# WOODCROFTWEEKL

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## New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- · Year Group Newsletters
- · Y6 Secondary Transfer Info

#### **Forthcoming Events**

24th September - Y6 visit RAF Museum

Arts Award Presentation Evening (Y6 leavers Return) Thursday 26th September at 5.00pm

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

8.45am - 9.30am Friday 27th September



Please donate a cake and come along to help this cause.

#### Twitter



#### **PSHE Theme**

In school we are thinking

about: Get Set: **Travel Tokyo** 





Aldi Stickers

10 Total so far ....

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# Successful Arts Award Accreditation for Year 6 pupils





Congratulations to the thirty three Year 6 pupils who entered and successfully completed their Bronze Arts Award. On Friday 19th July a moderator from Trinity College reviewed the portfolios for all of the pupils that had chosen to

submit their work for assessment. The Moderator confirmed that all had achieved the standard for the Bronze Award and praised the high quality of evidence presented by the school. They will return for a special presentation evening on Thursday 26th September at 5.00pm.

### **Lock Your Bikes and Scooters**



We encourage pupils to walk or ride their bikes and scooters to school. We provide a bike shelter for older pupils and Scooter Pods for Nursery and Reception. However, all bikes and scooters need to be locked safely by the pupil using their own

padlock - we do not accept responsibility for bikes and scooters while on school property.



We expect children to wear a helmet when riding a bike to school and to lock their own bike up in the shelter. Parents and carers are welcome to supervise riders on their journey to school.

#### SCHOOL MONEY ARREARS POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy Statement has been compiled recognising the difficulties placed on schools in balancing the welfare of pupils with the management of school budgets.

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that all monies are paid promptly.

#### **School Meal Payment Arrears**

- If a child's 'School Money' account is in arrears for unpaid dinner money, the school will provide a meal on a temporary basis.
- The school will also contact the parents to advise them of the amount outstanding.
- If the arrears continue after a 2 week period, the matter will be referred to the Headteacher. The Headteacher will:
  - Arrange a meeting with parents
  - Agree a repayment installment schedule
  - Discuss moving the child to packed lunches to prevent the debt increasing
  - Schedule a meeting with the school's Family Support Worker
- Arrears must not exceed £50.00. If arrears exceed this amount the school will not be able to provide any meals on a temporary basis.

# **Woodcroft Year of Sport**

The **Rugby World Cup** starts this week and we are supporting ...







Tonga on Sunday 22nd

## ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS: GET SET TO EAT FRESH





Woodcroft will be collecting Olympic Team GB stickers from Aldi to receive a new school sports kit and enter a £20,000 prize draw. If you shop in Aldi please bring your stickers to the school office and drop them in the box provided. Our Y6 Bronze Sports Ambassadors will then find

the correct place to put them on the collection posters that have been provided. Please do not stick them on the poster yourself. Check out the flyer in this newsletter or see information online or in store.

# **Introducing Emily Haley (Local Authority Attendance Officer)**

Hello, my name is Emily Haley and I am the new Education Welfare Officer for Woodcroft Primary. I work alongside the school to identify pupils who fall below the 96% attendance recognised by the school and Barnet's Education Welfare Team for children to achieve their educational potential. Take a look at the attendance expectations ladder published with this newsletter.

When a child's attendance falls below 90% they are considered a **persistent absentee**. I then have a duty to improve attendance in order to secure children's education and meet expectations. You will be invited to a meeting where you will have the opportunity to explain reasons for absence and any family circumstances you consider important. We always wish to work with families and support improved attendance. However, for serious problems sanctions used by the Education Welfare Team include:

- · Education Supervision Orders
- · Fixed Penalty Notices
  - Prosecution at Magistrates' Court



Parents need to be aware that arrival to school after the official close of register, without good reason, is recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect attendance figures. Under the Local Authority's revised code of conduct concerning Fixed-Penalty Notices, this could result in the imposition of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The absence is coded in the register as unauthorised late and each parent, much like term time holidays, will receive a separate Penalty Notice for each child taken out of school, under the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2004.

#### Contact Me

If you would like to arrange an appointment to see me to discuss an attendance issue you can do so by speaking with Mrs Clark, the Woodcroft's Learning Mentor or by visiting the school Office.

# Family Services run by Woodcroft

Woodcroft runs a range of extended services to support families. Lots of information about these can be found on our website. I would like to draw your attention to:

**Acorns After School Club** - this is run by Woodcroft staff exclusively for Woodcroft pupils and offers after school care at competitive rates. Speak to Ms Jessop in the School Office for more information. Acorns runs every day in term time from 3.15pm to 5.45pm.

**Little Oaks** - is our pre-school parent and toddler session that takes place every Thursday from 9.00am in the Oak Suite. Run by Miss Finnegan, one of our qualified Nursery Nurses, children can make friends and play, while learning important skills that prepare them for school. Why not come along with your child (aged 0 - 3 years) next Thursday.

**Family Support** - our website contains lots of information about local family services. If you require any advice about family matters that are not directly about your child's learning then please arrange an appointment with Jill Smith (Woodcroft's Family Support Coordinator)

# The Birthday Book Club

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Thank you to the pupils who have celebrated their birthday and joined our Birthday Book Club by donating books for the Library. A very Happy Birthday to ...

Lucia (Y3) age 8, Adem (Y3) age 8, Rishi (Y1) age 6, Nadia (RB) age 5



We are collecting Aldi Stickers? Don't forget to ask friends and family to collect them on your behalf. Thank you.

# Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning

# MORING SEAL WORNING CANCER SUPPORT

# we need your help!

Every year we run a very successful charity coffee morning to help Macmillan Cancer Support. However, many of the parents who have helped in the past

have now moved on as their child is at secondary school. We are looking for some parents who would like to help us set up. If you can spare an hour next Friday 27th September can you let the office know.

# Cake Donations

To EVERYONE else - don't forget to donate a cake for sale and please come along to The Oak Suite on Friday 27th at 8.45am to support this worthy cause.

# The Woodcroft Attendance Expectations Ladder



# **Mealtime Supervisor Vacancy – October 2019**

New Mealtime Supervisors (MTS) are required to start as soon as possible after the October Half Term break:

We are looking for an enthusiastic Mealtime Supervisor to join our committed team. Experience of working with children in play settings is desirable and a calm manner essential. Our job description and person specification gives more details about the post. These are available from the school office or can be downloaded using the links below.

#### **MTS Post Details**

Part Time

Term time only

Hours per week: 6 1/4 (with opportunities for additional hours)

Pay scale: Mealtime Supervisor Grade A

Basic Salary (Full Time Equivalent) £20.103

Actual Salary (basic hours) £2,977 per annum (hourly rate £10.71)

Start date: 28th October 2019

Woodcroft Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to submit satisfactory references and undertake a criminal record check via the DBS before they can be appointed.

Application forms, job descriptions and person specifications are available on the school website and should be returned to the school.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 3rd October 2019

Interviews will take place on: 10th and 11th October 2019

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further details please contact the school office and ask to speak with Mr Russell (Deputy Headteacher).