

Together Towards Success  
With our AIM Values



## Diary Dates

### March

9th Barnet Dance Festival  
14th Theatre Group for Y6  
15th & 16th NEU Industrial Action  
17th Comic Relief  
21st & 23rd Parent Evenings  
20th Y3 Ukulele Concert  
29th Violin and Brass Concert  
30th Girls Football v Edgware  
30th Easter Bonnet Parade  
30th Great Big Dance Off

## Twitter

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**@WPS\_Success**

## PSHE Themes

We are growing our knowledge about ...

## Comic Relief



## NEW Mapac Uniform - Order Online From Monday 13th March



Mapac, our new supplier, has completed our online uniform ordering page and will now be launching their service to supply Woodcroft uniforms.

Check out our new Mapac webpage here:

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80qf>

The company offers a full range of school clothing and accessories all at competitive prices and orders can be placed from Monday 13th March.

## NOTICE: School Closure - 2 Days Next week!



Can we remind parents that the next NEU strike days are scheduled for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. We predict, based on previous risk assessments, that Woodcroft will be fully closed for two days

As with previous strike days, our dining room will remain OPEN between 12.00 and 1.00pm and will be offering **FREE lunch** for all of the family. Wednesday is pizza day and Thursday will be sausage and mash (chicken (inc. Halal) or veggie Quorn). Baked potatoes and various fillings will also be available along with salad, fruit and a desert on both days

Book via this link ... <https://forms.gle/ZT8WzETxhKjWHLpb8>

## 17th March is Comic Relief Red Nose Day



We are dressing up for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March! The theme of this year's event is **Colourful Characters- Make A Difference Your Way**.

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. We are a cashless school and are asking parents to donate directly on the Red Nose Day website.

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

\* Remember - please do not bring cash into school

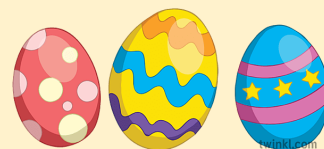
## Eggcellent Easter Raffle - Get Your Tickets Next Week!



Woodcroft's championship dance team are organising a prize raffle to raise funds to pay for their travel to this year's dance events.

Raffle tickets will be **on sale every morning next week from 8.30am to 8.45am** and again in the afternoon 3.15pm to 3.30pm. There are some amazing Amazon prizes, all donated by our sponsors, Seventeen Recruitment.

- ★ **£100 Amazon voucher (1st prize)**
- ★ £75 (2nd prize)
- ★ £50 (3rd prize)
- ★ £25 (4th prize)
- ★ Runners up prizes on offer will be a range of yummy Easter eggs.



The draw will take place on Thursday and the winners will be notified by text. Good Luck!

## Dance Team Cake Sale

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for supporting our cake sale - We raised **£313!**



## Year 4 Swimming Lessons Coming Soon



Year 4 will start an intensive swimming course immediately after the Easter Break from Tuesday 18th April. The lessons take place at the new Copthall Pool every morning until 29th April. They will be travelling there by coach. This is a compulsory unit of the national curriculum.

Pupils will need a suitable kit bag (not their school bag as it could get wet), a one piece swimming costume or trunks, a swimming hat (compulsory for both girls and boys), and a towel. Pupils are not allowed to wear two piece bikinis or long swimming shorts. It is also important to bring a warm jacket/coat for the journey. Costumes, trunks and caps can all be purchased online from our new store:

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80qf>

For Health and Safety reasons we do not encourage children to wear goggles in the pool. If your child has a medical condition please write a letter to the Headteacher requesting the use of google. No child will be allowed to wear goggles in the pool without prior written authorisation.

## Early Year Maths Workshop

We had our last Parent Workshop this term on Wednesday 8th March. Mrs Patel led a Parent Workshop on Maths, supported by Miss Maynard and Mr Russell. The workshop was well attended and parents found out about the development of maths in Early Years (Nursery & Reception), counting, subitising (Mr Russell's favourite concept 😊 - why not ask him all about it?), one more one less and ways to support their child at home. If you missed the workshop you can find it and all the Parent Workshops on the Reception Treehouse. **Parents of pupils in Early Years are invited to see a maths lesson on Wednesday 22nd March. We had advertised the next Stay & Play session for next Wednesday, but due to the planned strike it will be postponed to Wednesday 22nd March, 8:45 - 9:45 am, in Mrs Patel/Mrs Baldwin's class or Mrs Khan's class. Hopefully see you there!**



YOU'RE INVITED *to* A  
**WORKSHOP**

Our final 'Stay and Play' session was planned to be on 15th March. Due to the NEU Strike day we have rescheduled this to **Wednesday 22nd March.**

Come along to see how we approach maths in the Early Years!

## What reasons does the school accept for absence?

- Genuine illness
- Unavoidable medical/dental appointments.
- Day of religious observance
- Family bereavement
- Participation in approved public performance



Except in the case of illness, you should ask for permission for your child to be granted leave of absence well in advance, giving details of the reasons for your request. In cases of medical/dental appointments, please show the appropriate appointment card, message or letter, so it can be coded in the register and **children are expected to return to school** unless the appointment is late in the afternoon. In cases of recurring absences for illness, you may be asked to produce medical evidence.

### 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

14th Box Clever Theatre Group for Y6

15th & 16th Planned NEU Industrial Action - SCHOOL CLOSED

17th Comic Relief Red Nose Day

21st 4.00pm to 7.00pm Parent Evenings (in person) book via this link <https://forms.gle/dFMJgLAcHSfA6ESe6>

23rd 4.00pm to 6.00pm Parent Evenings (in person) book via this link <https://forms.gle/dFMJgLAcHSfA6ESe6>

20th Year 3 Ukulele Concert 11.00am

29th Violin and Brass Ensembles Concert 2.30pm

30th Girls Football v Edware

30th Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (parents invited)

30th Great Big Dance Off Competition - Regional Finals

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 Nicholas (2L) age 7***

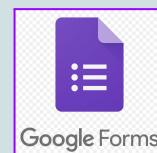


## PARENT/CARER EVENING INFORMATION

We are holding our spring term parent consultation evenings on **Tuesday 21st March** and **Thursday 23rd March 2023**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress.

Please note: Reception Parents will continue to see class teachers during their child's focus week so will be required to book a session.

### How to arrange a meeting



1. Use this link to access an online [Google Booking Form](#)
2. **Please complete and return your form, via the submit button, to your child's class teacher by Friday 17th March**
3. The class teacher will then schedule your **10 minute** appointment and send you an email notification.

### Woodcroft #AIM Values



At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a core set of values. We call these our **AIM Values** because we believe that having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atter in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the National Curriculum through our **AIM** Programmes (AIM Digital/Technology, AIM PE/Sports and AIM Arts).

### Sleep and Screens



As we enter springtime and the days are getting longer, it is important to remember the importance of sleep and routines for children. It is common for Class Teachers to report that some children become very tired during the school day - this probably means they are not getting enough sleep. Tiredness can seriously affect your performance in school!

[Click here to see the benefits of a good night's sleep](#)

When we last surveyed our pupils we were surprised by the number who had access to devices and screens in their bedrooms at bedtime. Research shows that children aged 6 to 12 years old need between 9 and 12 hours of good sleep as part of a regular bedtime routine.

**Most importantly, children should have all devices removed from their bedroom at night e.g. phones and tablets.**

# Nursery admissions open for September 2023

30 Hours FLEXIBLE provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

Now is the time to reserve your place in our Nursery ready for this September. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2023.

**\*\*\*Contact our school office to reserve your place\*\*\***

**30 hours  
free  
childcare**

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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).



## Woodcroft Primary School Nursery

A warm welcome awaits you at Woodcroft

A safe, nurturing environment

An experienced team and excellent facilities

Childcare  
**Choices**

Up to 30 hours flexible provision available

Term time only

[www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk](http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk)

Woodcroft Primary School, Goldbeaters Grove, Edgware HA80QF

Email: [office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net)

Tel: 0208 959 3244



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# 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](https://barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays)**

**BACE Vouchers have been sent to all eligible families.**

**You can find more information here:**

**[BACE Holidays - Spring Brochure](#)**