WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success With our AIM Values



Summer Reading Challenge



Has your child completed the Barnet Library Summer Reading Challenge? Mr Tallon would love to see their certificates and medals in school.



Twitter



PSHE Theme

We are very sad about the passing of Queen Elizabeth.



1926 - 2022



Welcome Back

We hope that you have had a good summer. Although the school building was closed, school staff have been working hard to ensure the next academic year is the best ever.

Outstanding Results

This year we achieved some excellent results. Woodcroft pupils exceeded the national average in every area of the KS2 SATS!

| Subject | Woodcroft 2022 | National 2022 |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Reading | 83.% | 74% |
| Writing | 83% | (not yet available) |
| Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar | 83% | 72% |
| Maths | 77%* | 71% |
| % of pupils attaining the expected level in Reading, Writing, Maths | 70%* | 59% |

(*this result is adjusted down due to two delayed results)

New Curriculum Launch

"Growing our knowledge and understanding of the world"

This year we are fully launching a new curriculum across the school from Nursery to Year 6. We are calling this our **Expanding Worlds Curriculum**. Currently, we are in the process of updating all of our parent information pages. Look out for lots more exciting news in future issues of Woodcroft weekly.





Congratulations to Mr Rees!

We are pleased to inform everyone that Mr Rees became a father over the summer after the birth of his first child, baby Edith. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr Rees and his family all the very best.



Arts Award Success at Woodcroft



Woodcroft is an accredited Arts Council ArtsAward Centre. Pupils in Year 6 are given the opportunity to develop Arts Award portfolios that they can then submit to Trinity College London for Bronze Arts Award accreditation.



We are pleased to announce that 36 pupils in Year 6 achieved their Bronze Arts Award this summer - an amazing achievement! We shall be inviting them back to a special Arts Award Presentation Evening on **Wednesday 28th September at 5.00pm.**

We shall be offering our current Year 6 the opportunity to enrol on the programme. For a small fee of £25 pupils are able to gain a nationally recognised 'Level 1' qualification from the internationally renowned Trinity College London.







The Birthday Book Club

We are always really happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays. We celebrate this in our weekly news by asking children to donate a book for their Class Library. We think this is much better than bringing in sweets or cakes!



This week we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to ...

Lucia (Y6) age 11

Nursery admissions for Autumn Term 2022

30 Hours FLEXIBLE provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

We still have a few places left in our Nursery this term. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2022.

Contact our school office to reserve your place



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.





Year 6 Secondary Transfer



Year 6 parents and carers should now be completing their secondary transfer applications. This is all done online via the eAdmissions portal: https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Mr Tallon held an information meeting last term and sent out information packs. Copies of this information can be found on the Woodcroft website here:

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/secondary-transfer-2023/

The deadline for submitting your application is 31st October 2022. Questions will be answered in next week's Y6 Curriculum Evening.

Government uniform guidance: What parents need to know



The government has published <u>statutory guidance</u> aimed at making school uniforms more "affordable". This is after a legal requirement to do so was passed into law earlier this year.

The new government Education Secretary said "school uniform provides a sense of identity and community for children and young people, and should be a real source of pride, but it must be affordable for families."

Parents at Woodcroft will be reassured to know that we currently meet all of the criteria set by the Government regarding school uniform. We do this by:

- Regularly reviewing our uniform policy
- Keeping branded items 'to a minimum' for both uniform and PE kit
- Making second-hand uniform available
- Selling items at the cheapest price to parents.



Uniform Reminder about School Footwear

Pupils are dressing very smartly for school at Woodcroft, however we need to remind parents and carers about our footwear. If the footwear is made from fabric or has a prominent logo then it is not appropriate for school.

School footwear must be plain black.

Uniform Ordering Page

Have you checked out our **Essential Schoolwear** dedicated Woodcroft uniform web page. You can order both uniform and PE kit from the site. Visit https://www.essentialschoolwear.com/ or check out the guide published with this newsletter.





Year Group Curriculum Evenings - Parents Invited To Attend

Our Year Group Curriculum Evenings take place over next week. Each year group meeting will occur on a different day to enable all parents the opportunity to attend. We shall also host them in the main hall at 3.30pm to enable plenty of social distancing space. Please be punctual to the meetings.

Year Group Curriculum Info Evenings from week beginning 12th September

- Y6 Tuesday 13th inc: KS2 SATs Briefing, Bronze Arts Award & Residential Trip Info
- Y1 Wednesday 14th inc. Phonics Check Briefing at 3.30pm
- Y2 Thursday 15th inc. KS1 SATs Information at 3.30pm
- Y3 Tuesday 20th inc. transition to KS2 at 3.30pm
- Y4 Wednesday 21st inc. Y4 Multiplication Check Information at 3.30pm
- Y5 Thursday 22nd inc. Secondary Transfer updates at 3.30pm

PE Uniform Days

Pupils must wear their PE Uniform to school on their Games and PE days. This year we are increasing the amount of physical education by adding an additional session of indoor timetabled dance and gymnastics on a Friday. This may mean that your child requires their PE uniform on two days of the week.

Year Group Games Day

Full plain **navy blue kit** comprises a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers. Your child will be doing outside games sessions on the following days:

Year 1: Wednesday Year 2: Tuesday Year 3: Thursday Year 4: Wednesday Year 5: Tuesday Year 6: Thursday

Extra Dance and Gymnastics Days

Classes will now be doing an extra unit of PE for part of the term. This will enable teachers to fully cover the gymnastics and dance elements of the national curriculum. Class teachers will notify [parents and carers when their child's class is taking part in one of the extra units. The extra units will only be for half of the term. This rest of the term will be focus on studying Spanish in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) and additional reading in KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

(Table showing Extra PE days for the Autumn term)

| Please check below to see when your child requires their blue PE uniform on Friday | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
| September to October | PE | Reading | PE (Monday) | Spanish | PE | Spanish | |
| November to December | Reading | PE | Spanish | PE | Spanish | PE | |

Note: Year 3 will be receiving their additional session on a Monday this half term. It will be taught by our resident choreographer, Miss Williams

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School

Classroom Kit for Year 1 to Year 6

We recommend 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 (angle measure)
- Handwriting Pen
- Highlighter

Year 6

Year 6 pupils are only allowed to bring a <u>clear plastic pencil case</u> to school. This is to ensure that all pupils are fully compliant with the testing arrangements for their KS2 SATs.

Refillable Water Bottles Only: Always remember your refillable water bottle. We do not allow disposable single use bottles in school.





Autumn Term Diary

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- Y1 Wednesday 14th inc Phonics Briefing
- Y2 Thursday 15th inc KS1 SATs
- Y3 Tuesday 20th
- Y4 Wednesday 21st inc Y4 MTC
- Y5 Thursday 22nd inc Secondary Transfer

Arts Award Presentation Evening (Y6 leavers Return) - Wednesday 28th September at 5.00pm

School Photographer Friday 30th September (individual and school sibling portraits)

Parent Consultation Evenings

- Monday 3rd October 4.00pm to 7.00pm
- Nursery open evening
- Thursday 6th October 4.00pm to 6.00pm (Nursery will not be running a session on Thursday)

Harvest Time

- Harvest Basket Assemblies on Thursday 13th
- Harvest Coins collection on Friday 14th

International Colours Day - Friday 21st October

1/2 Term 24 to 29 October

Year 6 RAF Museum visit date of 8.11.22

Anti-Bullying Week 2022: 14th to 18th November 2022 BBC Children in Need - Pudsey Appeal Day Friday 18th November

Our school theme this year will be 'WORLD CUP FOOTBALL PUDSEY' - dress in bright football kits, wear yellow, or sparkle with your Pudsey merch.

Christmas Events

December

- Christmas Lunch Thursday 8th
- Year 2 Dress Rehearsals Friday 9th
- Year 2 Christmas Show Monday 12th
- Nursery, Y1, Y3 & Y5 Parties Tuesday 13th
- Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y6 Parties Wednesday 14th
- Christmas Panto Assembly Thursday 15th December (KS1 AM, KS2 PM)
- Nursery Last Day Thursday 15th
- Final Day of term Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

Pupils Return on Wednesday 4th January 2023





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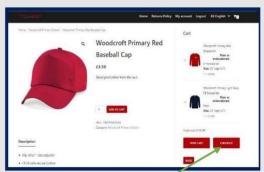
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