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With our AIM Values



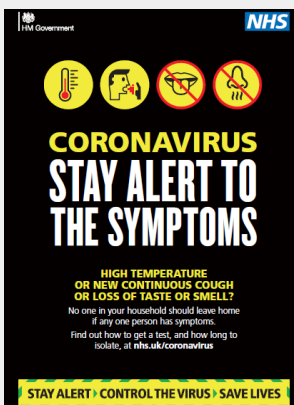
New on the Website

- Curriculum Evening Presentation Slides
- School Organisation for September

Twitter

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COVID Advice



Tennis Success for Woodcroft Pupil!

Woodcroft pupil Maxim won 3rd place on Sunday 19th September, at Kings Tennis Centre. Maxim was the youngest player in his eight and under category and won five out of his six matches to achieve a fantastic third place. We look forward to sharing more of Maxim's tennis successes in the future.

If you have achieved success outside school and would like to share it please let us know.



Reusable Water Bottles

Can we remind parents and carers to ensure your child has a reusable water bottle. These need to be washed and re-filled before school every day. Please note, we do not provide children with water bottles if they are forgotten or lost. Make sure your child's bottle is clearly named.

No Disposables Bottles Please

We do not allow disposable bottles in school. Not only are these bad for the environment, but they are also not durable enough for repeated refilling and become very noisy to drink from in a quiet classroom!



Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?



School budgets have been significantly cut in recent years. Did you know that we are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra **£1345** for every pupil who is eligible so it is vital that the school knows who qualifies.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are NOT told who qualifies – we rely on parents informing the school.

You are eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

In these times of drastic cuts to school budgets it is essential that Woodcroft receives the maximum funding. Please speak with our Office staff if you think you may qualify.

Curriculum Information Evening Slides To Download



Over the past two weeks your teachers have been hosting online year group information evenings. If you were unable to attend any of the meetings, or would like to remind yourself of the key points, please download a PDF of the slides by clicking the links below.

Teachers will also be holding individual consultation sessions on the 5th and 7th of October. More information to follow.

Year Group	Presentation Slides To Download
Year 1	<u>Year 1 Curriculum and Information Evening</u>
Year 2	<u>Year 2 Curriculum and Information Evening</u>
Year 3	<u>Year 3 Curriculum and Information Evening</u>
Year 4	<u>Year 4 Curriculum and Information Evening</u>
Year 5	<u>Year 5 Curriculum and Information Evening</u>
Year 6	<u>Year 6 Curriculum Information and Evening</u>

COVID Update

We ask that parents continue to be vigilant to the symptoms of COVID19. We have had 2 cases in school and, to keep everyone safe, asked individuals to self-isolate in accordance with our protocols.

Please read our updated **COVID Contingency Plan** here ... <https://bit.ly/3IVDmlX>

Years 2 to 6 are becoming Times Tables Rock Stars again this year!

Times Tables Rock Stars is a sequenced programme of daily online times tables practice for schools. It aims to successfully boost times tables recall speed for pupils and is used in over 13,000 schools worldwide!

All pupils in Years 2 to 6 will bring home login details for this excellent Maths learning website, with a small reminder sticker being added to their home link books soon. The letter gives more details of how to support your child in learning their times tables, so that they can improve their speed and confidence in Maths. We encourage pupils to practice at home every day - please support your child by encouraging them to do this. Why not set aside a special time each day for them to log on at home?

There are various special events and competitions throughout the year. Look out for the first 'Battle of the Bands' coming soon!



Last Few Nursery Places Remaining!

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery



A few places still remain in our Nursery to start this 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.

Woodcroft Edgware Barnfield Broadfields



Did you know that Woodcroft works closely with Edgware, Barnfield and Broadfields schools? We call this the **WEBB Partnership**. We work on joint projects, share ideas and learn from each other to make all of our schools the best they can be! Look out for more WEBB news this year!

Get FREE gardening equipment for our school



For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you can get a Grow Token to help the school get everything we need to get growing.

If you shop in Morrisons then download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the Woodcroft to donate to.

Ask family members who shop in Morrisons to choose Woodcroft as well.

We will then be able to exchange the Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment for our Early Years Garden.

Diary Dates

- Parent Consultation Evenings - 5th & 7th October
- Flu Vaccinations - 11th October
- Harvest Basket Assemblies - 14th October
- International Day - 22nd October
- Half Term Break - 25th to 29th October



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 ...

Nadia (Year 2) age 7





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17th September 2021

Attendance & Punctuality at Woodcroft

My name is Mrs Pun and I am the Education Welfare Officer for Woodcroft Primary School. I work alongside Woodcroft Primary to identify pupils who fall below the 97% attendance expected by the school and Barnet's Education Welfare Team for children to achieve their educational potential.

When a child falls below 90% attendance they are considered a persistent absentee by the borough of Barnet. I have a duty to secure children's education and ensure attendance is kept to expectations. If your child falls below these expectations, and/or has unauthorised absences on their record, I will invite you to a meeting to give an explanation for these absences. You will have the opportunity to explain reasons for absence and any family circumstances you consider important.

Sanctions used by the Education Welfare Team are:

- Education Supervision Orders
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Prosecution at Magistrates' Court

Punctuality

Fixed-penalty Notices for Unauthorised lateness to school

Parents need to be aware that arrival to school after the official close of the register, without good reason, is recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect attendance figures. Under the Local Authority's revised code of conduct concerning Fixed-Penalty Notices, this could result in the imposition of a penalty notice.

The absence is coded in the register as unauthorised late and each parent, much like term time holidays, will receive a separate Penalty Notice for each child taken out of school, under the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2004.

The fine is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of issue, otherwise the penalty notice will be £120 per parent per child. If the notice remains unpaid after the 28th day, the Local Authority will prosecute the parent(s) in the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty, parents will have a criminal record, and can be fined up to £1000.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pun
Education Welfare Officer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL PAYMENTS

We have now switched school payment providers!

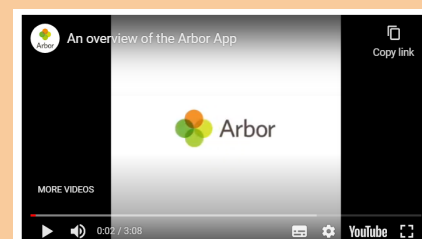
Please **DO NOT** try to use **School Money** for any Woodcroft payments. We are switching to Arbor for all school parent services. If you have not done so already you will need to activate your Arbor Parent Portal. All balances will be transferred across from School Money over the next week.

Please be patient while we make all of these transfers.



Visit The Arbor Getting Started Webpage Today!

You will find lots of helpful information and handy videos right here ... <https://bit.ly/2YrKrsL>



Arbor Parent Portal



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

You are now able to make online payments and see your child's information 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. If you have not registered, please check your inbox and junk folders for the welcome emails from Arbor.

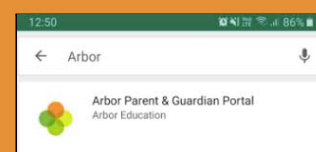
The Arbor system will be used for Email, Messaging, Assessment Information, Behaviour Reports and now **Cashless Payments**. All this from one convenient and secure login!



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.

You can also download the Arbor App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to easily log in to your school account.



Look out for the Arbor reminder emails in your inboxes on Friday

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Year 6 families should now apply for secondary school places. Copies of key documents can be found via the links below:

1. [Barnet Letter to Parents](#)
2. [Secondary Transfer 2022 Applying for a School Place Leaflet](#)
3. [Online Admissions Guide 2022](#)
4. [Open Evening Schedules](#)

Remember, the **deadline for applications is October 31st 2021**. It is a straightforward online process, however starting during the week beginning the 4th October Mr Tallon will open the school computing suite in the mornings to support any parent or carer complete their applications. More details in due course.

As the school receives brochures and posters, they will be distributed or added to the Weekly News.

Note to Year 5 parents:

There is nothing to stop you looking at the documents and visiting the secondary school open days in advance to get a feel for the schools and prepare for next year.



Y5 and Y6 Saracens Information Evening

Dr. Matt Stevens, Principal of Saracens High, will be giving a talk to Woodcroft pupils and parents on Tuesday 5th October at 4.00pm via Zoom meeting.

Saracens Zoom Meeting Woodcroft : Tue 5 Oct 2021 4:30pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72156002790?pwd=NfK2aGlxUzM3QTh4ZXBEZVdaajQxUT09>



Meeting ID: 721 5600 2790

Passcode: eAmN3H



YEAR 6 COFFEE MORNING WITH SLT



We understand that choosing the right school for your child is the most important decision you will ever make and we fully understand the pressure that you are under to get it right. Come and join us for refreshments and an opportunity to talk to the Senior Leadership team and find out more about Whitefield School.

Date: Friday 1st October 2021

Time: 10:00 - 11:00am

Location: Whitefield School

Date: Friday 8th October 2021

Time: 10:00 - 11:00am

Location: Whitefield School

Please book to attend in advance via Ms Brohan

Email: cbo@whitefield.barnet.sch.uk

Tel: 0208 455 4114

LIVE LEARN ASPIRE ACHIEVE

Whitefield School, Claremont Road, London NW2 1TR Tel: 020 8455 4114
Email: schooladmin@whitefield.barnet.sch.uk

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SECONDARY TRANSFER



Open Evening is on Thursday 30th September 2021: 5.30pm to 8.00pm.

The Principal will speak to prospective parents at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

Open Mornings are on Friday 1st & Tuesday 5th October; tours at 9.00am and 9.15am.

Both events must be pre-booked by clicking **here**.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=21894&>

Alternatively email admin@saracenshigh.org or call us on 020 8181 3180.

For the virtual information please click here for our **prospectus** and here for the **videos**.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations Available For ALL Woodcroft Pupils

We have had a number of parents enquire about this year's flu vaccinations programme. Please note the information below.

Firstly, can I confirm that no child will ever be administered medication at school without a parent's FULL consent.

The nasal flu vaccination date for Woodcroft is Monday **11th October 2021**. This is intended for every primary school aged children from Reception to Year 6 (Nursery aged children will receive it via their GP service)

The children's flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year as a nasal spray to children to help protect them against flu. (Note: A vegan/halal version is available via injection can be requested via the consent form)

Flu is caused by a virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Children spread the flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to the flu, such as babies and older people.

What next:

1. Read the letter that was emailed to you from Barnet's Immunisation Team or visit this link for a PDF copy <https://bit.ly/3EldkaH>
2. Please give your **consent** by 6th October following this link (the link closes after this date): <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
3. Enter Woodcroft's unique code **CL134677**
4. If you want to read the NHS information leaflet click here: <https://bit.ly/30AzELi>

If you do not register your child they will NOT be given the vaccination!

Sleep!

As we settle back into the routines of term time it is important to remember the importance of sleep. Class Teachers have reported some children now becoming very tired during the school day - this probably means they are not getting enough sleep! Tiredness seriously affects a child's learning in school.

[Click here to see the '6 Benefits of a Good Night's Sleep](#)

Do not let children take electronic devices into bedrooms, say doctors

The UK's chief medical officers issued advice to parents to help them manage their children's use of technology

When we surveyed our pupils we were surprised by the number who had access to devices and screens in their bedrooms after they were sent to bed. Research shows that children aged 6 to 12 years old need between 9 and 12 hours of good sleep as part of a regular bedtime routine.

At Woodcroft we advise that children should have **all devices removed** from their bedroom at night e.g. phones, tablets, gaming consoles and laptops!

Read: BBC News - [Tips on how to limit excessive screen time: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-46758809](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-46758809)