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Together Towards Success

Reminder

School is CLOSED on 3rd May for Bank Holiday Monday

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NHS Advice





PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ...

The BIG Ask



https://www.childrenscommi ssioner.gov.uk/thebigask/

Arts Newsletter

Woodcroft Awarded Trinity Champion Centre Status





Trinity Champion Centre 2021-2022

Woodcroft Primary School is proud to announce that we have been named as a prestigious Trinity Champion Centre 2021/22 for our successful delivery of Arts Award and Trinity qualifications to our Year 6 pupils through art, drama, music and dance.

Trinity College London is a leading international exam board and independent education charity that specialises in the assessment of communicative and performance skills covering music, drama, combined arts and English language. Trinity Champion Centres inspire other organisations by sharing their practice and advocating for accreditation in their communities and more widely.

The Arts Award at Woodcroft

Woodcroft is an accredited Arts Council ArtsAward Centre, and we have developed our Arts Charter. This guarantees that each term every child will:

- Participate in an artform
- Be an audience member
- Research and investigate artists
- Share their arts with others



Across the year pupils explore the range of art forms; dance, music, drama and visual art. Pupils in Year 6 develop Arts Award portfolios that are then submitted to

Trinity College London for Bronze Arts Award accreditation 23 pupils even achieved their Bronze Arts Award last year despite COVID restrictions!



Woodcroft previously received the Arts Council of England's highest award for commitment and provision to arts education. The Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools and provides a framework for teachers to plan, develop and evaluate arts, culture and creativity across the curriculum and beyond. In our award letter, Artsmark Award Senior Officer Amanda Rigler stated:

'Your school was commended for the rich arts and cultural offer which has been established over the

long term, with strong leadership and commitment across the school."

We have now begun our journey towards the renewal of this prestigious award. This involves a two year accreditation process following the submission of our plans just before Easter.



Special Delivery Postcards From ...

We had special messages this week from two of our wonderful Woodcroft Arts teachers who are not with us at the moment, Mrs Baldwyn and Miss Sherring. Both have been instrumental in developing our Arts and Music programme over the past and both have had very eventful years as you will see...

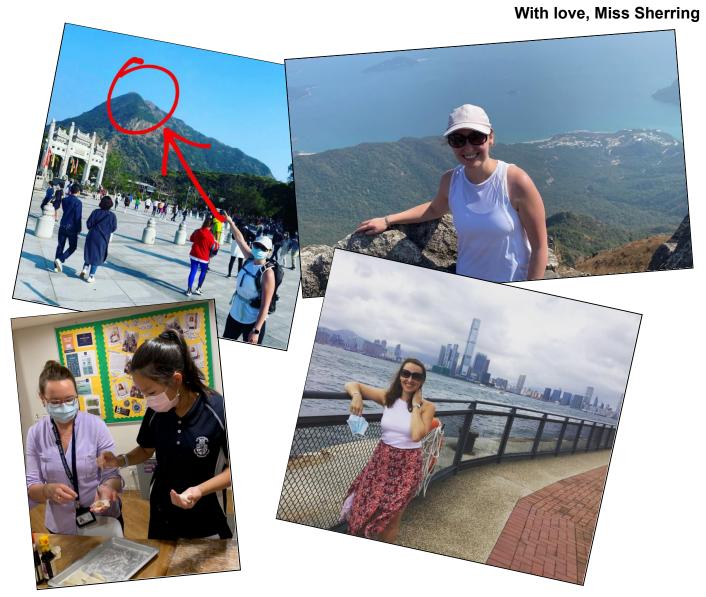
Hello Woodcroft!

I have some exciting news. If you remember, I got married earlier this year and changed my name from Blyth to Baldwyn, and then last week I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who we have called William. I will now be away from school while I take my maternity leave, but I hope to be back teaching you music again very soon. I will be keeping a close eye on what you are all doing by reading the Woodcroft Weekly News. I hope you like the photos of baby William.



Hello Woodcroft!

I wanted to write to you from Hong Kong where I am now teaching and wish you a very happy Summer term - I'm sure it will be very different to last year! We've just started our final term for the school year too. We've spent a lot of the year doing lessons online; I've even been doing my Singing Assemblies over Zoom! My new school is very big and in a beautiful area called the Gold Coast. Hong Kong is a wonderful city and I'm able to spend a lot of my free time hiking, going to Disneyland and visiting the islands and beaches. I think of you all very often, and especially miss all our assemblies together. I keep up to date with all the exciting things you're doing - I really loved your 'Bookface Challenge' and seeing your Futuristic Art Week creations! Have a very happy and healthy term ahead.



Art Week Spring 2021

Classes took part in Art Week before Easter. These weeks provide an opportunity for classes to work on the same theme. This term it was 'Futuristic Art,' to study different artists, techniques and styles. Take a look at the selection of photographs on the next page to see what a variety of artistic creations we produced. We also updated our gallery corridor frame, and because you cannot view them in person at the moment we have made another online gallery.

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/futuristic-art-week/



Futuristic Art Week

Every class was busy being creative during art week ...



Woodcroft AIM Values













At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a core set of values; Respect, Passion, Honesty, Determination, Teamwork and Self-Belief

We call these our **AIM Values** because we believe that having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atters in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the curriculum through our **AIM** Programmes.

AIM@Arts is a Programme of Enriched and Extended Opportunities



Woodcroft pupils are offered an Arts programme of outstanding opportunity that extends beyond the National Curriculum. We call this **AIM@Arts**.

Highlights from this year ...

 The year started with the presentation of 23 Bronze ArtsAward certificates from Trinity College for successful pupils from our Year 6 Class of 2020



 In November we held our successful STEM to STEAM Art Week

 We had an amazing result in December when Woodcroft pupils Danis and Atifa both placed in the top 10 of the UDOIT!
National Schools Dance Championships

• We looked to the future for our Art Week theme in March. Each year group had a focus artist, art skill and an exciting project to complete on the theme of 'Futuristic Art'



- Our Instrumental Programme of brass, strings and woodwind restarted school based lessons after being online during lockdown.
- Whole class ukulele retarted for Year 3 this term! Every pupil is taught a tuned instrument.
- We had lots of artistic Book Week events such as the amazing BookFace!

Still to come this term...

- M&M Theatre will be performing 'The Wizard of Oz' to KS1 and KS2 in three COVID secure performances later in July.
- Miss Williams will be entering the dance team in the National Dance Competition.
- Year 6 will again be aiming to achieve the prestigious Bronze Arts Award from Trinity College

AIM@Arts Badges

Our whole school AIM@Arts reward scheme links with the Woodcroft Arts Charter. We have created stickers which pupils will earn as they take in arts activities over the school year. When they are watching, performing, learning new skills or researching artists they will be working towards these exclusive badges.













Instrument Tuition Vacancies

(Arts Trust) We have a few spaces in our instrumental tuition programme that are open to Y3 and Y4 pupils. If you are interested please call the school and ask to speak with Mrs Hurley. Instruments can be loaned to pupils by BEAT, Barnet Education Arts Trust.

Instrument	Tutor	Day	Cost
Ukulele / Guitar	Mr Hugues	Monday	£21.00 per Individual lesson
Woodwind / Flute	Ms Boden	Monday	£10.50 Group or part lesson



Royal Academy Summer Show

Three Woodcroft Artists, Eliza (1S), Marwa (5R) and Josilas (6G) have had their work submitted to the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show. Academy judges will select pieces to display online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts! Fingers crossed for our budding artists!





NSPCC Number Day - TTRS Competition for Y1 to Y6



Next Friday is NSPCC Number Day and over at Times Table Rock Stars HQ they will be making their biggest-ever-donation to NSPCC in support of their work giving all children an equal start in life.

To help, we want pupils from Y1 to Y6 at Woodcroft to be fully involved in Number Day by taking part in NSPCC Rocks - their first UK-wide online times tables competition! For each class that takes part, TTRS will make a donation to the NSPCC! So you are raising funds at the same time as learning your tables. Classes from Y1 to Y6 will all take part during the school day. The competition will start at 7am on Friday 7th of May and end at 7pm, so pupils can take part before and after school too!

All correct answers given in any game mode will count towards the school's score. There are certificates for the top 3 classes and the top 3 schools in the country, so help your child become a times table rockstar by encouraging them to complete as many questions as they can to help their class win! *Please note: if Year 1 pupils also want to take part then have a go!



The Birthday Book Club

WOW! We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays celebrated by donating books for their Class Library. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to ...



Nancie (RB) age 5 and Nadia (Y4) age 9