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With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Industrial action

Thursday 2nd March

SCHOOL CLOSED

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if the strike is called
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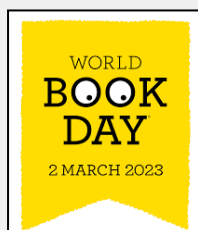
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PSHE Themes

We are growing our
knowledge about ...

Book Week



with M&M Theatre



Teachers Strike Day #2 - Thursday 2nd March



The main teachers union, The NEU, 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 again assessed the likely impact of the strike at Woodcroft and are notifying parents and carers that **school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 2nd March**

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 Thursday?

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

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 issue some **special activities linked to World Book Day**. This will be set next week in addition to the regular Brain Builder Homework. Teachers will explain it to children at the start of the week. This means there is a consistent approach across the school and can be completed in place of lessons at home on Thursday.

Will food be provided?

Families will again be invited, with their parents, to a family lunchtime on Thursday between 12.00 and 1.00pm. Our kitchen 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 Thursday 2nd March

Where: The school dining hall

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

How: Book with this online form: <https://forms.gle/E7E5aNamftZ6gnPi6>

(Note: children are not required to wear uniform)

Book Week 27th February to 3rd March



Next week is Book Week at Woodcroft. This year our whole school text is ...

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett



M&M Theatre Perform 'The Secret garden' on Monday 27th February



Don't be late on Monday morning, our friends from M&M Theatre Company, will be performing this classic story by Frances Hodgson Burnett to Key Stages 1 and 2. This will be followed by a workshop for Year 6 all about the staging of the show.

Classes have already been reading this story in preparation, we are all excited to see the live show!



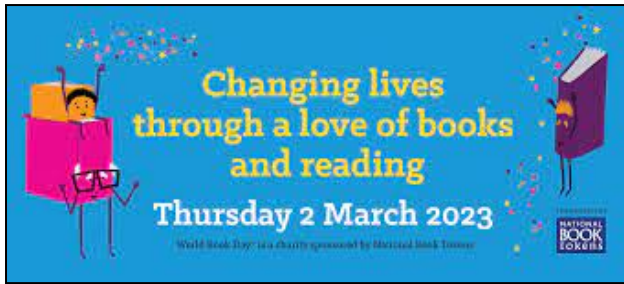
Note: we will not be dressing up in book week. Look out soon for our Children in Need plans!

World Book Day Vouchers coming out next week!

World Book Day vouchers will be distributed next week.

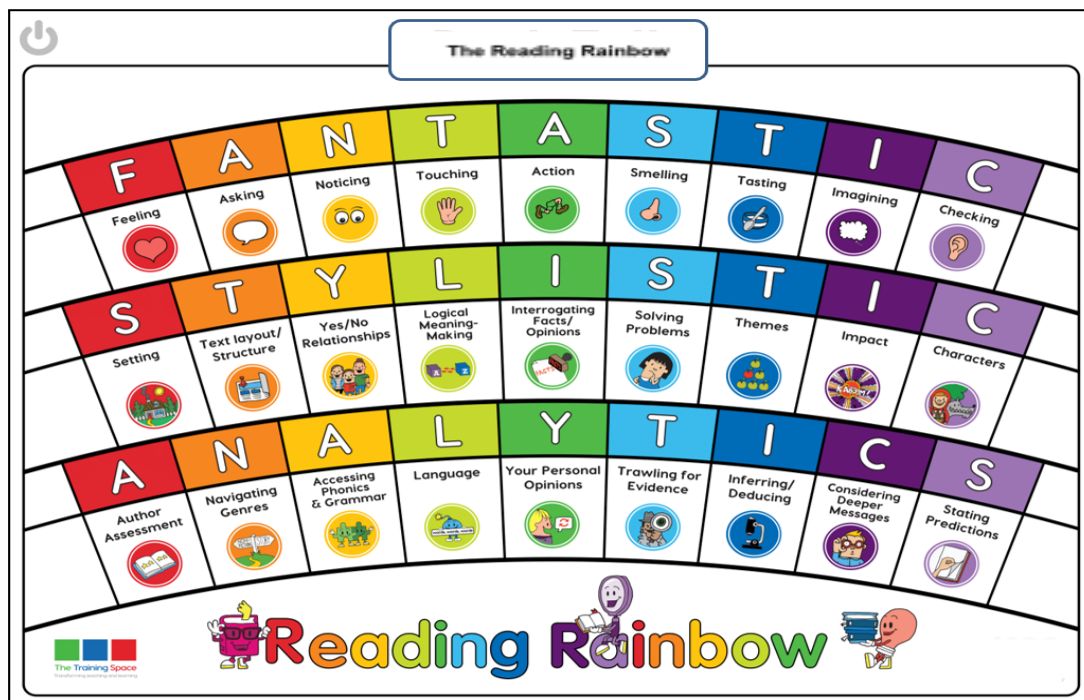
These vouchers entitle children to £1.00 off any book at a retailer until Sunday 26th March.

Alternatively, there is also a selection of £1 books that can be purchased from participating shops, including Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco.



Woodcroft will officially launch its new Reading Curriculum during Book Week!

Welcome to ... **The Reading Rainbow Curriculum at Woodcroft**



The Reading Rainbow helps children develop rich language and knowledge about books. It is now what we use to teach comprehension at Woodcroft.

When we read a book we can choose one of the rainbow lenses to focus our thinking. A lens gives us a specific way of looking at the text. There are twenty-seven lenses in the Reading Rainbow, and each one enables us to ask questions to deepen our understanding of a book.

Experienced readers will automatically use all of the lenses as they need them. However, when children are learning to read they will need to practise by using one lens at a time.

Each lens is an important piece of the reading comprehension puzzle. However, the more we practise, the more automatic their use becomes, and the better our reading skills will be.

We also use The Writing Rainbow. This has been a feature of our English lessons in KS1 and KS since September. You can find out more about both of these exciting programmes on our website at ...

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/english-curriculum/>

Early Years Writing Workshop

On Wednesday 22nd February Early Years (Reception & Nursery) parents attended a Writing Workshop, led by Mrs Baldwyn. Parents found out about the key steps in developing writing from early mark making to joined handwriting. Ideas were shared about how to support your child at home and a number of Funky Finger activities were there to try!

We had some great feedback from parents about the Writing Workshop:

'Very useful tips for writing proficiency - thank you'

'Very informative'

'Good explanation of how to develop writing skills'

'Learning about the tripod grip and the activities the school plan to support writing skills'

All the presentations from all workshops can be found on the Reception Treehouse.

Parents of pupils in Early Years are invited to see a writing lesson next Wednesday 1st March 2023, in Mrs Patel/Mrs Baldwyn's class or Miss Khan's class at 8:45am. Hopefully see you there!



We have three remaining sessions this term...



Workshop	Date of Parent Workshop	Date of 'Stay & Play' session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Writing	22.02.2023	01.03.2023	Mrs Baldwyn	Mr Russell & Miss Lloyd
Mathematics	08.03.2023	15.03.2023	Mrs Patel	Mr Russell & Miss Maynard

Diary Dates

27th February - 3rd March - **Book Week**

- Theme Text: **The Secret Garden** Frances Hodgson Burnett
- EYFS text - **Bloom** by Anne Booth



Monday 27th February **M&M Theatre** perform The Secret Garden

SCHOOL CLOSED - THURSDAY 2nd MARCH
INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY THE NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION IS PLANNED FOR THURSDAY
2nd MARCH - IF THE STRIKE GOES AHEAD WOODCROFT WILL BE CLOSED.

Thursday 2nd March - **World Book Day** - activities will be set for home learning

17th March - **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day**

- Theme - **Colourful Characters**
- Non-Uniform Charity Day! Wear your Comic Relief merchandise, dress as a Mr Men or Little Miss character or come to school in your most colourful clothes and hair.



21st & 23rd March Parents Evenings will be in person

30th March Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception and Year 1

31st March - Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish time

3rd April to 14th April - Easter Holiday
(Easter Weekend Friday 7th - Monday 10th April)

Staff Training Day on Monday 17th April

Pupils Return to school on Tuesday 18th April for the Summer Term

Weekly Attendance Clinic with Mrs Hurley (Learning Mentor)

Do you have any questions about your child's attendance? Would you like advice on punctuality? Would you like to discuss how the school can help improve attendance?

Then come along to the **Weekly Attendance Clinic, every Wednesday from 9:00 - 9:30**, straight after you've dropped your children off. I can be found in the main foyer and would be happy to discuss any concerns you have regarding attendance and see how I can help. Having time to discuss each child's unique situation and finding ways to improve attendance and routines will improve engagement at school, achievement and progress.

Drop in for a chat any Wednesday, otherwise you can find me in the foyer at the beginning of every day.

Thank you
Mrs Hurley (Learning Mentor)

Barnet **A**ctive **C**reative **E**ngaging holidays



BACE

HOLIDAYS



Free holiday club activities are available for eligible children in Barnet – from Reception to Year 11!



have fun



get active



learn new skills

Spring 2023

3-6 April & 11-14 April 2023

**BOOK
NOW**

barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays

BACE Vouchers have been sent to all eligible families.

You can find more information here:

[BACE Holidays - Spring Brochure](#)



Head Lice Information



We currently have cases of head lice in School. This is very common and easily sorted out, but only if we all take responsibility and check our children's hair.

Please follow the simple steps outlined below:

Step 1	Comb in any type of hair conditioner on dry hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or run around.
Step 2	Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth head lice comb.
Step 3	Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
Step 4	Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
Step 5	Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

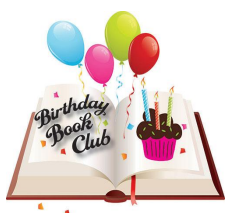
You can also visit your doctor or chemist to obtain prescribed treatments.

We also recommend that you get a special comb that is designed for the job

But, most importantly, always remember to regularly ...



Check your child's hair!



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.

***Happy Birthday to Dipanker (6G) age 11,
Arzu (6G) age 11 and Maxim (2H) age 7***

