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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about the …

THE WOW FACTOR

Barnet Schools Music Festival a report by Koko

On Wednesday 14th June, the Woodcroft Choir went to the Arts Depot for the Barnet Schools Music Festival. We spent the day singing and rehearsing with other schools.

At the Arts Depot we also practised singing and our individual song which was called 'Burn' by Ellie Goulding. It took us two rehearsals to get it right because we were singing with a live band and with microphones on a large stage. We even went outside during the break and sang our songs in public. We were nervous for our performance, but on the night we sang it perfectly and everyone remembered what to do.

We really enjoyed taking part in the music festival and Mrs Baldwyn, our choir teacher, said that she was really proud of us all. You can see our photographs on the school website.

Report by Koko (Year 6)







African Drumming Workshop

As part of our Arts Award curriculum in Year 6 we take part in an African drumming workshop led by Abass Dodoo, Master Ghanaian Drummer.
The pupils learned the rhythms to a short repertoire that they then performed to KS2. Abass then wowed us with his drumming skills and got everyone dancing - even the teachers!



Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip a report by Annabel

On the 13th of June, Year Six went on the Junior Citizen Trip. The walk to Canada Villa was 2.6km! and it was somewhat tiring. There were many activities with different providers such as: H.O.P.E UK (they talked to us about drugs), the Metropolitan Police, TFL (Transport) and the London Fire Department. My personal favourite part was when the Metropolitan Police who taught us about knife crimes because the two police were very funny when they were demonstrating the scenario.

Some things could have been improved, such as: it was very cramped and as soon as one activity had finished we had to rush on to the next one. We also only had 15 minutes to talk about the activity and I don't think that it was enough time to get everything covered. This would be my feedback to the organisers. Overall it was a worthwhile experience

By Annabel (Year 6)











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 … David (Y5) age 10, Tanuja (Y4) age 9, Yaseen (Y2) age 7 and Niyah (Y4) age 9

Year 6 Bushcraft Camping **a report by Koko**



Last week Year 6 went on a Bushcraft camp to Kent. We were all really excited to get going and when we were on the coach we were all playing games.

When we got to the woods we met Rose and Ruby - they were the camp's staff. Rose and Ruby were both really nice. They were going to look after us for two nights and 3 days along with our teachers, Mr Guest and Mr Richards.

We stayed in these enormous tents - they were giant! I slept in one with Lucia, Isabelle, Sinead, Valentina, Skyla and Jaye-Anne. It was fun staying up and talking (quietly ;-)

Next, let's move on to the food. In particular, the breakfast was great: we had sausages and cereal!

We did loads of fun activities that you can only do in the woods. One of the activities was going out and collecting sticks to make a shelter which was my favourite. We stayed out for two hours picking up sticks together. Overall, my favourite activities were axe throwing, archery, learning wild survival skills (including safely using a knife and lighting fires).

I did need my mosquito spray because there were lots of bugs, and one time me and Sinead were playing and fell in a stinging nettle bush. It hurt at the time, but in the end it was really funny living wild in the woods, especially when I fell flat in the mud! My friends were laughing because my crocs and feet were covered in mud!

Overall, Bushcraft was great! I got to spend more time with my friends and we got to bond more, even with our teachers, because we all experienced a special time together in the woods!

by Koko (Y6)

Class List Considerations for September

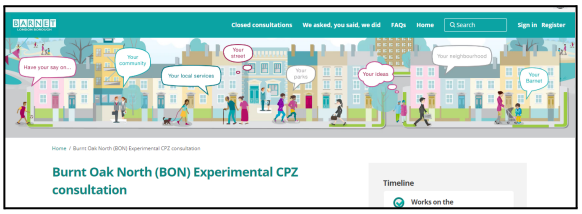
Due to pupils moving on and new children starting at Woodcroft classes can become imbalanced. As a result, we are now revising our class lists ready for September 2023. If you would like us to consider a preference, such as a significant friend who your child would like to be placed with please write to the Office by **Friday 23rd June**. We **cannot** guarantee to accommodate all requests, but we endeavour to place children in a class group that is in their best 'educational' interests. However, this is not always with their 'best' friends.

Please do not assume a conversation with a teacher earlier in the year (or in previous years) will be taken into consideration at this point. If you would like to express a preference you must do so in writing now.

Please note, we will not be able to accommodate any requests after Friday 23rd June

Burnt Oak North (BON) Controlled Parking Zone

The Burnt Oak North Parking Zone has now come into operation! We have now had several meetings with Barnet Local Authority to express our concerns about its impact on parents and carers of the school.



We would now like to begin to collect your views over the coming weeks to pass on to the council. Please click on the link below to access a google form. You can use this form to express any views and suggestions about the parking restrictions. These may be both positive or negative.

Parking Questionnaire: https://forms.gle/Zp43brVhTdqnoqTq6

Mr Tallon will also be meeting with the Headteachers of the other schools that are affected after half term. We would very much like to represent the views of our whole community. The parking restrictions are currently only part of a 6 month experimental trial. Your ideas can help shape any changes required to support both residents and drivers. Thank you.

Nursery admissions open for September 2023

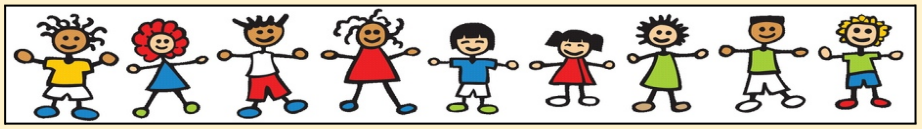
30 Hours FLEXIBLE provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

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.**



Summer Term Diary Dates



June

30/6 New to Reception meeting 9.15am Main Hall (revised date)

30/6 Girls football match vs Sacred Heart @ Burnt Oak Leisure Centre 3.30pm

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Check with your secondary school for confirmation. Year 6 pupils that are attending a transition day are not expected to attend Woodcroft that day. Families make their own arrangements to visit the secondary schools.

6/7 Meet the Teacher Day 9.00am - 10.00am

6/7 Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

10/7 Music Concert #1 - Year 3 Ukulele, plus piano and guitar instrumentalists at 11.00am

13/7 Music Concert #2 - Strings Instrumentalists and Choir 2.15pm

13/7 Barnet Football Tournament (selected squad)

17/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Matinee Performance 2.00pm (Revised date)

18/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Evening Performance 6.30pm (Revised date)

19/7 Nursery Final Day

20/7 Last Day of Term is on Thursday 20th July (2.15pm Finish)

September 2023

Pupils return to school: Wednesday 6th September 2023