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Diary Dates

Half Term
30th May to 3rd June
Including the
Queen Platinum Jubilee
Holiday Weekend
2nd to 6th June

- June**
- Pupils Return on Tuesday 7th June
 - Y6 Bushcraft Camp 8th - 10th June

PSHE Theme

In school we have been thinking about



Year 6 'Bushcraft' Adventure Camp



Year 6 head off on their annual wild adventure camp after half term. They will be spending their week in the woods, under canvas, for a true back-to-nature experience that they will never forget.

ID for Passport and Visa Applications



If you are planning to renew your passport and are thinking of asking a school staff member to verify your identity please ensure that you do so before Friday 17th June. *Please do not ask after this date as school staff will politely decline.* This is to allow sufficient time for Home Office checks to be carried out. We prefer online applications. However, you must ask the staff member first so we can then invite you into school in order to verify the ID questions.

Girls Football Match vs Edgware Primary: Report by Atifa



On Thursday the 26th of April, the Girls Football club headed to Edgware Primary School to play an away match. Unfortunately, Edgware got the first goal and were leading by one goal at half time. The team were upset but an amazing pep talk from Miss Maynard and Mr Taylor at half time gave us the boost that we needed. The team were back on their feet and ready to win. I (Atifa) scored the first goal and made it level. After that, the Woodcroft team put pressure on Edgware and forced an own goal. Then Annabel scored a fantastic long range goal from a free kick on the halfway line! The final score was 3-1 to Woodcroft - we have come back to win. This match showed the team how important it is to have resilience and how to never give up.

by Atifa (6J)

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 13th 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.

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.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Woodcroft



To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee we held a number of events in school on Friday 27 May. It was a red, white and blue party day! Pupils dressed up, enjoyed class parties, took part in jubilee activities and had a special tea party at lunchtime! Then everyone got to take home a golden commemorative coin in a presentation case as a memento to treasure for this historic occasion.





Platinum Jubilee Art and Poetry Competition for Young People in Barnet

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BARNET**
FOUNDATION

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen and highlight the creativity of young people in the London Borough of Barnet, the Barnet Together Alliance is inviting all young people between the ages of 5-16 inclusive who are living or studying in Barnet to enter a portrait of themselves, their family or The Queen, a card for The Queen or a poem about The Queen into a borough-wide competition.

An awards presentation and exhibition of a selection of entries will take place in the reception area of the council's Colindale office. Deadline for entries is 4pm on June 24, 2022.

To learn more visit the [website here](#) or contact jubilee@youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk.

Social Media - Parent Advice

Does your child have access to a mobile phone, tablet or gaming device? Do you monitor your child's online activity?

It is every parent's duty to know exactly who your child is communicating with and when. We advise that parents and carers regularly check their child's devices to ensure that:

- All apps being used are age appropriate
- Strict privacy settings are in place
- Location settings are switched off
- Home filters are in place to restrict inappropriate content
- Devices are never being used after bedtime.

When we surveyed our children we found that over ½ of KS2 children slept in a room with access to a device. It is essential that good habits are established - it is crucial to ensure that **no devices** are available when your child is sleeping or doing homework.

Top Online Safety Resources

O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline - A free helpline, which can provide information or help with queries about any sites, apps, games or online safety in general. You do not have to be an O2 customer to use this resource. 0808 800 5002

Net Aware - Net Aware is the NSPCC and O2's guide to the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. This is a great site for parents as well as anyone working with children. Go to www.net-aware.org.uk

Advice on sharing pictures of your children online -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children>

Advice and FAQ's for parents about Young People and Social Networking Sites -

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-people-and-social-networking-A.pdf>

CEOP - Provides information for young people, parents and professionals including training and educational materials.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

RSE Parental Consultation

Please note: The RSE parent consultation period opened today and lasts until Wednesday 15th June. An email was sent to all parents and carers so please check your email inbox and take a look at the attached letter. All of the school's curriculum resources are available in a password protected part of the school's website for parents to view. The password link was sent via a separate email to enable parents and carers to unlock the pages and view the school's resources online. Please note, Woodcroft uses a nationally approved scheme of work.

The Benefits of Reading Aloud at Home

Reading aloud brings success!

We understand the challenge! Life is busy and finding the time to fit everything into our family schedule is difficult. However, we think it is so important to find the time for 15 minutes of reading a day. This is essential 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 be guaranteed to do. So, while encouraging your child to read silently is wonderful, and to be encouraged, we also ask that parents and carers listen to their child read aloud or read aloud to their child.

15 minutes a day makes all the difference!

Let's do some maths; if either the adult or the child is reading aloud (or even taking turns) then 15 minutes daily reading = 5,475 minutes per year. Equivalent to 91 hours of practice every year!!!

But, 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 reading success. It doesn't matter if they are 3 or 13. So, if you **read aloud together you will achieve greater success.**

15 minutes each day



5,475 minutes



91+ hours

Extended Half-Term Break

We finished for half-term on Friday 27th May. Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June. The best thing you can do to keep your child learning is to read together. Make sure you set aside time each day to enjoy a book together.

Extra Holiday on Monday 6th June 2022

A four-day national holiday weekend has been created to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Because school staff are already on ½ Term Break we have been allocated an additional day's holiday. As part of an extended Jubilee Weekend pupils will return to school after on Tuesday 7 June. *Have a great extended week!*



The Birthday Book Club

We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and celebrate by donating a book for their Class Library. **Congratulations and Happy Birthday to ...**



Manaal (3H) age 8, Zahra (6G) age 11 and Samira (4T) age 9



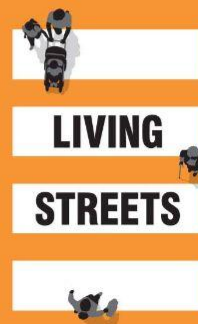
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FAMILY SUPPORT

AT WOODCROFT PRIMARY

Jill Smith, our Family Support Coordinator 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)