# WOODCROFT WEEKLS

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Together Towards Success With our AIM Values



#### **Diary Dates**

#### March

20th Y3 Ukulele Concert 11.00 (Parents Welcome) 21st & 23rd Parent **Evenings** 29th Violin and Brass Concert 2.30pm 30th Girls Football v Edgware 30th Easter Bonnet Parade (N, R and Y1) 30th Great Big Dance Off London Primary Finals

#### 31st LAST DAY OF TERM

2.15pm Finish

#### **EASTER BREAK**

3rd April to 17th April

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 18th April

#### **Twitter**



#### **PSHE Themes**

We are growing our knowledge about ...

#### Comic Relief



#### Be Punctual - Be On Time For Success

It is so important for children to be in school and at their desks ready for the start of the first lesson. Registration is 8.45am. If children arrive late:



- They miss vital explanations at the start of lessons
- Disturb the whole class' learning
- Miss choosing lunch options
- Take office staff away from their duties

Establishing good habits of punctuality is helping your child to become successful. Our school motto is 'together towards success' so we will be reminding everyone to 'BE ON TIME FOR SUCCESS'.

#### Mapac Uniform - Online Shop Now Open



Mapac, our new supplier, has now launched the Woodcroft uniform shop Check out the dedicated Mapac webpage here:

#### http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80gf

The company offers a full range of school clothing and accessories all at competitive prices. Orders can be placed online and delivered free of charge to school. Alternatively, you can select express home delivery.

Take a look at the Mapac welcome letter distributed with this newsletter for more information.

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#### **School Closures**

**education** Thank you for your continued support and understanding about the Industrial action currently being taken by teachers. There are currently no more planned strike days. However, the education unions and government have not come to an agreement so

there may be further action in future months.



#### **Busy Staff**

Support staff, who were not on strike, were very busy while the school was closed to pupils. Rooms were tidied, playgrounds swept, repairs carried out and we even decorated a room!



### Today is Comic Relief Red Nose Day

https://donation.comicrelief.com/

We are asking families to donate directly on the Comic Relief website

#### **Woodcroft Wow the audience at the Barnet Dance Festival!**



The Woodcroft Dance team put on a spectacular performance at last week's Barnet Dance Festival. They unveiled their new routine to rapturous applause from the audience, and some wonderfully vocal encouragement from Woodcroft's supporters! The team are now putting some final touches to their dance ahead of this month's London region primary dance finals. You can help with their travel and costume costs by buying a raffle ticket (or 5;-) We have some great prizes - see below for details.



### **Eggcellent Easter Raffle - Get Your Tickets!**



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

Raffle tickets will be **on sale every morning 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 23rd and the winners will be notified by text. Good Luck!

### **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.

Pupils will need a suitable kit bag, a one piece swimming costume or trunks, a swimming hat, and towel. Costumes, trunks and caps can all

be purchased online from our new online uniform store:

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

#### 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. Absence from school can only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Please note: all absence requests need to be approved by the Headteacher in advance.

#### 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 not be required to book a session.

#### How to arrange a meeting

- 1. Use this link to access an online Google Booking Form
- 2. <u>Please complete and return your form, via the submit button, to your child's class teacher by Friday 17th March</u>
- Google Forms

3. The class teacher will then schedule your **10 minute appointment** and send you a confirmation email on or before Monday 20th March.

#### What happens on the day

- 1. Please arrive at school in good time before you appointment
- 2. Make you way to your child's classroom staff will be on hand to direct you if you where to go
- 3. Your child's exercise books will be available to look thorough.
- 4. Class teachers will invite you into the classroom to discuss your child's progress
- 5. Appointments will be strictly limited to 10 minutes. If you require more time teachers will schedule a follow up meeting at a mutually convenient time.
- 6. Pupils are welcome to attend with their parents. But try to avoid bringing younger pre-school siblings as this can cause a distraction.

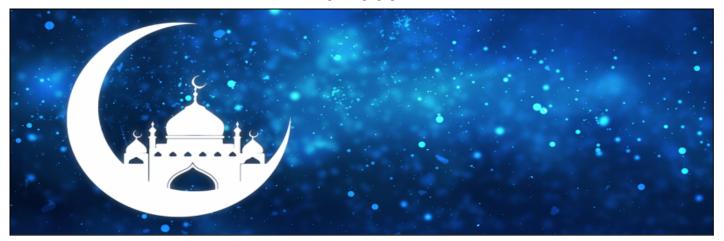
### The Birthday Book Club

Burhday Book

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** 



#### Ramadan



It is our understanding that Ramadan is expected to begin next week at sunset on Wednesday 22nd March, subject to the moon sighting, and last until Friday 21st April.

At Woodcroft we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to fully support our Muslim pupils through this period.

#### **Fasting**

Some of our older KS2 pupils may be fasting while at school. We require a <u>letter from parents</u> to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting.

#### **Prayer**

We offer supervised spaces for girls and boys to pray at 1.15pm after the sun has reached its height at mid-afternoon. We expect children observing prayer to be responsible and well behaved.

#### Lessons

We expect all pupils to take part in **every** school lesson and activity. If an aspect of the lesson proves difficult for a child due to religious observance then the teacher will modify aspects of their participation. For example, pupils may help the teacher during PE instead of doing vigorous exercise, or they will only listen during the music lesson.

#### **Events**

If a specific event is taking place such as a test, school trip or sports match we may ask that an older child has their parents' approval to break a fast on that day to enable them to take part. Also, if a child has a weekly club, e.g. Dance or Football, then parents may decide that their child does not fast on those particular days every week. Please include this approval for older children in your letter.

#### Support

Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any questions or concerns and ensure all notification letters are provided to school by Tuesday 21st March. We thank you for your support.

#### **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  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$  spirations and  $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$  nspiration  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$  atter in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the National Curriculum through our  $\underline{\mathbf{AIM}}$  Programmes (AIM Digital/Technology, AIM PE/Sports and AIM Arts).

## 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\*\*\*



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.



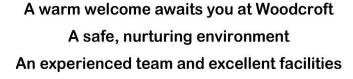






# Woodcroft Primary School Nursery







Up to 30 hours flexible provision available

Term time only



www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk

Woodcroft Primary School, Goldbeaters Grove, Edgware HA80QF

Email: office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net

Tel: 0208 959 3244







BACE Vouchers have been sent to all eligible families. You can find more information here:

**BACE Holidays - Spring Brochure** 



# WELCOME TO MAPAC

We are delighted to be working with your school who have entrusted us with providing your children's school uniform.

#### 1. HOW TO REGISTER & ORDER

- CLICK THE UNIFORM LINK FROM YOUR SCHOOLS WEBSITE...or...
- Visit <u>www.mapac.com/education/parents</u> or search online for 'Mapac find your school'.
- Use the 'LOGIN/REGISTER' tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers!)
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

#### 2. ORDERING GUIDE

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10-15 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

## Delivery to your home / work year round!

## FREE delivery to your school

(This service will not operate during any school holiday this includes the 6 week summer holiday)

# IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION

# Please order early over the summer as we receive a high quantity of orders over this time.

We do everything we can to send out all items as soon as possible but a high volume of orders or unforeseen circumstances may occasionally lead to delays.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

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