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New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Secondary Transfer Info for Year 6
- Weekly News
- Online School Guides
- COVID19 Visitor Info

Twitter

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NHS Advice



CATCH IT 
Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT 
Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT 
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

NHS



Welcome back

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! Despite the obvious differences to a normal return we are so pleased to see everyone back safely, and with smiles on our faces.

Because of our detailed planning and organisation it has meant that everything has gone really smoothly. You can read more about our procedures here:

<https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/staffing-and-school-organisation-for-september-2020/>

Thank you

Our pupils have responded perfectly to school life. In fact, it is as if they have never been away. They have all settled quickly back into learning routines. This is thanks to parents maintaining the learning during lockdown and preparing them well for the return to school. Well done!

Woodcroft Online - New and updated Treehouse

Woodcroft's Online Curriculum was recognised as outstanding. But we want it to be even better! Today we announce the launch of the ALL NEW Treehouse. Pupils and parents will now have access to all of the core knowledge that classes will be learning each term.

Learning Continuity

We cannot let COVID19 continue to affect your child's education. It is too important! While we have no control over the virus we can control what we do at Woodcroft. Staff have been very busy making plans to overcome the impact of any further disruptions. Take a look at our Learning Continuity Plan that is outlined in this issue.

Be Prepared - Support your child

As well as kitting out your children so smartly in school uniform, and providing them with the equipment they need for lessons. The best thing you can do for your child's education is to ensure they have access to the appropriate technology. This means a device with a keyboard! Children cannot learn effectively using a phone or tablet. They need a Chromebook or Laptop. We will be continuing to set homework using Google Classroom - so if you are thinking about saving up for a device (it only needs to be basic specification) we would encourage you to do so.

Safety

Finally, everyone's safety is our first priority. If you have any concerns do not hesitate to bring it to our attention.

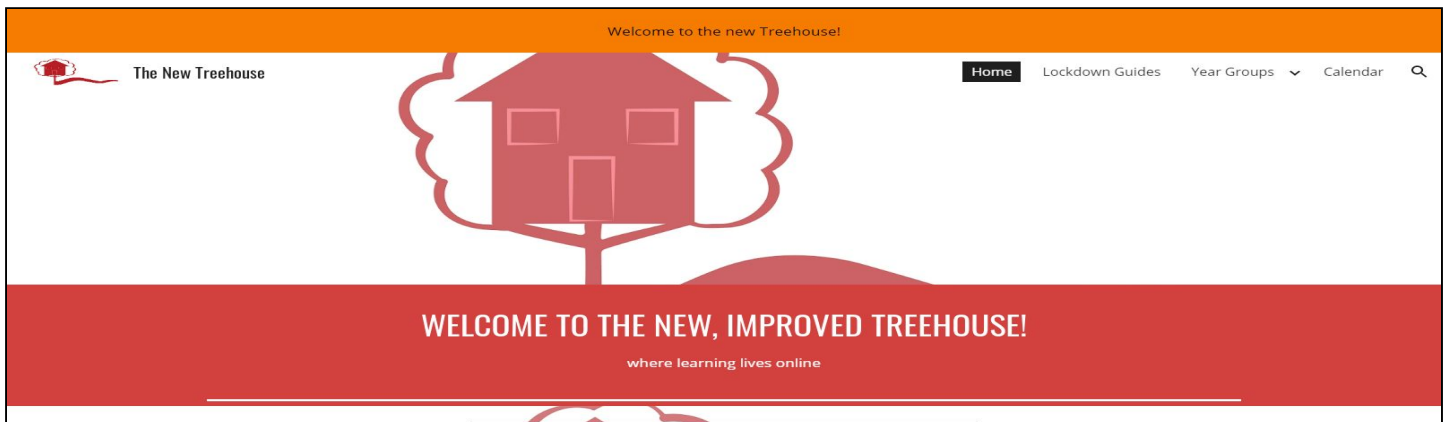


Woodcroft's ALL NEW 'Treehouse' Curriculum Site

We are really excited to announce the launch of our all new and updated online curriculum resource that we call **The Treehouse**.

<https://sites.google.com/woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/thenewtreehouse/home>

(You will need to be logged in to the website with your child's account to view the Treehouse)



Visit the website, ask your child to login, click on the Treehouse icon (look down the right column) and select your child's year group. There you will find lots of information about your child's learning topics for this term. You will find:

- Core knowledge pages (information we will expect the children to learn about and remember)
- Key vocabulary (to check children can spell and understand)
- Useful links and videos (to do that bit of extra research)

Not every page is finished, and teachers will be adding more information as the term goes on. We will use these pages both in school and for homework to support pupil learning.

The Woodcroft Learning Continuity Plan

The new Treehouse is part of our COVID19 Learning Continuity Plan. We expect that there might be times when individuals, classes or even the whole school is asked to lockdown or self-isolate. To overcome these disruptions to learning we are developing a comprehensive plan:

Aims:

1. Enable easy transition to online learning if a bubble or the school is required to self isolate.
2. Provide a consistent school offer for pupils who are required to self isolate.
3. Enable teachers to maintain 'remote' class teaching responsibility if they are required to self isolate.
4. Further integrating our Google Platform into regular curriculum
5. Support pupils to become more independent with online learning.
6. Encourage all families obtain appropriate technology (ideally a Chromebook) because it will be used every week to support learning

What to expect online:

- We will post weekly learning schedules online in the class Google Classroom so you can see what children are going to be doing in class
- Homework Brain Builder activities will now be published via the Google Classroom and will include:
 - Online learning app expectations e.g. Khan Academy / Prodigy / Time Tables Rock Stars etc
 - Topic based research linked to content and links on the new Treehouse
- Termly topic content published on the new Treehouse including essential knowledge page, vocabulary lists, web links, writing checklists, spellings, stories and videos

Our aim is to be able to move seamlessly to online learning if the school or a year group goes into lockdown again

Year of STEM

This academic year at Woodcroft is the year of STEM!



STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All of these subjects will be brought together in a variety of creative projects to teach pupils the skills they will need to solve problems, create amazing designs and be innovative inventors. Learning about STEM aims to give pupils the knowledge they will need to be successful in the 21st century!

Year 6 Information About Secondary Transfer

Year 6 families need to be thinking about transfer to secondary school next year in September 2021! The school website has got all of the latest information from Barnet about the process. Take a look at: <https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/secondary-transfer-2021/>

Does your child have access to a Chromebook (or Laptop)



If you want to support your children both now and for the future, one of the best things we could suggest would be to get a Chromebook. A Chromebook is like a laptop but more suited to school work at Woodcroft. Everything we do in school is on the Google Chrome platform. Microsoft Windows laptops are fine to use but not as straightforward.

Phones and tablets are fine for watching media but they are not ideal for school work. We highly recommend using a device with a proper keyboard. If your child has a chromebook they will be able use it for homework and further study should there be a lockdown. It will be a good long term investment for your child's education.

Nursery Places for September 2020

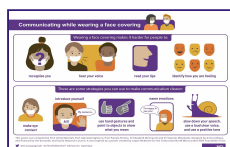
30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery



We still have a few places in our Nursery for this year. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2020.

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Communicating while wearing a mask



We are not wearing masks in school (unless staff are providing close care e.g. first aid). But we recognise and support parents wearing masks at collection time. We have published some guidance produced by UCL on our website (in the News section along with this issue [\(click here\)](#))

A Quick Reminder About How We Are Keeping Safe At School

- Staggered starts - pupils can arrive any time between 8.30am and 9.00am and go directly to class
- Classroom's are arranged according to Government safety guidance
- All pupils and staff stay in 'Year Group Bubbles'. This means:
 - Teachers, Teaching Assistants and MTS only work with the same group of pupils
 - Pupils will not mix with other year groups. We have split break times.
 - No whole school activities such as assemblies
- Strict hygiene routines in class with hand washing and sanitiser
- Extended dismissal; children can be collected from the playground between 3.00pm and 3.15pm
- Social distancing routines will apply to all adults on premises. Please keep 2 metres apart where possible. A one way system operates at the beginning and end of the day.

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School

These are some things you can do:

- Make sure you talk about school only in a positive way
- Discuss how things are being made safe for everyone
- Keep uniform clean and tidy
- Make sure your child has a personal water bottle in school every day.
(School will not be supplying water bottles and communal water fountains are not allowed to be used.)
- Provide your child with their own pencil case with essential equipment (this will reduce anxiety about sharing).



Pencil case essentials (for Y1 to Y6):

- Pencil and sharpener
- eraser
- Ruler
- Basic coloured pencils

Optional extras for KS2 (years 3 , 4, 5 & 6)

- Glue Stick
- Protractor
- Children's Scissors (rounded ends)
- Handwriting Pen
- Highlighter



Time Tables Rock Stars



We are launching Time Tables Rock Stars again this year. Letters with login details have been sent home. Login details can also be found in your child's home link book.

Please help your child to have a go at this excellent online app!

Super Safe School Meals!

Lot's of parents are asking us about school meals. Currently, we are operating a packed lunch service, prepared by our caterers ISS and eaten in the classrooms. This is a temporary offer to support our return to school in the safest possible way. We are now looking at how to reintroduce hot meals. As you can imagine this involves a significant amount of complicated organisation.

ISS, our school caterers, have produced a '[back to school' digital guide](#). It is aimed at parents, carers and pupils – this short e-booklet offers the reassurance that school lunches will continue to be prepared and served safely. To view the guide, click here ... <https://indd.adobe.com/view/b25c4658-c3e3-4c4f-aab2-f68ffe046734>



The Birthday Book Club



Thank you to all of the pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and joined the Birthday Book Club by donating books for the Library. Two pupils brought books during lockdown! So we would like to wish a very 'belated' Happy Birthday to...

Gabriel (now Y1) age 5 and Sophia (now Y2) age 6



Whole School Attendance
92%
Aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 7th September 2020

KS1 Class of the week: 1A 91.3% Well Done!

KS2 Class of the week: 5R 100% WOW! A Perfect Start!

Introducing PE Kit Days

Pupils can now wear their PE Kits to school on their class PE Day

Due to COVID19 restrictions we have found that changing clothes for physical education is proving difficult to manage safely in terms of space, social distancing and also curriculum time.

We have decided to trial PE Kit Days. Children can now wear their PE Kit to school and keep it on all day instead of the normal school uniform.

If you decide to choose this option children must wear the full plain navy kit including sweatshirt and joggers. They cannot come to school in only T-shirts and shorts. We also do not allow plimsolls in school. Remember to make sure all items are named.

A FULL PE uniform must include



- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Trainers that are below the ankle
(no high tops and no plimsolls)

- Plain navy blue jumper (no hoodies)
- Plain navy blue joggers
(please avoid branded items)

PE Kit Timetable

Please note the day your child should wear their PE kit to school:

Tuesday: Year 2 (2M and 2L) and Year 5 (5M and 5R)

Wednesday: Year 4 (4T and 4B), 3H (Mr Hughes) and 1A (Mrs Patel / Mrs Seth-Smith)

Thursday: Year 6 (6G and 6J), 1S (Miss Stewart) and 3J (Miss Hargreaves)

- *These arrangements do not currently apply to Nursery or Reception*

We shall be monitoring the success of our PE kit days over the next few weeks. As we expand the curriculum you may be notified of changes and/or additional requirements. *Thank you*