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New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Secondary Transfer Info for Year 6
- Weekly News
- Breakfast Club
- School Meals Information

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schoolmoney

School Money Is Now Working Again!

Could we apologise for the delay in our school payment system becoming operational this term. We have now managed to rectify the error with our data that occurred at the start of term. The school office are still manually updating some accounts - so if you see debts on your account that appear to be from the lockdown period please don't panic. These will be corrected in due course.

For more information about this service please visit our website:

<https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-money-payments/>

Arts Award



Twenty Three pupils who left us in the summer have been awarded the prestigious Bronze Arts Award Certificate by [Trinity College London](https://www.trinitycollege.com/). To achieve Bronze, the Ofqual accredited Level 1 national qualification, pupils presented detailed portfolios to an assessor from the internationally renowned [Trinity College London](https://www.trinitycollege.com/) to show they had participated in a range of arts activities, reviewed arts events, researched artists and shared new skills with others. The award is run by Arts Council England.



Well done to all of our amazing pupils, and thank you to the Woodcroft staff who have trained as Arts Award Advisers to be able to run this programme in school.

Our current Year 6 are now being given the opportunity to obtain this nationally recognised qualification for themselves.

Lock-Up Your Bikes and Scooters



We encourage pupils to walk or ride their bikes and scooters to school. We provide a bike shelter and scooter rack for older pupils at the front of school, and Scooter Pods for Nursery and Reception. However, all bikes and scooters need to be locked safely. Parents MUST provide children their own bike chain or a padlock for their scooter - we do not accept responsibility for bikes and scooters while on school property.



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

Punctuality - try to arrive by 8.55am



Now that we have established the new routines of school could we ask that pupils arrive by 8.55am. This is our official registration time. Gates will still remain open until 9.00am, however teachers would like to be able to start lessons promptly at 9.00am. To enable this to happen, children need to arrive in good time to hang up coats, wash hands and sort their equipment for the start of the school day.

Woodcroft is a Barnet Local Authority school. We are visited every two weeks by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO). The EWO reviews pupil attendance and punctuality. This year our EWO is called Rosana Hermosa. She has written to introduce herself below.

Woodcroft Welcomes a new Educational Welfare Officer

Hello,

My name is Rosana Hermosa and I am the new Education Welfare Officer for Woodcroft Primary School. I work alongside Woodcroft staff to support attendance and punctuality and identify pupils who fall below the **97% attendance** expected by the school and Barnet's Education Welfare Team for children to achieve their educational potential. When a child falls below 90% attendance they are considered a persistent absentee by the Borough of Barnet. I have a duty to secure children's education and ensure attendance is kept to expectations. If your child falls below these expectations, or has unauthorised absences on their record, I will invite you to a meeting to discuss the reasons.



When reasons are not valid there are a range of Sanctions used by the Education Welfare Team. These include:

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

Please remember that all absences during term time must be authorised by the school. Term time holidays are never permitted.

Fixed-penalty Notices are also issued for unauthorised lateness to school. Parents and carers need to be aware that arrival to school after the official close of the 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 penalty notice.

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

The fine is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of issue, otherwise the penalty notice will be £120 per parent per child. If the notice remains unpaid after the 28th day, the Local Authority will prosecute the parent(s) in the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty, parents will have a criminal record, and can be fined up to £1000.

If you are concerned about your own child's attendance please speak to the school or ask to arrange a meeting with me.

Yours sincerely,

Rosana Hermosa
Education Welfare Officer

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications



Admissions

Year 6 families are now completing their applications to 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/>

If any parent requires help with the application process please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with Mr Tallon. This is best done over the next week or so in good time ahead of the October 31st deadline.

Nursery Places

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.

School Uniform

Thank you for sending children to school so smartly at the start of term. As the weather gets colder please remember to send your child to school with a warm jacket.

Classroom Ventilation

Following government guidance we are keeping classrooms well ventilated to reduce the risk of transmission by keeping windows and doors open. If your child complains of feeling cold in class please make sure they wear appropriate undergarments e.g. vests and tights.

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 their Class Library.



Happy Birthday to Matteo in Y4

**Whole School
Attendance
85%
Aiming for 96%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 25th September 2020

KS1 Class of the week: 2M 94.4% Excellent - TOP Class!

KS2 Class of the week: 4T 94.3% Well Done!

Events and Dates – Autumn 2020



This year's whole school AIM@Theme is **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** - lots of our whole school projects will be based around this area of study.

Our regular schedule of events and activities is obviously going to be affected by COVID19. We are not able to take part in any of the fun group activities we usually get up to. However, as you can see below, we tried to retain or modify as much as possible. All plans are naturally subject to alteration as we adapt to changing circumstances.

Parent Consultation Evenings w/b 5th October

Parents will be able to book a consultation with their child's class teacher. We are currently evaluating the next way to do this. It could be in person, via video call or a telephone chat. We shall assess the Government guidance over the next couple of weeks and let you know what is going to happen.

Harvest Time 'Food Baskets' w/b 12th October

We will not be able to have our usual assembly and coin pictures, but we are still planning to collect food donations for Barnet Age UK. Children will contribute to their class hamper and we will still create a lovely display. However, we expect that we will be producing a video to present to parents.



Infant Music Festival Y1 during November



Year 1 will be taking part in an Online Music Festival led by our borough Music Service 'BEAT'. They will learn a range of percussion and instrumental pieces to perform during the festival as well as creating their own performance of 'I've got the music in me' by Kiki Dee. They will be using instruments, art work and movements during the performance and will submit their contribution to the final ensemble involving schools from across Barnet.

International Week w/b 19th October

Our International Colours Day, when pupils come dressed in traditional outfits or the colours of their home nations flag will take place on - **Wednesday 21st October**

During that week, and to fit in with our Year of Stem, each Year Group will study the country where a significant historical invention originated

This term's Visual Arts Week w/b 9th November.

The theme for Art Week will be **'From STEM to STEAM'** as we look at the Art of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We will produce art for our Gallery Corridor and videos for you to watch at home.



Anti-Bullying Week this year takes place from 16th – 20th November



The theme is **'United Against Bullying'** and classes will contribute to a whole school project. As part of Anti-Bullying Week we shall again be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 16th November. Children should wear the craziest, strangest most unusual socks they can find - and then wear a different sock on each foot!

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>

BBC Children in Need - Pudsey Appeal Day Friday 13th November

'TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

On Friday 13th November - we will come to school dressed in as much **yellow** as we can find. We might wear our Pudsey ears, paint our faces, or just wear yellow socks - it's up to you!



The Woodcroft Attendance Expectations Ladder

100%



PERFECTION

Equates to:

4

SCHOOL
DAYS
off each year



98%



IMPRESSIVE

7

SCHOOL
DAYS
off each year



96%



GOOD

9

SCHOOL
DAYS
off each year



95%



NEARLY
THERE

11

SCHOOL
DAYS
off each year



94%



NEEDS TO
IMPROVE

20

SCHOOL
DAYS
off each year



90%



CONCERNS
(referred to Educational
Welfare / Persistent absentee)

30

SCHOOL
DAYS
off each year



85%



SERIOUS
CONCERNS



ACORNS CLUB RETURNS

Open every evening during term time from 3:30 - 5.30 pm

DUE TO COVID19 ACORNS WILL BE RUNNING A MODIFIED SERVICE

For pupils from Year 1 to Year 6

| **Arts & Crafts** | **Film Nights** | **Multi Sports** | **Games** |

CLUB STARTS: Thursday 1st October 2020 (*Sessions cannot be booked until a pupil has been registered*)

REGISTRATION OPENS : Monday 28th September

We are now offering a limited number of places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents will be able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either one hour at a cost of £7.50 per hour, per child, or two hours at a cost of £9.50 per child. A snack and soft drink will be included in the price. While these prices represent an increase from last term they are still very competitive with other after school clubs being run in this area. The increase is due to the need to limit places to ensure it is COVID secure. The school does not make a profit from Acorns.

To ensure social distancing we are moving the club away from the Oak Suite and into the dining room area. This will allow year group bubbles to play apart from each other. They will have access to the KS1 playground and other spaces on certain evenings.

Collection will now be from the back entrance of the school in Wolsey Grove and at two specified allocated times of 4:30pm and 5:30pm. If you arrive later than the time you have specified; you will be charged for the full evening at £9.50.

If any child fails to comply with the social distancing guidelines and puts the other children and Acorns staff at risk, you will be contacted and asked to collect them from the club immediately.

If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After School Club they will need to be added to this term's register. To do this, please contact the school by telephone, or e-mail. If you have any questions call the office and ask to speak with Mrs Hurley, an Acorns Co-ordinator, and we will gladly give you any further information you require. Please note, due to restrictions placed upon us, sessions can now only be booked and paid for one week in advance via the School Money system online. You will need to book your child's sessions by Friday for the next week.

We only have a limited number of slots available. The maximum number of places available for each session is 16. Should the demand for spaces exceed this availability then priority provision will be allocated to the children of key workers.

As before, your child will be collected from class at the end of the day by one of our Acorns staff, on the days that they attend the club. Children will still get involved in a variety of activities, including: multi-sports, art and crafts and games. Your child will learn new skills whilst enjoying themselves, in a safe and secure environment.

What next:

1. If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After-School Club please register by calling the school office and speaking with **Mrs Hurley**, your Acorns Co-ordinator.
2. Once registered you will be able to book sessions in advance using School Money
3. The charges are as follows:
3:30 – 4:30pm = £7.50 (1 hour)
3:30 – 5:30pm = £9.50 (Full session)
4. All bookings for the next week **MUST** be made by Friday at 4.30pm. Places will be strictly limited to 16 pupils..
5. Mid week bookings for the same week will not be available.
6. If you arrive after the allocated time you will be charged £2.00
7. Refreshments are included in the price.
8. Collection is now via the Back Gate in Wolsey Grove (**Not the main entrance**)

Acorns After-School Club is run at Woodcroft, by Woodcroft, for Woodcroft

'VIRTUAL' PARENT EVENINGS FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 TO 6

Dear Parents/Carers

We are holding parent consultation evenings for Parents and Carers on **Tuesday 6th October** and **Thursday 8th October 2020**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the classteacher.



This year we are going 'VIRTUAL'. All consultations will be online via a video call with your child's class teacher using a Google Meet link. You will not need to download any software, just have a device (phone, tablet or laptop) linked to the email address you have provided the school.

How will it work?

1. You will receive a link that directs you to an online Google Form on Monday
2. **Please complete and return your form, via the submit button, to your child's class teacher by Friday 2nd October 2020.**
3. The class teacher will schedule your 5 minute appointment and send you an email notification.
4. At the allotted time on the night click the link and join the meeting with your child's teacher.



Please note, timings will be strictly adhered to. If you are not available at your allotted appointment time then the class teacher will not be able to discuss your child with you.

You will also be asked to indicate if you have other children at Woodcroft Primary School and which class they are in so that we can coordinate your appointments.

We look forward to seeing you online.

Yours sincerely

Craig Tallon (HEADTEACHER)