WOODCROFT WEEKLY



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Thank you to everyone for your wonderful donations for our Harvest Hamper display - your generosity was amazing. Take a look on our website for more photos of the fantastic class hampers!

Fill the 'Harvest Basket' Coin Collection



This year we were aiming to 'fill the harvest basket' with loose change. We certainly did that! The basket was so heavy by the end of the day that we could barely move it from the stage ;-)

We will report on the amount collected next week!

The proceeds from our food and coin collections will be supporting the local charity **Food Bank Aid (North London).**



A Harvest Poem by Darcie Y4

- Harvest Festival is here again
- A time to share what we have
- Rice, pasta, tins and
- Vegetables galore
- Everyone gives what they can
- Stopping hunger in our community
- Thank you to everyone at Woodcroft



Woodcroft International Celebration Week - 18th to 22nd October



International week starts next week. This year, to coincide with our Year of the Arts theme (Art, Music, Dance and Drama) all pupils will take part in a special international art project. Take a look at the special section at the end of this newsletter and why not talk with your child about their focus artist?

International Dress and Colours Day - Friday 22nd October

We are also looking forward to our famous **International Dress and Colours Day*** as a climax to the week. This will take place on Friday 22nd October. It is your child's opportunity to dress in their national costume or in the colours of a chosen flag. We are looking forward to seeing the school transformed into a mass of colour that celebrates the amazing diversity of our wonderful school community. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are not able to hold our usual international cake and bake festival. *Remember: this is a <u>NO</u> sports kit day.

Punctuality is important!

Punctuality for school is essential! If a child arrives late it not only disrupts their learning, but also that of the whole class.

Children are able to go directly to class at 8.30am where class teachers are waiting to receive them. Teachers then take the register at 8.55am. We encourage all pupils to arrive by 8.45am to be ready in good time for lessons to begin!

Woodcroft COVID Update

We currently have **1** case of COVID19 in school. To keep everyone safe, we ask individuals to self-isolate in accordance with our protocols. Please read our updated **COVID Contingency Plan** here ... <u>https://bit.ly/3IVDml</u>



Catch Up Flu Immunisation? Nasal Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed their nasal flu vaccine in school last week you are able to book a FREE appointment at Mill Hill Clinic.

Call 0208 447 3622 for an appointment

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80% of Woodcroft families are now signed up to the **Arbor Parent Portal.**

This week we have begun switching on the online payments service.You can also and see your child's information.

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.

Download the Arbor App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to easily log in to your school account.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1. The first time you log on you will need to use a computer, laptop or tablet as 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 it is easy to login using your phone.
- 2. If you are having problems with login please let us know in the school office some accounts we have found need to be reset by the school.

Chicken Pox in School

We have confirmed cases of chickenpox in school. Please be aware of the symptoms:

- 1. Fever, feeling tired, headache.
- 2. A stomach ache that lasts for one or two days.
- 3. A skin rash that is very itchy and looks like many small blisters.
- 4. Bumps filled with a liquid that looks like milky water.
- 5. Scabs after the blisters break.
- 6. Skin that looks blotchy.

Visit: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/ for more information

Please remember that you can send your child back to school on the 5th day after the last spot appeared. If you have any queries please see Mrs Hatch our Senior Welfare.



Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications DEADLINE 31st October 2021

Year 6 families should have now completed their applications to transfer to secondary school next year in September 2021. If you still need to finalise your application then copies of the 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

CAMELBAK

Remember, the deadline for applications is October 31st 2021.

Personal Water Bottles

It is important that children stay hydrated in school to maximise their learning potential. Woodcroft encourages the regular drinking of water throughout the day. However, we have been asked to clarify the policy on personal water bottles in school.

- 1. Every child should have a reusable water bottle.
- 2. Personal water bottles should always be named
- 3. Water bottles should be brought to school FILLED every day with water

4. We do not allow juice in bottles as regular sipping of any drink other than water causes tooth decay.

- 5. Personal water bottles are TAKEN HOME every day to be washed.
- 6. We do not allow disposable bottles in school.

Diary Dates

- Year 6 RAF Museum Visit on 19th October
- International Colours Day 22nd October (non uniform day international cloth and colours)
- > Half Term Break 25th to 29th October

Woodcroft International Art Week



During International Week at Woodcroft we are celebrating our Year of the Arts. Every class from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in a special international

artist project. This is all part of our AIM@Arts Programme that ensures all Woodcroft pupils enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum. This

also leads to pupils in Year 6 having the opportunity to achieve the Bronze Arts Award. A prestigious qualification awarded by the

world famous Trinity College London. Take a look at what we will be getting up to below

Why not have a chat with your child about their international art project..

Class	Genre / Media	Theme	Artist / Designer
EYFS - Nursery		Abstract Painting and Drawing	Stanley whitney
EYFS - Reception	Watercolor- Pattern, Rhythm,	Expressionism / Abstract Art	Alma Woodsey-Thomas
Y1	Collage	Colours of Life	Lubaina Himid
Y2	Painting	Self-portrait painting	Frida Kahlo

Y3	Painting and photography	World Art	Carolyn Mims Lawrence
Υ4	Digital Presentations	Expressing Diversity	Faith Ringgold
Y5	Sketching / Oil pastels	Realism / Landscapes	Henry Ossawa Tanner
Y6	Illustrations / cartoons	WW2 Propaganda	Charles Alston