Arts Award at Woodcroft

Woodcroft are proud to be an accredited Arts Council Arts Award Centre. Every term our pupils will:

- Participate in an artform
- Be an audience member
- Research and investigate artists
- Share their arts with others



Across the year pupils explore the range of art forms; dance, music, drama and visual art. Our termly Art Week enables all pupils to focus in depth on the visual arts. Pupils in Year 6 develop Bronze Arts Award portfolios that are then submitted to Trinity College London for accreditation for their Bronze Arts Award qualification. It was wonderful welcoming back our 33 Bronze pupils in

September to receive their award, and also have an opportunity to congratulate Diana Duta, Julia Villar-Fernandez and Laila Mayoss on achieving their Gold ABRSM Music Medal!



Arts Badges and Woodcroft Arts Award

Every term, all pupils will complete each of these four areas as part of their national curriculum which will earn them their badge. Keep an eye out for these in your child's Homelink book. When they 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!



Meet the Pupil Arts Council



We welcome Lucia and Jessie (Year 2), Raissa and Atifa (Year 3), Ruben and Mya (Year 4), Nemiah and Elsa (Year 5) and Andreea and Miatta (Year 6) to the Woodcroft Arts Council this year! This creative group will be the pupil voice for Arts at Woodcroft, and will meet with Miss Sherring to help shape the direction of arts learning across the school.

Year 3 Tate Britain Project

Woodcroft are thrilled to be an 'Ambassador' school for the most ambitious primary school arts project London has seen! The project was designed by Turner Prize-winning artist Steve McQueen and is aiming to photograph every year 3 pupil across London to capture a unique moment in the pupils' lives. The final installation will be displayed in the Tate Britain from November 2019. More information can be found at www.tateyear3project.org.uk



Year 4 Production

On Thursday our Year 4s treated us to an amazing showcase of the work they've completed so far this year. Inspired by Diwali and our Art Week theme of 'Festival of Light,' Year 4 dazzled us with their beautiful lanterns created for Art Week, singing, Indian-inspired dancing, and brilliant acting skills. Congratulations to all of Year 4 for a wonderful performance which demonstrated the full range of arts learning throughout the curriculum and AIM Values!



Celebrating Past Pupil Success

We are always thrilled to hear about past pupil successes in the Arts. Some recent achievements include:



Julia Villar-Fernandez (2018) successfully auditioned for the Royal Opera House Youth Opera Company. She will have opportunities to perform in professional productions at the Royal Opera House, and is currently working towards *Hansel and Gretel*. Auditions for the company are by invitation only, so this really is a remarkable achievement. Congratulations Julia!

Aaliyah Robinson (2015) is currently competing in the 2018 season of ITV's *X Factor*! Aaliyah was paired with another young girl named Acacia in the audition stages and is currently being mentored by Robbie Williams, who is supporting her through the live shows. Congratulations and good luck Aaliyah!



AIM@Music

Year 2 Infant Music Festival



On Friday 19th October our Year 2s performed brilliantly at the annual BEAT Infant Music Festival. The theme this year was 'Dinosaurs' and pupils learned songs around this theme in their Music lessons. Woodcroft pupils also performed their own item entitled '*Dinosaur Roar*.' Congratulations to all our Year 2s for their fantastic performance!



Music Scholars



Woodcroft are thrilled to have two London Music Fund scholars: Harrison Nguyen (Y6) and Elsa Mulaj (Y5). These talented musicians are provided opportunities to perform at London Mayor's events in addition to receiving free instrument tuition for 4 years. Scholars must demonstrate commitment to their musical studies for a sustained period of time before being submitted for the scholarship. Congratulations to Harrison and Elsa!

Musicians Supporting Charity

Next Friday, our Senior Choir will be busking on the KS2 playground from 8:40am to help raise money for BBC Children in Need. Look out for them around the stage in the morning - I wonder who our special guest will be this year?!



Family's Guide to Supporting Instrument Tuition

Thank you for your continued support of Woodcroft's instrumental tuition. Instrument tuition at Woodcroft remains extremely popular, and its success is reliant on family support at home.

Here is how you can help your child make the most out of their instrument lessons:

1. **Support them to practise at home.** If your child completes 10 minutes of instrument practise 5-7 times a week, you will be astounded at how quickly they progress.
2. **Check their practise log.** Every child is given a practice diary by their instrument tutor which they are expected to fill in each time they practice. There is space for you to sign and leave any comments or questions you have for the tutor. Ask your child if you can see their diary and talk to them about what they're learning in their lessons.
3. **Always be prepared!** In a busy week children often forget to bring their instrument or materials into school for their lesson. When a child arrives unprepared for their lesson or follow up practise, it has a huge negative impact on their progress. Remind them the night before their lesson to make sure they have everything ready for the next day.
4. **Come along to a concert!** Woodcroft holds termly celebration concerts of the wonderful progress your child has made over the term. Dates and times are published in advance on the school website, weekly newsletters and on the parent calendar. The performances are a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to share their new skills with others.
5. **Ensure your payments are made on time.** Learning a musical instrument can be expensive. Woodcroft recognises this and we are committed to ensuring costs remain as low as possible. We subsidise the cost of tuition and have managed to maintain cost to parents and carers at £40.00 per term (or just £4.00 per lesson). We are only able to continue to do this if payments are made regularly and on time.

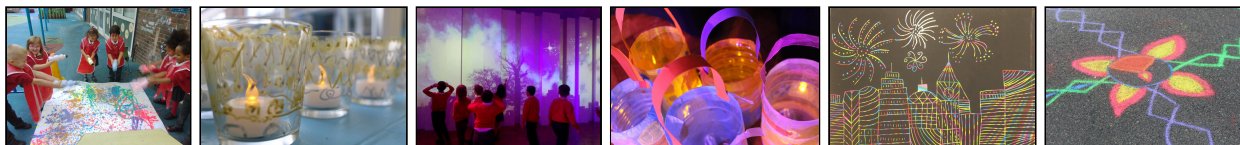
AIM@Art

Art Week Autumn 2018



The school has already enjoyed exploring many elements of visual art this academic year! The emphasis on arts was propelled forward by Art week at the beginning of the Autumn term, using the theme of 'Festival of Light' as inspiration. Across the school the children participated in many different art forms to create pieces of visual art, and also studied the work of professional artists.

These skills will be built upon and new skills explored throughout the year. Keep an eye out when walking around the school and when exploring the Treehouse for our pupils' amazing work!



AIM@Dance

Barnet Sports Awards Success: Barnet Team of The Year

Congratulations to last year's Dance Team, who on Wednesday 7th November were crowned 'Barnet Primary Sports Team of the Year!' We welcomed back pupils who were in the team last year to perform their award winning dance at the Arts Depot ceremony. Congratulations to our wonderful dancers and our committed team of adults who support the team!



Woodcroft Dance Team

The Dance Team will be building on last year's successful year and have already started to work hard on their choreography in their weekly dance sessions. Pupils are challenged to consider real world events and issues which they portray through highly emotive and effective dance routines.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Music Concerts

- 22nd November at 2:30pm: Strings
- 23rd November 9:30am: Brass and Woodwind
- 26th November 11:00am: Year 3 Ukulele
- 30th November 4:00pm: Senior Choir



Christmas Shows

- 4th & 5th December: Year 2 Christmas Show
- 6th & 7th December: Year 1 Christmas Show
- 11th and 12th December: Nursery and Reception Christmas Show
- 14th December: Year 6 WWII Experience



Woodcroft Website and Treehouse



Have you visited the website and logged on to the Treehouse (via your child's account) yet? There are videos, photos and pieces of work showcased across all the pages of all the incredible things going on in school. www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk

You can also keep up to date via our school Twitter account! Follow us at [@wps_success](https://twitter.com/wps_success) and [@arts_wps](https://twitter.com/arts_wps) to see all the exciting opportunities your child is engaging with at school.



The Birthday Book Club

Thank you to these pupils who have had recent birthdays and joined our Birthday Book Club by donating a special book for the Library

A very Happy Birthday to Kiyana (Y3) age 8



**Whole School
Attendance
↓ 96.6% ↓**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

KS1 Class of the week: 1D 99.3% TOP Class! Outstanding!

KS2 Class of the week: 3B & 4J 98.62% Very Good Attendance



Wear brightly coloured odd socks on Monday!



**Children in Need Day 2018
Friday 16th November**

Woodcroft will be taking part and raising money for Children in Need through our regular non-uniform day. Bring in a donation (e.g.£1.00) to **'Do your own thing! Be different - Be unique,'**

Dress up for the day! Why not ...

- o Mix your brightest coloured clothes or wear a shirt and tie with PJs
- o Put your uniform on back to front and inside out
- o Dress for the wrong season - come in sunglasses and beachwear to school
- o Come in crazy fancy dress or just do your own thing!



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Matthew Offord (MP)

LONDON ASSEMBLY

Andrew Dismore (London Assembly Member)

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We have been invited to design Christmas Cards for our local MP, Matthew Offord, and Barnet's London Assembly Member, Andrew Dismore.

Andrew Dismore will be visiting Woodcroft next week on Thursday 15th November to select winners and give out prizes. He will also tour the school to celebrate the wonderful Art Week work of each class.



Rules

A4 design using colouring pens or pencils.

No 3D, sticking or glitter.

Bright and bold pictures using strong colours

All entries by 9.00am on Thursday 15th November.

Good Luck