WOODCROFT WE **ISSUE 416**





We are thinking about what happens as we grow older.

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25th June 2021

Safety In Our Local Area

I am sure you were very shocked and upset when you heard about the tragic events that happened in Montrose Park over the half term holiday. After speaking to many of our families we know that safety in our local community including our parks and outdoor spaces, is a real concern.

As a school, we want to support our families by taking action to help improve matters. Woodcroft has joined with other local schools and community leaders to look for ways we can do this.

So far we have:

- Written to leaders in Barnet to ask for additional support to help our children and families.
- Started a campaign to improve safety measures in the parks.
- Arranged for a representative from the Home Office to give a safety • talk to Years 3 - 6.
- Joined a Burnt Oak Community Group, organised by our local • councillor, to bring together different organisations and groups.
- We are planning a questionnaire to gather your concerns and suggestions.
- We hope to arrange a forum, before the end of term, to enable all our families to share their thoughts with the local council.

We want all of our children to feel safe. We want parents and carers to feel heard! If you have anything you would like to share with us, please speak to one of the staff members on the gates.

Class Photos



We took some class photos in school today. These were organised by Mr Tallon and not taken by a professional company. Year 1 and Year 6, who are currently self isolating, will have theirs taken on return, so don't worry you will not miss out.

Instruction about how to obtain the photos will be made available next week

POSITIVE CASES OF COVID IN YEAR 1 AND YEAR 6

This week we were notified of positive cases of COVID19 in both Year 1 and Year 6. Because we work in strict bubbles, both year groups were closed immediately and pupils and staff went into self isolation. Public Health Authorities were notified and our actions verified as correct. All lessons then transfer to online Google Classroom.

Thank you to the families involved for their prompt actions, identifying symptoms, getting tested and informing the school immediately. This could save lives!

Passport and Visa Applications



As advertised in last week's newsletter, our policy is not to process any passport applications in the final month of term. The Home Office carries 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 June deadline for submitting to will be strictly enforced. *Please do not now ask for a*

passport to be signed as school staff will politely decline. Thank you.



The Benefits of Reading Aloud at Home 15 minutes a day makes all the difference.

Adults and children should read aloud together every day! 15 minutes daily reading aloud = 5,475 minutes (or 91 hours) of practice every year!!! **Why read aloud?** Research shows that reading aloud with your child is <u>the</u> number one thing you can do to help prepare them for future success. Older children also like to read silently, but this should NEVER replace your 15 minutes per day reading aloud. Why not take turns? The adult read a page aloud and then the child. This will help make your child a fluent reader.

Summer Diary 2021

<u>June</u>

28th KS1 and KS2 watch The Wizard of Oz with M&M Theatre Production (3 performances, with a max of 2 year groups per performance, socially distanced in the main hall. We are hoping to set up a YouTube Live Stream at 9.30am on Monday for Y1 and Y6 - if this is successful we will send you the details 29th June Year 5 Trip to UNITAS





<u>July</u>

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
22nd Nursery Final Day

23rd Last Day of Term (2.00pm Finish)

<u>September</u>

Pupils return to school: Monday 6th September 2021



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 ... Abubakar (Year 2) age 7



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. Collect special stickers and other exclusive rewards along the way; and remember it's **FREE**!` Pop along to your library in July or download the registration form from our website: <u>https://bit.ly/3wTyhp2</u>

Saturday 10 July – Saturday 11 September

Reading Challenge 2021

in Barnet libraries!

This summer, Barnet Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is back! Wild World Heroes takes 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, why not join us?

Read 6 books - collect stickers and prizes for each one!

There will be lots of fun events in your local library

Sign up from Saturday 10 July!

For details of how to sign up & the latest on our summer events programme, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/wildworldheroes

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	members and may contact you by phone, mail, e-mail or text message. Please tick this box if you, or the child, AGREE to receive details in this way.	
		Barnet Libraries

Bringing Communities Together!

A local parent is trying to organise events to support the community. She is promoting small and family businesses involved in arts, crafts and handmade items. Her first event is happening with the kind support of John Keble Church on 17th July. (Note: This event is not linked to Woodcroft Primary) If you, or someone you know, would be interested in getting involved, or just going along on the day, then take a look at the poster below or contact the organiser, Larisa, using the details below.

Larisa Golea-Udvar, 07709546696, larisaforever@yahoo.co.uk

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

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FOR YOUR CREATIVE

BUSINESS

CRAFTING *Over 20 stalls is the best

* * * * * * * Light refreshments

Sat 17 JULY 2021

10 - 5 PM HANDMADE



*All are welcome to come to support local small businesses

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* HAVE A FUN DAY ! neighbours and anyone you know...







Where? At J. Keble Church, Mill Hill Deans Ln, Edgware, London HA8 9NS 07709546696

FREE STREET PARKING AROUND THE EVENT AREA