



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

March

- 8th EYFS Maths Workshop
- 9th Barnet Dance Festival
- 15th / 16th Strike Day
- 17th Red Nose Day
- 20th Y3 Ukulele Concert
- 30th Girls Football v Edgware
- 31st Last Day of Term

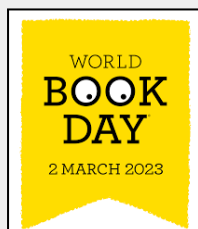
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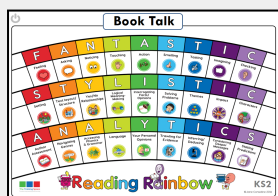
PSHE Themes

We are growing our knowledge about ...


Book Week



and The Reading Rainbow




School Closures



Thank you for your continued support and understanding about the Industrial action currently being taken by teachers. We realise that the strike days are both unfortunate and inconvenient, however I must reiterate that this dispute is with the Government and not our pupils, parents or the community we serve.

Can I remind parents that the next strike days are scheduled for **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.**

17th March is Comic Relief Red Nose Day



We shall be raising money for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March by having a non-uniform dressing up day. The theme of this year's event is **Colourful Characters - Make A Difference Your Way.**

FRIDAY 17 MARCH Pupils can wear their Comic Relief merchandise, dress as a favourite Mr Men or Little Miss character or just come to school wearing their most colourful clothes. Pupils could even colour their hair or wear face paint to turn themselves into an extremely colourful character - the more colourful the better ;-)

New Uniform Supplier Update

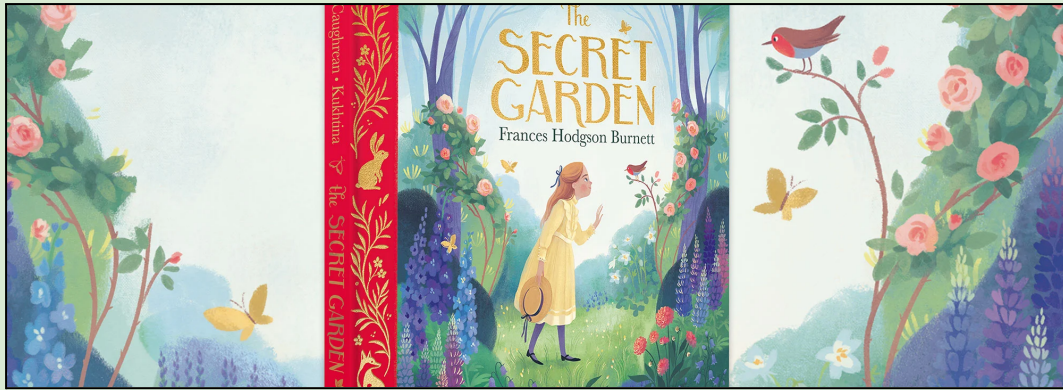


Mapac, our new supplier, are just putting the finishing touches to our uniform ordering pages and will be launching their service in the next few days. The company offers a full range of school clothing and accessories all at competitive prices.



Book Week at Woodcroft

This week was Book Week at Woodcroft. Every year we have a week-long celebration of reading that coincides with World Book Day. We select a focus text that is then studied by the whole school. This year it was 'The Secret Garden' by Francis Hodgson Burnett.

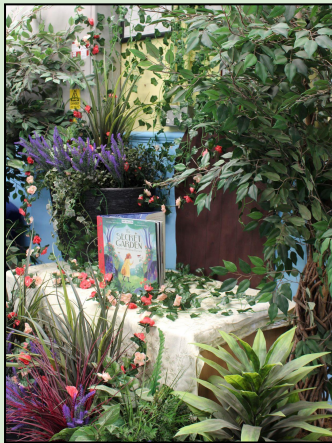


The week began for KS1 and KS2 with a wonderful, live performance of 'The Secret Garden' by our friends at M&M Theatre. Year 6 also enjoy a stagecraft workshop as part of their Arts Award qualification.



The Reading Rainbow

We also created our very own Woodcroft Secret Garden in the foyer, and pupils had a special book study project to carry out on Thursday.



Book Talk									
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Feeling	Asking	Noticing	Touching	Action	Smelling	Tasting	Imagining	Checking	
S	T	Y	L	I	S	T	I	C	
Setting	Text layout/ Structure	Yes/No Relationships	Logical Meaning-Making	Interrogating Fact/ Opinions	Solving Problems	Themes	Impact	Characters	
A	N	A	L	Y	T	I	C	S	
Author Assessment	Navigating Genres	Accessing Format & Grammar	Language	Your Personal Opinions	Travelling for Evidence	Inferring/ Deducing	Considering Deeper Messages	Story Predictions	

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Book Week

The Secret Garden
Activity Pack (digital)

Name: _____
Class: _____

To be used with the information slides:
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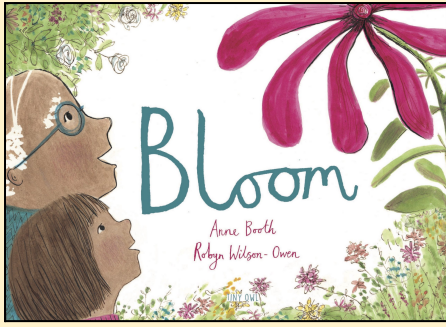


Book Week was also the official launch of our new reading curriculum called The Reading Rainbow. The Reading Rainbow helps children develop rich language and knowledge about books. It is now what we use to teach comprehension at Woodcroft. When we discuss a book we can choose one of the rainbow lenses to focus our thinking. A lens gives us a specific way of looking at the text. 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.

Take a look at the new information display in the main entrance to learn more about each lens. You can also visit the English curriculum pages on our website ...

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

Book Week In The Early Years



For Book week Nursery and Reception looked at the book 'Bloom' by Anne Booth. The little girl always spoke nicely to her favourite flower. In Reception we looked at the word compliment and practised giving compliments to our friends throughout the week. At the end of the book all of the characters had a picnic. We were busy writing lists of party foods we would like and invitations to the different teachers to come to our class picnic on Friday.

Some of the activities we enjoyed doing based on the book were still life paintings of flowers, measuring the heights of flowers using cubes, grinding herbs and flowers with a pestle and mortar and exploring flower off cuts with playdough - building new flowers.

Early Year Writing Stay and Play

On Wednesday 1st March Early Years parents (Reception and Nursery) were invited into the classrooms for a 'stay and play' session, following on from the Writing Workshop last week.

Parents were able to watch and take part in a writing lesson. The class teachers demonstrated how the children are taught to hold a pencil, form letters and build sentences using key vocabulary. After that, the children and parents had time to play with and explore a range of 'Funky Finger' activities, using their fine motor skills.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
WORKSHOP

The next workshop is all about early Maths. Come along next Wednesday, 8th March at 8.45 in the TARDIS to hear from Mrs Patel and Miss Maynard.

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

Was your child absent from school?

Children are expected to attend school every day. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised.** Studies have shown:

- A clear statistical link between school attendance and educational achievement
- Absences disrupt the education of the individual child
- Work missed has to be made up, requiring extra work by the school staff
- Individual absences can disrupt the progress of the whole class or group
- If different pupils are taken out at different times, then the disruptive effect increases exponentially

If your child is unwell you must contact the school, (0208 959 3244) and report the absence on the first day, before registration at 8:45 am. Medical evidence is required wherever possible. It is also important to bring evidence of medical appointments to show office staff if you are taking your child out during the school day.

Requests for a 'Leave of Absence'

If parents need to request a leave of absence from school for their child please obtain a form from the office. **Please note all absence requests need to be approved by the Headteacher in advance.**

Diary Dates for March

**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE - 15th and 16th MARCH
DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY THE NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION**

- 9th - Barnet Schools Dance Festival - at the Arts Depot
- 17th - Comic Relief Red Nose Day
- 21st & 23rd Parents' Evenings will be in person
- 20th Year 3 Ukulele Concert 11.00am (parents and carers invited)
- 30th Girls Football v Edgware
- 30th Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- 31st Last Day of Term - 2.15pm finish time

3rd April to 14th April - Easter Holiday



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 Kassandra (Y5) age 10***



Barnet Active Creative Engaging 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

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You can find more information here:
[BACE Holidays - Spring Brochure](#)