



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



New on the Website

- Football Week at Woodcroft
- Times Tables Rock Stars - National Success
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NHS Advice



Wear face mask

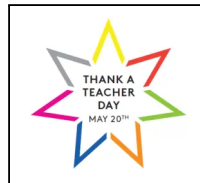
PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ...

Our Environment



National Thank a Teacher Day



National Thank a Teacher Day is coming up on 23 June 2021. This is a day when the whole country is encouraged to come together in celebration of the amazing work that schools, colleges, teachers, lecturers, and support staff do every day. Children can enter the celebrity judged [#howwillyousaythankyou](https://www.instagram.com/howwillyousaythankyou) competitions, such as:

- ★ A creative writing competition judged by Sir Michael Morpurgo
- ★ A baking competition judged by Nadiya Hussain.
- ★ A drawing competition judged by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler.

Please note that entries close on **Wednesday 23 June 2021**.

Pupils, parents, and colleagues can send a [FREE limited-edition Axel Scheffler e-card](#) – with a special thank you being read out by secret celebrities on the day. The school with the most cards will be announced on the day – entries close at midnight on 22nd June.

To find out more then visit <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day/>

Class List Considerations for September

Due to pupils moving on and new children starting at Woodcroft classes can become imbalanced. As a result, we are now revising our class lists ready for September 2021. If you would like us to consider a preference, such as a significant friend who your child would like to be placed with please write to the Office by **Monday 21st June**. We **cannot** guarantee to accommodate all requests, but we endeavour to place children in a class group that is in their best 'educational' interests. However, this is not always with their 'best' friends.

Please do not assume a conversation with a teacher earlier in the year (or in previous years) will be taken into consideration at this point. If you would like to express a preference you must do so in writing now.

Please note, we will not be able to accommodate any requests after 21st June.

Please note: The RSE parent consultation period closes on 21st June. Refer to the email sent on 27th May for further information. Thank you



FAMILY SUPPORT

AT WOODCROFT PRIMARY

Jill Smith, our Family Support Co-ordinator is at Woodcroft every Wednesday. You can usually find her in the playground in the morning.

Jill can help with lots of family problems that you may be facing:-

Finance and Debt

Housing and Repairs

Family disputes

Children's behaviour at home

Domestic Violence

Mental Health

Benefits Advice

Court Orders

etc. etc.



If you think Jill can help you, she probably can!

If you are unable to come into school on a Wednesday morning, call or speak to the office and Jill will contact you. Tel : 0208 9593244.

(All discussions remain confidential unless there are safeguarding concerns when information will have to be shared in line with school policy)

Passport and Visa Applications Summer Deadline: Friday 25th June



If you are planning to renew your passport and were thinking of asking school staff to verify your identity please ensure that you do so before Friday 25th June. *Please do not ask after this date as school staff will politely decline.* The Home Office carry out additional checks involving the school being required to send additional evidence. We need to allow up to 4 weeks for this to occur before the summer break. The 25th deadline will be strictly enforced. Thank you.

New Starter Visits to Reception

Families that have applied for a place in our reception class for September 2021 are being offered an opportunity to visit with their child over the next few weeks. An online meeting is then scheduled to take place on Friday 25th June. At this meeting we shall discuss all of the arrangements for pupils starting in September.

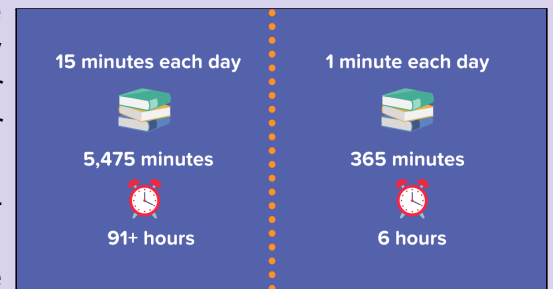
The Benefits of Reading Aloud at Home

We understand the challenges! We are all busy and finding the time to fit everything into our family schedule is difficult, to say the least. However, we think it is so important to find the time for 15 minutes of reading a day. This is necessary to prepare your child for the future - whatever their age (Nursery to Year 6)! That's because reading aloud improves accuracy and fluency - something independent silent reading cannot do.

15 minutes a day makes all the difference, with either the adult or the child reading the book; or even better, taking turns!

15 minutes daily reading = 5,475 minutes (or 91 hours) of practice every year!!!

Why read aloud? Research shows that reading aloud with your child is **the** number one thing you can do to help prepare them for future success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, **read aloud together for success** - now where have we heard that before?



Year 5 Game On Final

Year 5 completed their Game On football final this week. After a close fought year group tournament the eventual winners lifted the trophy on Tuesday.

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's National Football Week events. I wonder if England will do as well in the Euros?

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Wild World Heroes will take you on a trip to Wilderville, with help from WWF, for a special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet. With amazing books, amazing rewards and lots of ideas for taking care of the environment. Keep a look out in next week's newsletter for joining instructions. Collect special stickers and other exclusive rewards along the way; and remember it's **FREE!**

The Birthday Book Club



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



Library. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to ... **Summer (Y6) age 11**

Summer Diary 2021



June

- w/b 14th June - New families visiting Reception
- 21st Year 6 African Drumming Workshops
- 24th 5.00pm Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (virtual meeting)
- 25th New to Reception Class online meeting starts at 9.15am
- 25th 11.00 - 1.00 Class Photos in Main Hall
- 28th KS1 and KS2 watch The Wizard of Oz with M&M Theatre Production
(3 performances, 2 year groups per performance, socially distanced in the main hall each)
- 29th June Year 5 Trip to UNITAS

July

- 2nd July Pupil Annual Reports Distributed
- 5th Y6 Bushcraft Residential Camp
- 13th Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm (online)
- 14th Y6 Bronze Arts Award Portfolios Completed
- 16th Year 5 End of Term Celebration
- 20th Y6 Leavers Event
- w/b 12th Arts Award Moderation Day with Trinity College London for Year 6
- 22th Nursery Final Day
- 23rd Last Day of Term (2.00pm Finish)

September

Pupils return to school: Monday 6th September 2021

BPSS Community Newsletter

The Barnet Partnership for School Sport (BPSS) organises and promotes sport for schools and their communities in Barnet. Woodcroft is a member of this partnership and this term they have produced a special newsletter for parents, carers and young people. It is available to download from the news section of our school website or via this direct link ... <https://bit.ly/3q5inFk>

Welcome to the June Community Newsletter. A monthly newsletter, aimed towards parents, guardians and carers of children and young people (CYP) within Barnet.

We hope you had a pleasant half term and were able to enjoy the next stage of 'normality' with friends and family. This month's newsletter will continue to provide opportunities for children and young people to engage in physical activity in the wider community.

National Sports Week 2021
Saturday 19th – Friday 25th June 2021

After a year in which young people have missed out on so much and had their worlds turned upside down, sport and physical activity are playing an essential role in their recovery.

Schools, families and communities across the UK are encouraged to sign up and share their commitment to holding a sports day between 19 and 25 June this summer. Everyone who signs up will receive free resources from the Youth Sport Trust.

Register as a parent/guardian here: [https://www.youthsporttrust.com/sign-up](#)

Para Dance UK
Para Dance is an offering free inclusive dance activities which can be done in the comfort of your own home. Click [here](#) to access the Dance At Home resources.

Para Dance also has a new Tour of the Floor programme which allows you to tour different countries to try new and exciting dance genres. Please email services@paradance.org.uk to sign up for free.

Who is BPSS?
We are a 'not for profit' organisation involved in PESSA (Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity).

Our ultimate aim is to increase physical education, sport, competition, physical activity and leadership opportunities and participation for all young people across Barnet.

Please find our contact details below.

National PE School Sport and Physical Activity Survey Results

Thank you to the 70 schools who took part in a National Survey with Schools Active Movement we released between 20th – 20th April 2021. Headline data on the report from the school survey across Barnet demonstrates the extremely worrying effect of the third lockdown on our children's health and wellbeing including:

- 87% of teachers believe children's physical fitness is worse.
- 67% believe wellbeing is worse.
- 78% believe children have returned to school with excessive weight.

Tackling these issues by supporting schools to provide an active recovery for the children within your school is our number one priority. We are currently working hard to address these issues with you all and we have already been able to provide an active recovery by supporting school staff deliver PESSA, Competition, Leadership, Sport programmes & targeted interventions across Barnet this term and throughout Covid!

Friday Park Kicks & Free weekly online Peppin every Sunday at 9am

Age 8-12
This is our game.

This 21 event is currently open to anyone aged 8-12 years old (usually up to 14 years of age, however restricted due to Covid 19).

For further information or to register please visit www.parishub.org.uk Facebook support

Active Recovery Hub
Help children and young people to boost their health and wellbeing by promoting being active before, during and after the school day.

The online hub is available through the School Games website, apps, and provides schools, local activities, and families with easy access to free resources to get children moving before, during and after the school day.

Wildcats Girls Football Sessions!

Wildcats Girls Football Sessions are a fantastic opportunity for girls to learn and improve their football skills. Sessions are held every week and are suitable for girls aged 8-12 years old. Sessions are held at Woodcroft School and are free of charge. For more information or to register please visit www.parishub.org.uk Facebook support

UNITAS

Don't forget to follow us on our social media platforms!

- [@Barnet Sport](#)
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- [Barnet Partnership for School Sport](#)
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WE'RE RECRUITING..... SEPTEMBER START!

DO YOU ENJOY SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY? DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GAIN VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE IN A SCHOOL-BASED WORK ENVIRONMENT?

SEND US YOUR CV TO THE ABOVE AND YOU'RE IN! CLICK HERE FOR MORE

Contact the team for more support:

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