



Together Towards Success

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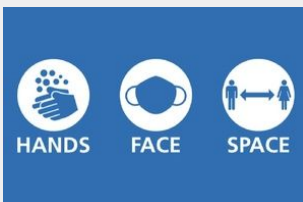
Lots to look out for on our website:

- Reception Applications for 2021 - UPDATED
- Weekly News
- Breakfast Club - OPEN
- Acorns After School Club - OPEN
- Autumn Menus UPDATED

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:
@WPS_Success

NHS Advice



PSHE Theme

Building Positive Relationships



Face Masks and Social Distancing



Thank you to all of our school community for helping **keep everyone safe** by supporting the wearing of masks and keeping socially distant on the school site.

Year 1 Perform in KS1 Barnet Music Festival



On Friday 20th November Year 1 took part in the annual Barnet Music Festival. Normally hosted together with other local schools, this year was no exception - however we joined everyone virtually. The theme was **Music That We Love**.

Year 1 rehearsed different samba rhythms using percussion instruments, they even created their own call and response! Year 1 learnt a dance to a Scottish reel and also learnt about how to recognise other dance music including the tango, the waltz and the rock 'n' roll jive; which were all used in an exciting listening game!

The Music Festival used the story of 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae which the children thoroughly enjoyed! Year 1 learnt and recorded extracts from the book and even made their own 'Gerald the Giraffe' to dance to the music of Czardas.

Year 1 represented Woodcroft fantastically and thoroughly enjoyed the festival. Well done Year 1!



This is what some of Year 1 thought about the event ...

'We practised our music before, then we were excited when we played it' - **Aayush 1S**

'I thought it was great fun and I really liked all of the music!' - **Yusra 1S**

'I enjoyed playing the instruments' - **Logan 1A**

'It was fun when we were doing the Giraffe dance!' - **Daria 1A**

Information for Nursery Parents



Parents of Nursery age children (born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017) should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception Class place for September 2021. Online applications are now

open at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

For more information visit: <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/>

Thank You Morrisons



Last week we said thank you to Morrisons supermarket for helping out with food parcels for the Woodcroft community.

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Clark, was invited along to pick up much needed provisions.

We appreciate their support during these challenging times.



December Diary

- Christmas Lunch - Thursday 10th December
- Jack and the Beanstalk - Online Panto - Monday 14th December
- Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties - Tuesday 15th December
- Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties - Wednesday 16th December
- Nursery and Reception Parties - 17th December
- Nursery Last Day 17th December
- Last Day of Term Friday 18th December
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



End of Term Parties

Pupils will be having their end of term Christmas Parties this year but we will not be asking parents to provide food and snacks. We hope to ask our Parents Association (that has obviously been very quiet this year) to provide some funds to buy treats for every class.

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 Yunes (Y3) age 8

Whole School
Attendance

↑92.1%↑

Aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

For the week beginning 23rd November 2020

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 95.2% Best in KS1 two weeks running for 2L

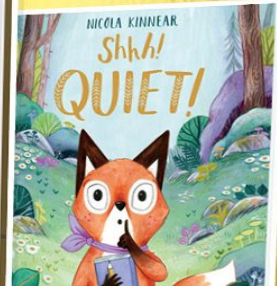
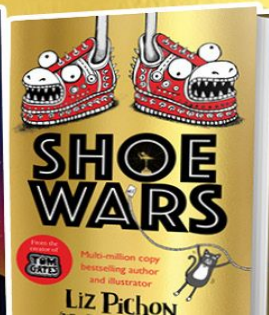
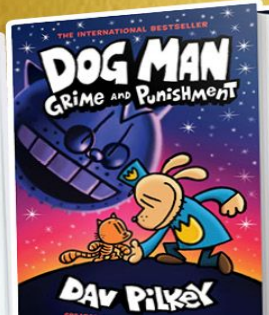
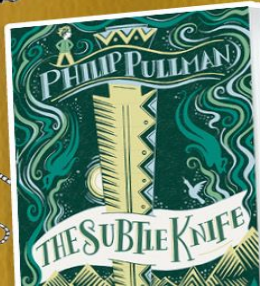
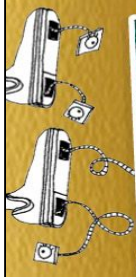
KS2 Class of the week: 6G 98.7% **TOP CLASS** for the week

Fill our school with **FREE BOOKS** when you buy from the Book Fair

TRAVELLING BOOKS

STEP THIS WAY TO THE

BOOK FAIR



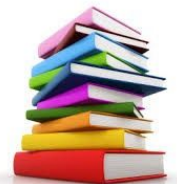
Book Fair - Final Orders by Tuesday 1st December



This year, our Christmas Book Fair is a bit different. We have sent out a book fair catalogue to pupils. A link to browse the books is also here [Book Catalogue Choices](#). Basically, you order your books through the school, but pay the company! It is **NOT** like ordering online from Amazon! But we do get up to 60% commission for the school library!

This is what to do:

1. A catalogue and order form was sent home today. Also [browse books here](#) ..
2. Fill out the [order form](#) making sure it contains **School Customer ID number 18504167**
3. Call **0330 088 5756** to pay for the books (this is an automated service) and you will be given a Transaction Code to write on the form.
4. Write the **Transaction Code** on your order form and return it to school (in book bags) - this code is your proof of payment
5. **The school then orders your books.** We only can order your books if we have an order form that has been returned.
6. **Please do not send money into school! But we do need your order form by Tuesday 1st December.**



The books will then be delivered to school at the beginning of December and handed out to the children to take home. The **school gets up to 60% commission** to receive **FREE** books for our library. If you have any questions please email Miss Lloyd (sllloyd@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk).

We hope that you will enjoy browsing for a book and find lots that you'd like to read!

Email Service - make sure we have your correct email address



Do you receive school emails? We send out the newsletter via email every week. If you are not receiving this please ***email*** the school office to update your details. It is vital that you are able to receive school communications. It is better that you email this change so we can copy the address directly from your message Thank you.

Christmas Cards



We have been asked about the school position on Christmas Cards this year. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 we will **not** be able to allow Christmas Cards to be handed out in school this year. This means pupils will not be able to bring cards to give to each other or their teacher. We realise that this will be disappointing to many, however we would not be able to safely distribute them.

Reminder about PE Kit Days - Please Dress Warm!

As the weather is getting colder it is important that children wear their **full PE Kits** to school on their class PE Day. This includes a **blue sweatshirt and blue joggers** or tracksuits. You may also consider appropriate base layers. Please also remember that we don't allow plimsolls for PE Kits as they do not provide sufficient protection or support for feet.

Remember to make sure all items are clearly named.

A Full 'Blue' PE Uniform should include ...



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



- Plain navy blue jumper (hoodies and zips not recommended for sport)
 - Plain navy blue joggers/tracksuit
- (please avoid branded items)

Physical Education Day Schedule

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)

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

Heating and Ventilation in School



We would like to reassure parents at Woodcroft we take a sensible approach to heating and ventilation in school. We will keep enough windows open to ensure rooms are COVID19 secure, but also aim to keep temperatures at a sensible level so children can work comfortably. We constantly assess the working temperatures around the school and adjust the heating accordingly. But please note that this is not always straightforward in a large building. If your child is particularly sensitive to the cold parents can help them by ensuring they wear thermal undergarments or base layers.



A message from ACORNS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Dear Parents and Carers

Acorns is non-profit after school provision exclusively for Woodcroft parents. We organise our charges to just break even. However, since reopening during the coronavirus pandemic our numbers of children attending the club has substantially fallen. We understand that everyone is affected by COVID19 and we want to continue to provide a sustainable service for those that need it.

Because we only have very few pupils requiring longer sessions, added to the levels of staffing required to keep your children safe, we cannot afford to keep the club open for the full evening at the moment without passing on significant extra costs to families.

Having spoken to our parents we also understand how crucial this child care offer is during these unprecedented times! So we have decided to temporarily change our hours of operation.

We will continue to keep the club open but only until 4:30pm. We have also reduced the cost to only £6.50 per session to support you during this current pandemic.

Remember, Acorns is open to every Woodcroft child from Y1 to Y6. We also consider children from Reception if they are fully independent.

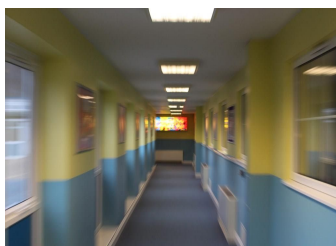
The booking of places for the After School Club during COVID19 remains the same. To guarantee availability we ask that you book your child's place by Friday for attendance on any day during the following week. This is so that we can plan staffing levels accordingly. Bookings can now be accepted up to the day before, however places are STRICTLY limited so we recommend advance booking.

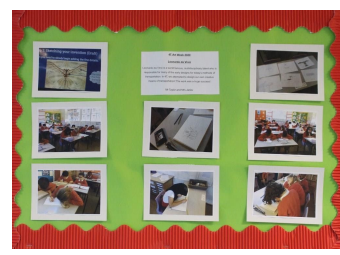
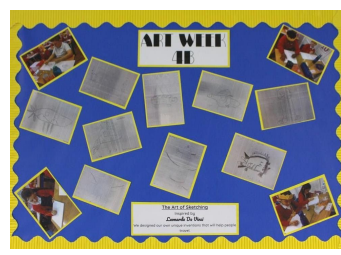
Thank you.

Mrs Hurley and Mrs Clark (Acorns Coordinators)

Art Week 2020

Visit our website and take a virtual walk down our Gallery Corridor to see the Art Week display boards from every class at ... <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/art-week-2020-stem-to-steam/>

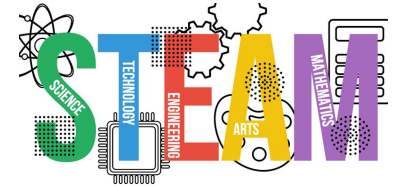




Read some more about our class projects ...

EYFS - Nursery

Nursery learnt about light. Following this they sculpted their own Diwali clay Diwas out of clay.



EYFS - Reception

Reception created pieces inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. They looked at his sculpting techniques and discussed what natural materials were. They used a range of natural materials to create their own sculptures.

Year 1

Year 1 explored colour theory and mixing to inspire their art work. They completed some science experiments showing how colours change when they are mixed together. Their focus artist was Wassily Kandinsky. Year 1 created their own version of his 'Color Study. Squares with Concentric Circles' using the colour theory and mixing techniques they had explored during their Science experiments.

Year 2

Year 2 explored the work of the surrealist artist Salvador Dali. They used their Science topic, About Animals to inspire them to create their own versions of Salvador Dali's 'The Elephants'. Year 2 chose their own animals to create their own interpretations of the piece.

Year 3

Using their Science topic of Rocks and Soils, Year 3 were inspired by the artist and paleontologist Mary Anning. Her detailed drawings of fossils and skeletons inspired Year 3 to create their own images of fossils and skeletons using printing techniques.

Year 4

Year 4 focused on developing their sketching skills through looking at the works of Leonardo Da Vinci. Leonardo Da Vinci was known for his engineering skill and designed many different inventions throughout his life. Inspired by this, Year 4 designed and sketched their very own inventions using similar techniques to Leonardo Da Vinci.

Year 5

Focusing on the Maths element of STEM to STE[a]M, Year 5 created tessellations. They were inspired by the Dutch artist M.C.Escher. Year 5 looked carefully at the repetition of patterns, measurements and shapes used. In order to create successful tessellations they had to get all of these different mathematical elements correct!

Year 6

Year 6 focused on the skill of etching, inspired by the artist Susan Aldworth. Susan Aldworth is known for creating artworks influenced by neurological scans. She studies the brain and the way the brain works, then uses the images she sees from scans and the techniques of etching to create her artist interpretation. Year 6 created their very own etchings inspired by the work of Susan Aldworth, the brain and human body.





A Message from Barnet Covid Enforcement Team

Barnet Council has a process in place for Covid19 enforcement referrals. If any member of the public is concerned about incidents of non-compliance with COVID19 and self-isolation rules they are able to email ...

covid19enforcement@barnet.gov.uk

The enforcement team will then triage the complaint and refer onto either the Police or Environmental Health depending on the type of issue that has been raised. They will also let the referrer know who we have sent it onto. Unfortunately our referral/triage process does not include being able to go back to the referrer to provide an update on enforcement action taken.

[Click this link for a PDF download of this Tier 2 information poster ...](#)

HM Government NHS

TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Children, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
Permitted with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	LARGE EVENTS
Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid bus times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 2 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/tight visits only (in/out of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)