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Together Towards Success With our AIM Values



New on the Website

- Year 6 Leavers 2021
- Year 5 Oliver The Musical
- **Pupils at Woodcroft Excel in the Arts**

Twitter



NHS Advice



We will continue to wear masks during the last week of term. Thank you.

PSHE Theme

Eid Al-Adha



Eid Mubarak to all who are celebrating - We hope you had a peaceful and

joyous celebration



Goodbye for the Summer

We finish for the summer at 2.15pm today, one hour earlier than usual. Pupils return school on Monday 6th September. Children new to reception and nursery will be given separate, staggered start times.



We hope that you all have a wonderful summer. Good luck to everyone who is moving on from Woodcroft. Some of you are going to secondary school, others are leaving the area and a few will even be leaving the country. Whatever your destination we wish you all the best on the next stage in your school career.

This has been a particularly challenging year! However, one thing that has stood out has been our amazing pupils. Every time they have returned from a lockdown or self-isolation they have settled straight back into school. Their attitude to learning and behaviour has always been excellent.

As we look to a new school year we sincerely hope that it will not be as disrupted as the previous two. Restasured, we will always do our utmost to ensure our pupils continue to achieve the very best outcomes and work 'together towards success' at Woodcroft.

Thank you Mr Eicher

We need to say one more farewell, and that is to Mr Eicher. Mr Eicher has been a cover teacher at Woodcroft for the past two years. Most recently, he has worked the final term and a half in Year 6. Mr Eicher is now moving to a full time position abroad so we shall be saying goodbye and good luck to him today.

The Coolest Party In Town!

What better way to party on one of the hottest days of the year than with an outdoor disco followed by a water battle to cool off?

Year 6 did things a bit differently this year! They have enjoyed a day long leavers event that included an afternoon outdoor disco, pizza supper, an amazing 'Class of 21' photo arch, and to finish off, a mega 6G vs 6J water bomb battle! Take a look at the photo page later in this newsletter or visit https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/year-6-leavers/





Year 5 End Of Term Event

Year 5 locked themselves in after hours on Friday evening last week and took over the school for the night. It looks like they had a great time having playground pizza picnics, floodlit football, dodgeball games, a talent show, movies with popcorn and a bit of chilling out!















School Shoes Are Coming Back

Please note that from September pupils will again be required to wear school shoes as part of their uniform for Year 1 through to Year 6.

Uniform

When we are getting ready for September and buying new uniforms please check our requirements below. One of the main things to think about is **shoes** - pupils are again expected to wear black shoes without logos. Sports trainers will only be permitted on PE and Games Days from September. Jewellery is discouraged, and please remember that we only allow *studs for school*. Hooped or drop earrings are not to be worn. Hair should be smart and able to be tied back if longer than shoulder length. Shaved hair designs (hair carvings) or eyebrow designs are not permitted in school.

Uniform Rules

All children should wear appropriate uniform at Woodcroft Primary School. We believe uniforms look smart, are practical and encourage a sense of belonging.

The uniform for all pupils consists of:

- 1. A red sweatshirt (either
- 2. plain or school logo versions)
- 3. A white plain shirt or polo shirt
- 4. Grey trousers (boys & girls) or a grey skirt (Not Black)
- 5. **Black shoes** must now be worn again. All other footwear; including trainers (except for PE days), boots, open toed sandals are not suitable for school and should not be worn.
- 6. All head coverings should be in school colours red, white, grey or black.

Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception Classes)

Foundation stage uniform is as above, however plain grey jogging bottoms and training shoes can be worn every day.

Uniform in Nursery is optional, but recommended by the school. The vast majority of parents choose to send their child to school in uniform during Nursery sessions as it is the most practical choice.

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School In September

Classroom Kit for Year 1 to Year 6

We like every child to have their own pencil case with essential equipment.



Pencil case essentials (for Y1 to Y6):

- Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pencils

Optional extras for KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

- Glue Stick
- Protractor
- Handwriting Pen
- Highlighter

Refillable Water Bottles: Always remember your refillable water bottle. We do not want to see disposable single use bottles in school anymore. Not only are these bad for the environment, they are also distracting in class. You would be surprised at the noise they make in a quiet classroom when children are concentrating in their learning. **Refillable bottles only from now on please!**



PE Uniform Days

Pupils wear their PE Uniform to school on their PE and games days.

Pupils must wear a full plain **navy blue kit** including shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers. We also do not allow plimsolls for PE and Games in school as they do not prove sufficient support for growing feet. We also ask that you do not provide hoodies and iems with zip as these can be unsafe during certain physical activities. Also remember to make sure all items are named.

A FULL PE uniform should include



- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Trainers that are below the ankle

No high top trainers or plimsolls



- Plain navy blue jumper (no hoodies/zips)
- Plain navy blue joggers

No hoodies or zips (for safety) and please avoid branded items

Oliver The Musical - please can we have some more ...?

Year 5 left us wanting more after their fantastic performance of Oliver The Musical in school on Wednesday. Keeping audiences small and socially distant, they performed their piece a number of times to different groups from across KS2. Well done to all of the cast and teachers for a truly wonderful show.



GAV - Growing Against Violence workshops for Year 5 and Year 6



Woodcroft welcomed @GAVEducation into school on Monday to talk with Y5 & Y6 about social media, online safety, myths about gangs and how to make positive life choices. These workshops were provided in response to the concerns about the safety of our young people.



Nursery Places for September 2021

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery

A few places still remain in our Nursery for September 2021! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register. 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.

We are switching school payment providers next term!

From Friday 10th September you will not be able to use School Money for Woodcroft. All transactions will need to be completed by Thursday 9th September. We are switching to Arbor for ALL school payment services. If you have not done so already you will need to activate your Arbor Parent Portal. All balances will be transferred across from School Money.





Arbor Parent Portal

We are putting everything for parents in one place with the **Arbor Parent Portal.**



From September you will be now able to make online payments through the Arbor portal.

Most parents have already registered to access their account. Reminder emails have been sent to everyone who still needs to log on. Please check your inbox and junk folders for the welcome emails from Arbor.

The Arbor system will be used for Email, Messaging, Assessment Information, Behaviour Reports and now Cashless Payments. All this from one convenient and secure login!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The first time you log on you will need to use a computer, laptop or tablet.

Parents who have done this already report that it is quick and easy. However, some phones do not allow you to press the 'accept terms' button because of their screen size. However, once this is done for the first time they say that it is easy to login using your phone.

Class Photos



Class photos were published and distributed this week. Year 4, who are currently self isolating, will be given their photo at the earliest opportunity, but don't worry, we are keeping them safe until then.

Bubbles, one way systems and masks

We are currently updating our school risk assessments and will update parents in due course about COVID safety arrangements for September.

Year 6 Leavers Party 2021







































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 from Saturday 10th July or download the registration form from our website and take it down to the library: https://bit.ly/3wTyhp2

The Woodcroft Summer Reading Challenge



At Woodcroft we shall be running our own Summer Reading Challenge. What's great is that it can run alongside Wild World Heroes. Your Woodcroft target is to choose 3 of the books that you have read and complete an assignment that will be set by your child's new teacher on meet the teacher day. To complete each assignment you will need to read a different new book. These can be the ones from the library that you choose as part of Wild World Heroes, or they can be ones from home that you haven't got around to reading yet. When we return in September pupils will hand in their 3 reading tasks to their new teacher.

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 ...

Emelia (Year 1) age 6 and Philip (Reception Class) age 5

BACE Holidays for Children that receive Free School Meals

BACE Holidays stands for Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays! A project delivered in partnership by Barnet Council and Young Barnet Foundation and funded by the Department for Education to offer children and young people who currently receive free school meals access to enriching activities and a healthy lunch over the holiday periods.

School holidays can be pressure points for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. BACE Holidays is an inclusive programme for children and young people in Barnet to experience engaging and healthy activities with an emphasis on physical, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing during the school holidays.

Children and young people will be given the opportunity to take part in an activity face to face at one of our Summer BACE Camps and receive a nutritionally balanced lunch. Activities may include; football, cricket, arts and crafts, performing arts and lots more. The Summer Camps are **FREE** and for all children currently in receipt of free school meals.

The BACE Summer booklet can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3yz2Fpf

If you would like your child to be considered for a priority a place on the base programme please let us know in school and we will email your details to BACE Holidays at Barnet.

Here is the link to sign up.

Barnet 0-19 Early Help Service - BACEHolidays - BACEHolidays (barnetyouth.uk)



To download the base brochure click here: https://bit.ly/3yz2Fpf

Fresh Arts Education Free Holiday Camp Places for Children on FSM

Dear Parents and Guardians.

We hope that you are well, we are delighted to let you know that Fresh Arts will be running performing arts provision over the Summer holidays Wren Academy, Hilton Avenue, The sessions run from 2nd August 2021-20th August 2021

London, N12 9HB. The sessions run from 2nd August 2021-20th August 2021.

We are offering a number of free places for children who are in receipt of free school meals under Barnet Council's Holiday Activity Fund programme. These can be booked on the link below if your child is eligible for free school meals: https://fresharts.class4kids.co.uk/camp/34

If your child is not in receipt of free school meals and you would like to book a place on our programme, these can be booked by clicking this link: https://fresharts.class4kids.co.uk/camp/32

Fresh Arts is a trusted provider of performing arts lessons for children and young people and have run drama, dance and music sessions in schools across London. We have been delivering arts education in schools and communities for 12 years. All our staff are DBS checked, first aid trained and experienced. We are an Ofsted registered provider.

If you have any questions please contact us on 0203 904 1113 or email us on admin@fresharts.co

We look forward to seeing you over the holidays.

Best Wishes, Davinia Khan Fresh arts Education



