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Together Towards Success
#AIMvalues



New on the website

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

- Ofsted Report Published

Forthcoming Events

Check out our online diary for a full termly schedule.

January

- ★ 28th Resilience Week
- ★ 29th Netball tournament
- ★ 31st Girls Football tournament

February

- ★ 4th Football v Hyde
- ★ 5th Safer Internet Day
- ★ 6th Netball v Courtland
- ★ 7th Dr Bike Visit
- ★ 7th Football v Blessed Dominic
- ★ 8th Y4 Dodgeball Fest
- ★ 15th Y3 Class Assembly (parents invited at 2.15pm)

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:
@WPS_Success

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about

Resilience

Winter Science Challenge

The results are in for our first Science Council Challenge Competition of the year! The challenge was to carry out a science related activity on the theme of WINTER! Miss Stubbings and the science Council judged some fantastic experiments and had a difficult job selecting the winners. Well done to everyone who entered.

KS1 Winner: Nadia Y2

KS1 Runners Up: Adem Y2, Jessie Y2

KS2 Winner: Kyle Y5

KS2 Runners Up: Najma Y5, Yakub Y3, Suhayla Y5



Nadia's crystals



We're a **sustrans** Bike It school
JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Dr. Bike will be visiting Woodcroft on Thursday 7th February to carry out **FREE** bike maintenance and repairs. Twenty nine pupils took the opportunity to have their bikes checked the last time he visited. Make sure your bike is safe and roadworthy by bringing it to school for expert checks on the 7th February.

PE Kits in Winter

As the cold weather is now upon us I would like to remind parents of what should be included in your child's P.E uniform every week to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for their lessons both inside and out. P.E uniform must include:

- plain white t-shirt (no brand logos)
- plain navy shorts
- plain navy jumper/sweatshirt (no hoodies)
- a pair of P.E socks
- trainers (no high tops and no plimsolls)
- plain navy joggers (optional)
- A suitable bag for P.E kits would be a drawstring bag which you can purchase from the school office via SchoolMoney

Plimsolls are NOT used at Woodcroft as they are indoor shoes and they do not provide enough support. Please ensure that your child has their FULL P.E uniform, including navy sweatshirt, in school every day so they are able to take part in their P.E lessons. If your child does not have their PE uniform in school the class teacher will communicate that through your child's Home Link Book.

PE Kit and Bag



Online Calendar



Keep up to date with all of the school events and club matches by using our online calendar on the school website!

Chicken Pox in School

We have confirmed cases of chickenpox in school. Please remember you can send your child back to school on the 5th day after the last spot appears. If you have any queries please discuss your child's condition with Mrs Hatch our Senior Welfare.

Cygnnet parent / carer autism training

A comprehensive training and support program for parents/ carers of children aged 5 -11, with a diagnosis of autism is available *free of charge* to families living in Barnet. It is at Chalgrove Primary School, N3 3PL on Tuesdays between 10-12 from 26/2/19 until 2/4/19. See the flyer in the news section of the website for more details or contact Luci Rose from the Autism Advisory Team: Autism.Team@Barnet.gov.uk Tel/text: 07885208800.

Barnet SEND Health Conference

There is a free SEND conference for the Barnet parent / carer community taking place on Monday 4th Feb (9:30am – 1pm) at Stephens House.

This conference aims to provide Barnet parent carers with:

- An opportunity to identify key professionals and services on offer
- An understanding of changes to the local health system
- Details of the social, emotional and mental health needs support for children and young people and their families
- An opportunity to participate in a dialogue with health professionals from CAMHS and Barnet Integrated Therapies Service to help improve the future of services.

Booking details are included on the attached flyer and via the news section of our school website.



Coming Soon: Safer Internet Day 2019

Woodcroft pupils will be taking part in Internet Safety activities as part of Safer Internet Day 2019 on 5th February. You can play your part at home to help your child stay safe. This is a good time to talk about safe use of the internet with your children at home. Visit ...

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

Click on the parent links to download information and activities.

The Birthday Book Club

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

We all wish a very happy birthday to ...

***Jonathan (Nursery) age 4, Grace (Y3) age 8, Yasin (Y3) age 8,
Taylor (Y6) age 11***

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 14th January 2019

KS1 Class of the week: 2S 99.3% TOP CLASS! Well done

KS2 Class of the week: 5R 98.7% Excellent Attendance

**Whole School
Attendance**

96%

ON TARGET 96%

Snow & Winter Weather Procedures

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



Arrangements for Winter 2019



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:

- We try to give parents as much advance notice as possible. Feedback in previous years indicates that parents prefer to know the day before - so that arrangements can be made

However, if we are not able to do this:

- 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 Snowy and Frosty Days

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

- We open the main front gate, but keep the top front gate locked due to slippery unsafe steps.
- The Foundation Stage entrance will be cleared, however grit cannot be used on the safety surface. Please be very careful.
- The back gates **will** be OPEN but the paths may **NOT** always be cleared of snow - please be cautious.
- From 8.45am follow the marked paths that have been cleared. At 8.45am we also allow children to 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 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.

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 navy blue sweatshirt for outside PE lessons (navy jogging/track bottoms are also recommended).

Avoid early arrival in Winter - Get here for 8.45am to go straight into class!

Please try to ensure that children arrive at 8.45am for school. It is cold, dark and slippery during the winter months. Please enquire about our breakfast club if you need to drop children off early!



Exciting Events for the Spring Term

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

WEBB Resilience Week - from 28th January

Woodcroft has formed a partnership with Edgware, Barnfield and Broadfields Primaries called **WEBB**. Staff have worked together to plan a week of well-being activities to support pupil resilience.

Safer Internet Day #SID2019 'Together for a better Internet' - 5th February #OurInternetOurChoice

Year 3 Class Assembly - 15th February

Parents are invited to watch their children's assembly performance at 2.15pm on Friday 15th February

The BIG READ 2019 - starts 4th March.

This year's theme is **exciting journeys!**

Competitions, art projects, challenges, extreme reading, storytelling and lots more

M&M Theatre perform Alice in Wonderland - 5th March

A classic story brought to life at school.

World Book Day - 7th March

Celebrate stories. Love reading.

The Great Big Dance Off 2019 - 7th March

This year's team perform on the big stage for the first time!

British Science Week - 8th March

We are taking part in the UK's biggest celebration of science #BSW19 - we continue with the theme of 'Journeys!'

8th March is also the BIG Read Non Uniform Day! What will be this year's theme?

Barnet Dance Festival at the ArtsDepot - 14th March

Our dancers take to the stage again.

Comic Relief Day - 15th March

Red Nose Day is back! This year's theme is 'Let's Get Red'y To Help Other' - you guessed it - We are going to dress in as much red as possible!

Year 3 Tate Project - 28th March

Year 3 continue their collaboration with the Tate Gallery as an Ambassador School.

The WOW Factor Final - 2nd April

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

In addition to these fantastic events we will also be competing in a host of sporting tournaments. Classes will be going on trips to museums, theatres, concerts and exhibitions. A Book Fair will be in school from 18th March and parents evenings will be held on 19th and 21st March.



Lots of opportunities to live our **#AIMvalues** because having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atters at Woodcroft!