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New on the website

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

- The Big Read
- Dance Team Success

Forthcoming Events

25/3 Governors Meeting 26/3 Netball v Barnfield 27/3 Football v Deansbrook 27/3 UDOIT Dance 28/3 Y3 Tate Project 28/3 Girls Football v Orion 28/3 Cake Sale by Y3 29/3 Netball v Deansbrook 1/4 Netball v St Pauls 2/4 WOW Factor Finals 2/4 Key Step Gymnastics 4/4 Football v Edgware 4/4 Girls Football v Hyde

> Last day of term 5th April 2.00pm Finish

Pupils Return Tuesday 24th April

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter: **@WPS_Success**

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about:

Growing & Changing

Dance Team Success





The Woodcroft Dance Team have excelled themselves with two fantastic performances in recent events. On 7th March they travelled to Wimbledon New Theatre to compete in the 2019 London Regional Dance Off Finals finishing in second place and gaining automatic entry into the National Finals in June. Many of the team are new this year, so this was a fantastic result against

30 schools from across the region. Then on Thursday 14th March they took their Black Panther themed dance, titled 'Wakanda Forever' to the ArtsDepot in Finchley and wowed the entire audience at the Barnet Dance Festival.

Competitions come thick and fast for this amazing group of performers. On the 27th March they then travel to Stoke on Trent for the UDOIT Dance Foundation National Competition with teams entering from all over the UK! Miss Williams said after their recent performance: *"They did really well, with better energy levels - but still room to improve!"*. We look forward to following their progress.

Cake Sale! Thursday 28th March at 3.15pm.



Year 3 will be hosting a cake sale to raise money to support their science project raising the chicks and studying life cycles. The cake sale will take place in either the large hall, or on the playground if the weather permits.

If you would like to donate any cakes or offer assistance we would be very grateful. Look out for year 3's posters around the school advertising the cake sale! *We hope that you come and enjoy!*

European Education Project

While the country struggles with Brexit - you may be interested to know that Woodcroft is maintaining links with our friends in Europe!

Woodcroft was selected to take part in a European project involving 5 countries (UK, Italy, Belgium, Romania and Portugal). Over the next two years staff will visit each other's countries to study educational theory and how we can learn from one another.

Ten members of staff recently visited Palermo in Sicily on two separate visits. The next trip will be to Portugal during the summer term. Keep a check on the school's Twitter account for updates.

Parent Workshops for Reception and Nursery



Nursery and Reception parents participated in a Maths Workshop led by Mrs Brown, on Wednesday 20th March. The workshop looked at how parents can support their children at home with Maths. Mrs Brown discussed expectations for maths in the autumn and spring terms and demonstrated a variety of maths techniques for parents to try at home. There were a number of songs, rhymes, games, resources and websites shared. Thank you to all the parents who came along.

Next Wednesday, 27th March 9:00 – 10:00, parents are invited to Reception classes, to see a Maths lesson being modelled, during the 'Stay and Play' session. <u>Nursery and Reception Workshop and 'Stay & Play' Timetable</u>

Wednesday 27th March 9:00 – 10:00, Reception classes, 'Maths modelled Stay and Play' Wednesday 3rd April 9:00 – 10:00, Oak Suite & Tardis, 'Writing Workshop' Wednesday 24th April 9:00 – 10:00, Reception classes, 'Writing modelled Stay and Play' Wednesday 1st May 9.00 - 10.00, Oak Suite & Tardis, 'Phonics' Wednesday 8th May 9.00 - 10.00, Reception Classes, 'Phonics Stay and Play'

Y3 Ukulele



Well done to Year 3 for another fantastic ukulele assembly on Monday. They played their spring term repertoire to an audience of family and KS1 pupils. Thank you to the music teachers, Mr Hughes and Mr Macatominy, who are from BEAT (Barnet's Music Service).



Red Nose Day

Thank you, and well done, to everyone for supporting our Red Nose day events and charity collections. Keep an eye out in the foyer for a display of photos! We started the day with our choir and band busking. All the children looked fantastic in their red attire. The day climaxed with a Red Nose assembly in which the teachers had a messy challenge involving silly string! Overall, we raised over **£430** for Comic Relief!





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 ... Raissa Y3 age 8, Limfred Y5 age 10



Whole School Attendance **195.5%**↑ BELOW TARGET 96%

Week Beginning 11th March 2019 KS1 Class of the week: 1D 99.3% Joint TOP Attendance KS2 Class of the week: 3V 99.3% for 1D & 3V - Well Done!

Weekly Class Attendance Champions





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Dear Parents/Carers

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school walking, cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose to use their own power to get to school.

The challenge runs from **25th March – 5th April** each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest walking, cycling or scooting journeys to school. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and we could win some awesome prizes.

The Prizes

• The class at our school that has the highest percentage of pupils walking, cycling and scooting between **25 March and 5 April** will win a special session of cycling and scooting fun with Ellenie, the Bike It Officer

• The school in London with the highest rates of cycling, scooting and walking will win a stunt show in the playground

• Every day the school will go into the draw to win accessories and equipment if there are sufficient levels of cycling, scooting and walking being recorded

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child to walk, cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

We live too far away! - You can still get involved. Simply get off the bus/DLR one stop earlier or park at least a mile away from school and walk, scoot or cycle the final mile so you can still win points for your school.

Good luck!

Ellenie

Barnet Bike It Officer

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