



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

February

Wednesday 1st Feb
SCHOOL CLOSED

3rd Feb NSPCC Rocks
Times Tables Comp

6th Feb Y4 Bikeability


6th Feb Children's Mental
Health Week
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

7th Feb [Safer Internet Day](#)
#SID - Safer Internet Day
[2023](#)

w/b 6th Feb ESFA Schools
Football Week.

13th - 17th Feb ½ Term
(school closed)

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PSHE Themes

Growing our knowledge
about ...

CHINESE NEW YEAR



The Year of the Rabbit

Teachers Strike - School CLOSED on Wednesday



The main teachers union, The NEU, has voted to take industrial action in London for 4 days this term on 1st February and then the 2nd, 15th, and 16th March.

We have assessed the impact of the strike at Woodcroft and notified parents and carers that the school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st February.

We understand that the decision to close will be disruptive. You will also be aware that different schools are affected in different ways. This is due to a range of factors such as the number of teachers in different unions and how they collectively respond. It must be made clear that this dispute is not with the school or its families but the government. If you have any queries, please speak with Mr Tallon or Mr Russell and not with other staff members.

What will happen on Wednesday?

Children should stay at home with parents and carers making arrangements for their care during the day. School will open as normal again on Thursday

Will my child be given work to do?

Teachers that are striking can not set work on Wednesday. Non striking teachers should not cover their duties. So, at Woodcroft we have decided to postpone the regular Friday Brainbuilder homework. This will be now set by all teachers on Monday and teachers will explain it to children on Tuesday. This means there is a consistent approach across the school and can be completed in place of lessons at home on Wednesday.

Will food be provided?

Pupils will be invited, with their parents, to a family lunchtime on Wednesday between 12.00 and 1.00pm. Our kitchens will be serving a hot meal to enjoy in our dining hall. So we can get an idea of numbers, a Google Form will be emailed to families today (Friday) to indicate whether they will be joining us. The normal meal rate will be charged, including those who are eligible for a free school meal.



Family Lunchtime

Who: Children and Parents.

When: 12.00 - 1.00pm on Wednesday 1st February

Where: The school dining hall

What: A hot meal of pasta or baked potatoes including sauces and fillings, with cake and fruit

How: Book with this online form: <https://forms.gle/JxgKEe2dF3vPc6Az9>

We hope that you can join us for our family lunchtime!

(Note: children are not required to wear uniform)

Early Years Foundation Stage - Phonics Workshop

It was a full house for Miss Khan's Phonics Workshop on Wednesday. Parents and Carers were told all about how Woodcroft teaches phonics using the top rated 'Sounds-Write' scheme. This is what some parents said afterwards:

"The session was really helpful. We parents do not know the very basic things how to teach children. We have gathered a lot of knowledge and ideas from the session." "Today's workshop is very useful for us thank you." "This was very well presented." "I know how to sound out words." "Excellent breakdown of ways of teaching."

Next week's Stay & Play on Wednesday 1st February is cancelled as the school is closed. The rescheduled session will be the following week, Wednesday 8th February. Come along and get a chance to see a phonics lesson being taught in Reception and some follow up activities for everyone to get involved in.



Year 4 Bikeability - 6th and 7th February

Pupils in Year 4 will be taking part in level 1 intensive Bikeability training on Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February. They will be learning alongside professional instructors and finding out about road safety and the correct way to cycle with confidence. All pupils will receive a certificate and badge on completion of their Bikeability training.





Lunar New Year in Reception

Reception have been celebrating the Lunar New Year this week. They learned all about the zodiac story, peeled, chopped and grated vegetables for a stir fry, and used instruments to create a dragon dance!



Times Tables Rock Stars Competition

It's time to get practising your times tables! Next week is National NSPCC Numbers Day and we shall be taking part in NSPCC Rocks day.

NSPCC Rocks



EVENT DETAILS

START DATE:
February 3rd 2023

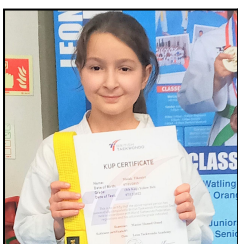
END DATE:
February 3rd 2023

TIME:
Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm

LOCATION:
the United Kingdom

DAILY CAP:
1 hour per player

Pupil Achievements



It was all martial arts related in achievement assembly this week when we found out about three pupils who are excelling in their clubs outside of school. Malak (Y4) was successfully graded and Joshua (Y3) and Hannah (Y1) were awarded top student medals in their club.



FREE Spring Activities

Check out Barnet's 'Positive Activities' half term programme by downloading the brochure here ...

[SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES BROCHURE](#)

These are some of the activities taking place over the half term:

- Feb Shed Days with the Chickenshed
- Exploding books Arts and Crafts
- Cookery Workshops
- Parent and Child Yoga
- Digital photography
- Sound Mediation Workshops
- Circus Skills

Bookings open next week, 23rd January, at...

www.barnetyouth.uk



The brochure features a young girl in a yellow dress standing in a field of sunflowers with her arms outstretched. The text is set against a blue and green background. A circular logo with the word 'FREE' is in the top left. The top right corner has a green box with '0-19 EARLY HELP SERVICE' in white. The main title 'SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the image, it says 'FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4-19*' in white on a green background, followed by 'January - March 2023' and '*UP TO 25 FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND/ OR AUTISM'. Logos for 'FAMILY FRIENDLY BARNET' and 'BARNET' are in the bottom right.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify? SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS EVERY HALF TERM

The school is preparing to issue the Spring half Term supermarket vouchers issued by Barnet. These are allocated to people who qualify for a free school meal.

If you do not declare your eligibility you are missing out!

You are eligible 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



**Contact the office today if you think you qualify.
Do not miss out on your FREE vouchers!!!**

Healthy Beginnings

ROADSHOWS

Supporting families with children from pre-birth / antenatal to 8 years of age



We are proud to announce that a series of FREE Health Promotion Roadshows are coming to Barnet in 2023.

Each event will be bespoke to the local area and include:

- fun activities
- information stalls
- opportunity to find out about local services
- meet representatives from health, early help and community services
- support with the rise in cost of living

OPENING EVENT

Tuesday 7 February 2023

1.30 – 5pm

The Old Library
The Concourse, Grahame Park NW9 5XA



For more information please contact
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