WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success
*With our **AIM Values***

Diary Dates

July

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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about our Woodcroft value …

Teamwork

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor of London's offer of free school meals for KS2 pupils



You may have read in the media that from September 2023 all primary school children (Reception to Year 6) who attend state schools in London will receive free school meals for the full academic year. This means that there will not be any charge for school meals for any pupil.

We do however need to know how many children will be taking a school meal and how many parents will still be providing a packed lunch. We have asked parents to complete an online form indicating their choice to ensure we have the correct number of meals prepared in the autumn term.

If you haven't submitted your choice please complete the School Meal Choice Form via this link … **https://forms.gle/t2RmaoLa1rxqhYPB8**

You can read a letter from the Mayor of London here: **https://bit.ly/46luL3b**

Livingstone Football Festival

Our Football team ended the season on a high with an undefeated record at the Livingstone Football Festival. Two wins and two draws in the group stage would have enabled them to progress, however the risk of more torrential rain caused the organisers to curtail the event for safety reasons. Still, the ice lollies after the final group game made up for the disappointment of no further matches. Mr Taylor was impressed with the attitude and commitment of all of the boys who represented the school.





REMINDER: School term ends next Thursday, 20th July. We finish one hour early at 2.15pm

Introducing Miss Ali and Mr Stephenson

Two of our new teachers for September were unavailable to attend on 'Meet the Teacher' day. They have both kindly sent a photo and brief message to introduce themselves to their new classes.
Mr Stephenson will be joining Year 4 as 4S and Miss Ali will be in Year 3 as 3A. I am sure you will join me in giving them a warm welcome to Woodcroft.

Hello,

My name is Annisa Ali and I will be joining Woodcroft Primary in September.

I love travelling and have spent the last two years teaching in Thailand. However, I am originally from the local Barnet area.

I am a lover of animals and currently have two cats. I am very excited to start teaching at Woodcroft in September and look forward to meeting you all in 3A!

Have a lovely summer,

Miss Ali



Dear 4S,

I have heard so much about you and look forward to meeting you all in September. I am sorry that I couldn't introduce myself to you last week.

My name is Mr Stephenson and I have taught many year 4 classes over the years. I'm passionate about art, tennis, athletics and history. I hope we will have a great time learning together over the next year.

Best wishes, and enjoy your summer holiday.

Mr Stephenson



Football Academy Success

JUVENTUS ACADEMY LONDON

Congratulations to Eltsi (Y3) who has been awarded 'Best Player Award' as chosen by both his fellow players and his coaches.

Eltsi has been attending the Juventus Academy London and playing with U10s in Portugal. This season he was one of the team's top scorers despite his younger age. We all look forward to hearing about Eltsi's progress as he embarks on the next stage of his football development.





Barnet Libraries are excited to introduce their Summer Reading Challenge titled **'Ready, Set, Read!'** This year, they are celebrating sport, play, and physical activity through reading. We would like Woodcroft pupils to sign up for the challenge at your local library. We will then celebrate your child's reading success in September.

Music Concerts - Celebrating The Arts At Woodcroft

This week we hosted two concerts to celebrate the achievements of our musicians. On Monday our Y3 Ukulele players took to the stage, along with some solo performances by our guitarists and pianists. Then on Thursday was the turn of our choir and strings players.



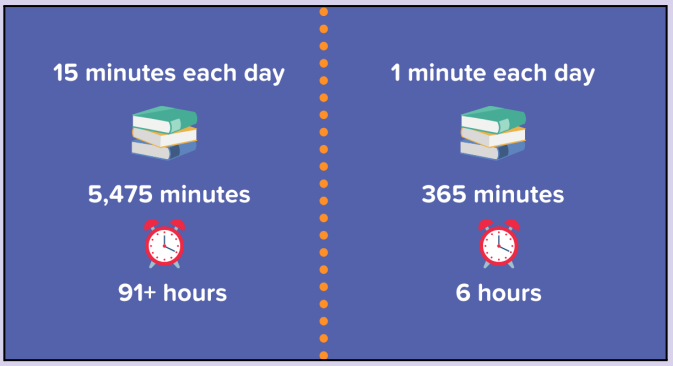






The Benefits of Reading Aloud Together at Home

We understand the challenges! We are all busy and finding the time to fit everything into our family schedule is difficult, to say the least. However, we think it is so important to find the time for 15 minutes of reading a day. This is necessary to prepare your child for the future - whatever their age (Nursery to Year 6)! That's because reading aloud improves accuracy and fluency - something independent silent reading cannot do.



15 minutes a day makes all the difference, with either the adult or the child reading the book; or even better, taking turns! 15 minutes daily reading = 5,475 minutes (or 91 hours) of practice every year!!!

Why read aloud? Research shows that reading aloud with your child is **the** number one thing you can do to help prepare them for future success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, ***read aloud together for success*** - now where have we heard that before?



17th July - Woodcroft Festival of Dance at 9.15am - Performances by The Woodcroft Dance Team, Cheerleading Club and WOW Factor Dance Acts. Parents and carers are Welcome to attend.
17th July - Y6 Leavers Show - Matinee Performance 2.00pm - Attendance by ticket only
18th July - Y6 Leavers Show - Evening Performance 6.30pm - Attendance by ticket only
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September 2023

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Goodbye Miss Smith



We said an early goodbye to Miss Smith today. Miss Smith has seamlessly stepped in for Mr Rees while he was on paternity leave this half term. Unfortunately, she has to return early to South Africa to take up a new position so will not be with us for the final week.

Thank you and good luck to Miss Smith

Mealtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our Mealtime Supervisor Team. Experience of working with children in play settings is desirable and a calm manner essential. For more information and application forms please visit our school website.

MTS Post Details

- Part Time: term time only, 6 ¼ hours per week (with opportunities for additional hours)
- Basic salary: hourly rate £12,60 (£3,069 actual annual basic) (Full Time Equivalent salary £18,045)

For more information visit:

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/

Start date: September 2023

Application forms, job descriptions and person specifications are available on the school website and should be returned to the school.

Closing date Tuesday 18th July

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further details please contact the school office and ask to speak with Mr Russell (Deputy Headteacher)

Office Assistant Vacancy – September 2023

A new office assistant responsible for reception and clerical duties is required to start in September 2023. An ideal position to work around school and childcare commitments.

We are looking for an enthusiastic member of staff to join our committed office team working alongside our Office Manager. Experience of administrative work is desirable, but not essential. However, a calm manner and desire to help people is essential. Our job description and person specification gives more details about the post. These are available from the school office or can be downloaded using the links below.

Office Assistant Post Details
Part Time
Term time only 39 weeks per year
Hours per week: 20 hours (with flexible opportunities and additional hours available)
Pay scale: Level 1 (Grade B)
Basic Salary Full Time Equivalent £18,783
Actual Salary £10,275 annual basic part time

Start date: September 2023
Job description and person specification:
https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2023/07/08005006/Office-Assistant-L2-JD-Person-Spec.pdf
Visit our website for further information and to download an application form.
https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/25994-2/

All application forms should be returned to the school. Candidates who are shortlisted will be notified on Wednesday 19th July.
Closing date for applications: Tuesday 18th July
Interviews will take place from:Thursday 20th July

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Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies

Virtual drop-in

Parents and carers of school aged children and school staff can book an appointment to speak to one of our Speech and Language Therapists (SLT), Occupational Therapists (OT) or Physiotherapists (PT) in our virtual drop-in.

During the appointment you will be able to speak to a member of our therapy team on the phone or by video consultation to receive advice and strategies to support your child/young person.

To book an appointment in our virtual drop-in…

Call: 020 3316 8900 or

Email: whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net

For further information about our service please visit our website:

Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies (CIT) (whittington.nhs.uk)

Woodcroft Primary School
School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24

AUTUMN TERM #1

Teacher training days - Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September

Pupils return to school - Wednesday 6 September

School holiday Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October

AUTUMN TERM #2

Pupils return to school - Monday 30 October

Final day of term - Thursday 21 December

School holiday Friday 22 December – Friday 5 January

SPRING TERM #1

Teacher training days - Monday 8 January

Pupils return to school - Wednesday Tuesday 9 January

School holiday Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

SPRING TERM #2

Pupils return to school - Monday 19 February

Final day of term - Thursday 28 March

School holiday Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April (Easter weekend 29 March - 1 April)

SUMMER TERM #1

Teacher training days - Monday 15 April

Pupils return to school - Tuesday 16 April

School Closed - Monday 6 May (May Day Bank Holiday)

School holiday Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 27 May)

SUMMER TERM #2

Pupils return to school - Monday 3 June

Final day of term - Tuesday 23 July

Teacher Training Days - Wednesday 24 July