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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Year Group Information

Meeting - All are in the Main Hall starting at 3.30pm

- Y6 Tuesday 12th
- Y1 Wednesday 13th
- Y2 Thursday 14th
- Y3 Tuesday 19th
- Y4 Wednesday 20th
- Y5 Thursday 21st

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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about coming back to school!



welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

A GOLDEN Term for Woodcroft

The summer term was a golden experience for Woodcroft! Every month we received golden news about our successes. We hope to continue living our motto "**Together Towards Success**" as we begin a new academic year!

GOLD! In July we were delighted to achieve the GOLD School Games Mark for the 2022/23 academic year! After a gap due to the covid epidemic we are pleased that our commitment to PE and Sport has been recognised in what is our 6th annual Gold Award.



GOLD! In June we were pleased to announce that Woodcroft achieved the Arts Council England's gold standard for outstanding arts provision.



Artsmark Gold Award
Awarded by Arts Council England

GOLD! In May Woodcroft was named as a prestigious Trinity Champion Centre 2023/24 for our successful delivery of the Arts Award, a Trinity College qualification, in association with Arts Council England.



GOLD! In April Woodcroft's Dance Team were the gold medal champions at the 2023 UDOIT National Street Dance Championships!

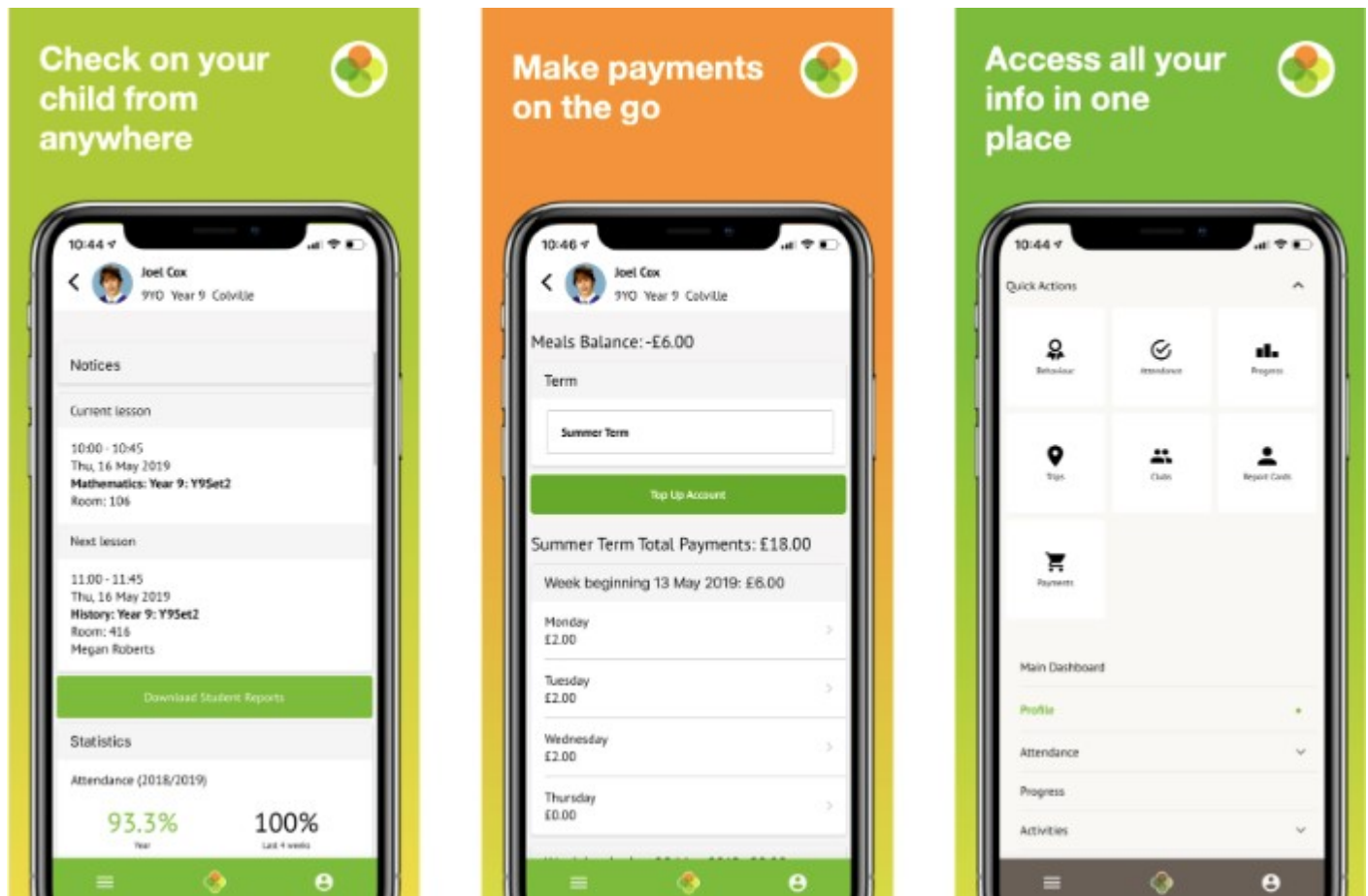


Mayor of London's offer of free school meals for KS2 pupils



Reminder, from September 2023 all primary school children (Reception to Year 6) can receive free school meals for the full academic year. You can read a letter from the Mayor of London here: <https://bit.ly/46luL3b>

Arbor Parent Portal



Make sure you can access your school Arbor account. Download the app in order to access all of your school details and make payments when necessary!

Emails were resent last week to all parents who have yet to login. Please follow the simple steps to activate your account. Thank you

CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to every pupil that completed the Barnet Libraries Summer Reading Challenge - **'Ready, Set, Read!'**

We would like to see lots more medals and certificates to celebrate in assembly. Regular reading is the best thing you can do to guarantee success in school!

The Benefits of Reading Aloud Together at Home

Whatever the age of your child, Nursery to Year 6, reading aloud together improves accuracy and fluency

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'!***



Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?



School budgets have been significantly cut in recent years. Did you know that we are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra **£1345** for every pupil who is eligible so it is vital that the school knows who qualifies.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are NOT told who qualifies – we rely on parents informing the school.

You are eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

In these times of drastic cuts to school budgets it is essential that Woodcroft receives the maximum funding. Please speak with our Office staff if you think you may qualify.

Year Group Curriculum Evenings - Parents Invited To Attend

Our Year Group Curriculum Evenings take place over the next two weeks. Each year group meeting will occur on a different day to enable all parents the opportunity to attend. We shall host them in the main hall, directly after dismissal at 3.30pm.

- Y6 Tuesday September 12th inc: KS2 SATs, Bronze Arts Award, Residential & Secondary Transfer
- Y1 Wednesday 13th September inc Phonics Briefing
- Y2 Thursday 14th September
- Y3 Tuesday 19th September inc Transition to KS2
- Y4 Wednesday 20th September inc Y4 MTC
- Y5 Thursday 21st September inc Secondary Transfer

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications



Year 6 families are now able to complete their applications to transfer to secondary school next year in September 2024. If any parent requires help with the application process please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with Mr Tallon. This is best done over the next week or so in good time ahead of the October 31st deadline.

Arts Award Success at Woodcroft



Woodcroft is an accredited Arts Council ArtsAward Centre. Pupils in Year 6 are given the opportunity to develop Arts Award portfolios that they can then submit to Trinity College London for Bronze Arts Award accreditation.



We are pleased to announce that 30 pupils in Year 6 achieved their Bronze Arts Award this summer - an amazing achievement! We shall be inviting them back to a special Arts Award Presentation Evening on **Wednesday 4th October at 5.00pm.**

We shall be offering our current Year 6 the opportunity to enrol on the programme. For a small fee of £25 pupils are able to gain a nationally recognised 'Level 1' qualification from the internationally renowned Trinity College London.



Government uniform guidance: What parents need to know



The government has published statutory guidance aimed at making school uniforms more "affordable". The Education Secretary said "*school uniform provides a sense of identity and community for children and young people, and should be a real source of pride, but it must be affordable for families.*"

Parents at Woodcroft will be reassured to know that we currently meet all of the criteria set by the Government regarding school uniform. We do this by:

- Regularly reviewing our uniform policy
- Keeping branded items 'to a minimum'
- Selling items at the cheapest price to parents.



Uniform Reminder about School Footwear

Pupils are dressing very smartly for school at Woodcroft, however we need to remind parents and carers about our footwear. If the footwear is made from fabric or has a prominent logo then it is not appropriate for school.



School footwear must be **plain black.**

Uniform Ordering

Please visit our uniform page <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/uniform/>

You can order both uniform and PE kit directly from our supplier, Mapac at ...

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

PE Uniform Days

Pupils must wear their PE Uniform to school on their Games and PE days.

Year Group Games Day

Full plain **navy blue kit** comprises a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers. Your child will be doing outside games sessions on the following days:

Year 1: Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday

Year 6: Thursday

Year Group Friday PE Day

Classes do an extra unit of PE for part of the term. This will enable teachers to fully cover the gymnastics and dance elements of the national curriculum. Class teachers will notify parents and carers when their child's class is taking part in one of the extra units. The extra units will only be for half of the term. The rest of the term will focus on studying Spanish in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) and additional reading in KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

(Table showing Extra PE days for the Autumn term)

Please check below to see when your child requires their blue PE uniform on Friday						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
September to October	PE	Reading	PE (Monday)	Spanish	PE	Spanish
November to December	Reading	PE	Spanish	PE	Spanish	PE

Note: Year 3 will be receiving their additional session on a Monday (and NOT Friday) this half term. Their PE will be taught by our resident choreographer, Miss Williamms. 3M will do Dance from September to October while 3A do Spanish. Then, they will swap November to December. This means that 3A do not need to wear a PE kit on Monday until November.

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School

Classroom Kit for Year 1 to Year 6

We recommend every child to have their own pencil case with essential equipment.

Pencil case essentials (for Y1 to Y6):

- Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pencils

Optional extras for KS2 (years 3 , 4, 5 & 6)

- Glue Stick
- Protractor (angle measure)
- Handwriting Pen
- Highlighter



Refillable Water Bottles Only: Always remember your refillable water bottle. We do not allow disposable single use bottles in school.

Year 6

Year 6 pupils are only allowed to bring a clear plastic pencil case to school. This is to ensure that all pupils are fully compliant with the testing arrangements for their KS2 SATs.

Nursery admissions for Autumn Term 2023

30 Hours FLEXIBLE provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

We still have a few places left in our Nursery this term. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register.

*****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

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

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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