WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

November

Girls Football Team vs Edgware 24th

Strings and Brass Concert - 30th November

Book Fair starts - 28th November

December

Christmas Lunch 7th

Year 2 Show #1 14th
Year 2 Show #2 15th

Y1, Y3 & Y5 Party Day 18th

Y2, Y4 & Y6 Party Day 19th

Reception Sing - along Tuesday 19th 2.45pm

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PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about School Council in KS2

Primary Maths Challenge



Last week, 20 of Woodcroft's expert mathematicians took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, where they were faced with 25 perplexing problems to solve. Each problem increased in difficulty, with some of the hardest questions going beyond GCSE level. The pupils were determined and every pupil achieved a competitive score. The results are in! Congratulations to the **Gold Award winner: Asaad (Y6)!** Close behind were our **Silver Award winners: Troi (Y6), Ilyas (Y6) and David B (Y6)**, while the **Bronze Award** went to **Kassandra (Y6)**.

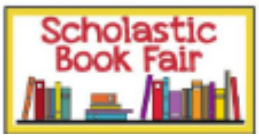
Year 6 Quiz Team Trip To Queenswell School

On Friday 17th November, Miss Jackson took five Y6 pupils (Asaad, Jack, Ilyas, Kassandra and Jawerya) to compete in the Barnet Quiz Event at Queenswell School. When we arrived we noticed every other school was wearing their uniform except us because it was Children In Need Day!

The first round was a geography quiz all about capital cities. For the second, we answered general knowledge questions. One of the questions was: 'What is the largest organ throughout the human body?' We said skin, but it was apparently the liver. Round three was fun because we listened to music and had to guess the song name and artist. For the mental maths round Asaad had to answer a question in front of everyone. In round five, Ilyas was asked to spell 'twelfth' correctly. Overall, we think it was a success because we got 36.5 points. We had so much fun riding back in Mr Tallon's car and he gave us some 'healthy' snacks on the return journey back to school. What a brilliant day!

Report by Jawerya and Kassandra on behalf of the Y6 Quiz Team.

Book Fair: 28th November - 4th December



Our annual Christmas Book Fair is almost here! From Tuesday 28th November to Monday 4th December you will have the opportunity to visit the fair at the end of the school day in the Main Hall. There will be a wide range of books to choose from, covering ages 3 - 11 years. Remember, every book you purchase enables the school to choose FREE books for our own library.

The Book Fair will not be running on Friday 1st December.

Please note: we prefer to accept cash at the Book Fair but you can also pay by phone using the QR code available at the fair.



Be Punctual For School

ALL children must be in school for registration by 8.45am.
Doors and gates open from 8.30am for children to enter class. Pupils who arrive after 8.45am will be issued with a late mark.

Applications for Reception Class starting September 2024



Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for next September. Generally, these will be children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

Online applications are now open and all pupils need to apply by Wednesday 15th January 2024. Please remember that attendance at our Nursery is not a guarantee of a place in Woodcroft's Reception classes. For more information visit: https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/
Applications can be started at https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Nursery admissions now from age 3 years old

Woodcroft Nursery now accepts applications for children to start from the age of 3 years old.
We enrol children at the start of each term when they are three:

- For a **September** start date a child must turn 3 before 31st August.
- For a **January** start date a child must turn 3 between 1st September and 31st December.
- For an **April** start date a child must turn 3 before the last day in February (28th/29th)

Children can then apply to start our Reception class from the September of the year they will become 4 years old.

Apply Now
Applications for Woodcroft Nursery are made directly to the school. You can register your child for our waiting list at any age. Please contact the Main Office register or book a visit..

For the current 2023 – 2024 academic year the key admissions dates are:
September 2023 start – born between 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020.
January 2024 start – born between 1st September 2020 to 31st December 2020
April 2024 start – born between 1st January 2021 and 28th/29th February 2021



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 Asaad (6J) age 11 and Ifza (1S) age 6

Reception and Nursery Autumn Walk to the Park



On Wednesday the 22nd of November our EYFS classes, Nursery and Reception, went on a lovely Autumn Walk to Watling Park. We explored our immediate surroundings, connecting with and appreciating the beauty of our local area.

We learnt about the importance of 'road safety' before our trip and used all the natural treasures we collected on our trip to extend our knowledge of the world around us as well as using them to make lovely art creations such as Autumn Crowns and Bracelets.

Thank you to our parent community for their support on the trip!













Children In Need 2023

Woodcroft pupils celebrated Children In Need Day by dressing in their Pudsey Power of kindness costumes. We all dressed as characters that inspired them to be good! Enjoy a small selection of our photographs below!









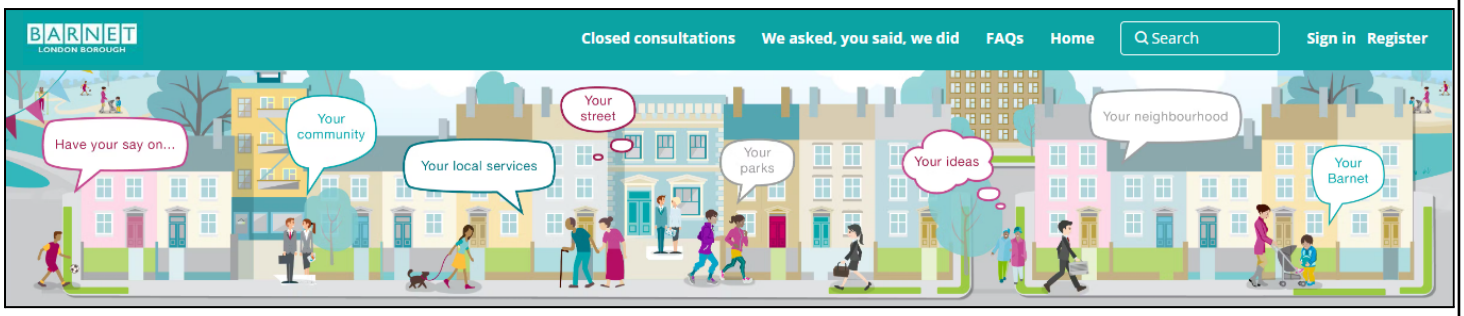








Parking Around School - Consultation Response



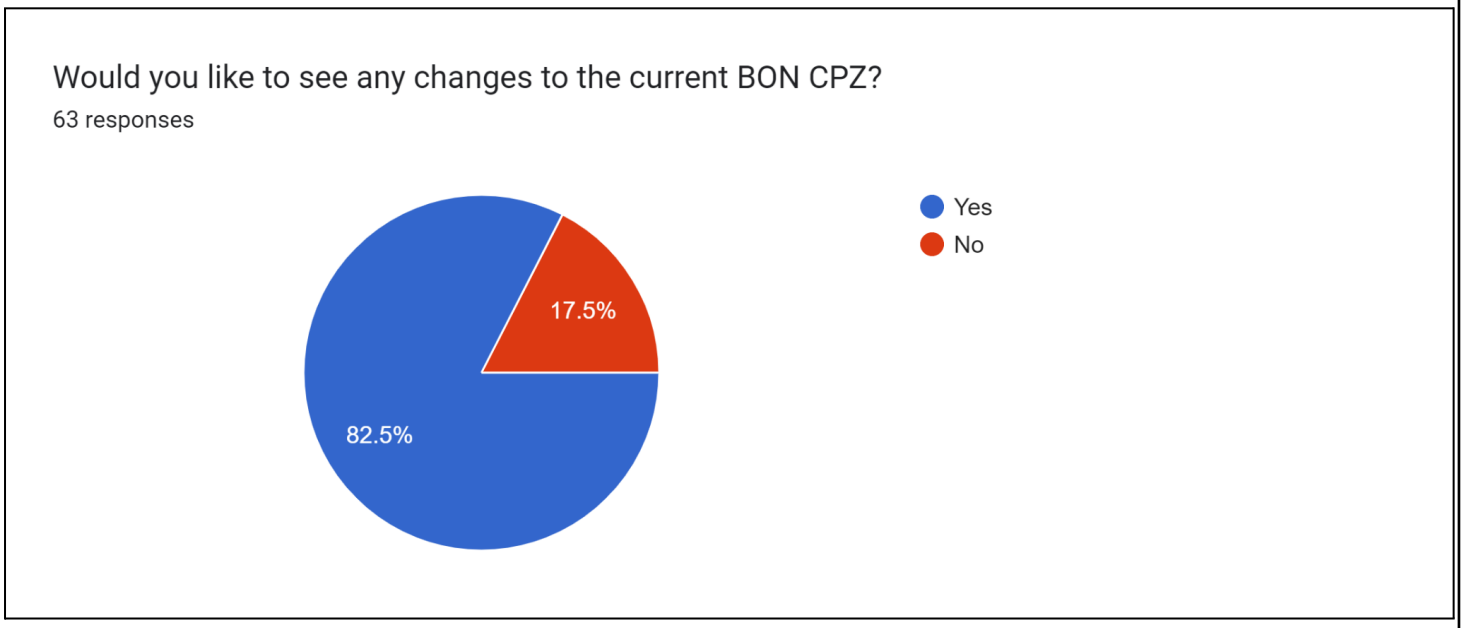
Woodcroft Primary School Community Response to Consultation on Burnt Oak North (BON) Experimental CPZ

The Governing Body of Woodcroft Primary School have consulted with its school community regarding the BON Controlled Parking Zone. A total of 63 questionnaire responses were returned over a one week period. Appendices 1 and 2 of this report contain the full, unedited, responses to the two questionnaire questions.

1. Would you like to see any changes to the current CPZ?
2. Please provide any other views or comments about the CPZ in this area

Summary

In summary, 82.5% (52/63) would like the current parking arrangements to be changed



The vast majority of requested changes fell within two broad categories.

1. The CPZ to be removed

or

2. The CPZ restriction times to be reduced to, for example, one of the following:
    a. A one hour period during the day
    b. To a reduced period of reasonable length between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm e.g. 10.30am to 2.00pm
    c. Weekdays only

Community concerns about the current CPZ can be summarised as follows:

- The CPZ has reduced road safety
- It negatively impacts on the well-being of residents, parents and staff
- Results in deprived area becoming more isolated
- Causes inequality with other neighbourhoods
- It is not required for stated aims
- Increases living costs on residents and employees
- Directly impacts on resident activity at weekends
- It was not requested or voted for
- Has a detrimental impact on school activities
- The CPZ disproportionately impacts on the vulnerable, elderly and disabled
- It is a council money making scheme - prioritising council budget over needs of residents
- Impacts on delivery of community services based in schools and doctors

Proposals

As the Governing Body of Woodcroft Primary School we recognise the aim of the CPZ was to improve the parking and quality of life for local residents. However, based on our community feedback, we believe it is actually having a negative impact on both residents, parking and school operations. This is detailed in the vast majority of community responses (see appendices 1 & 2).

Further to this feedback, we now ask the following proposals are considered:

1. The times in which CPZ restrictions operate are reduced to a single period during the day e.g. Monday to Friday between 11.00am to 2.00pm.
2. Restrictions are removed at weekends
3. A school pick-up/drop off zone is established within the CPZ allowing parents 15 minutes parking time during the period of operation

Yours faithfully

Richard Burrows — Chair of Governors

Craig Tallon — Headteacher

You can also submit your views individually by the following methods:

- email: parking.consultations@barnet.gov.uk
- telephone 020 8359 3555, or
- write to: The Parking Design Team, 7th Floor. 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW

Find out more about the scheme here: **https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/burnt-oak-north-bon-experimental-cpz**



Festive Events

November

- Girls Football Match vs Edgware
- Book Fair - 28th November - 4th December

Strings & Brass Concert

- 30th November 2.30 - 3.00pm

December

- Christmas Lunch - 7th Thursday (children can wear festive jumpers and hats)
- Year 5 Trip to The Tower of London Tuesday 5th December

Year 2 Show Week

- Year 2 Show #1 Thursday 14th at 9.30am
- Year 2 Show #2 Friday 15th at 2.00pm

Final Week Festivities

- Festival of Dance (Cheerleaders and Dance Team perform) to families at 9.15am
- Y1, Y3 & Y5 Party Day - Monday 18th
- Y2, Y4 & Y6 Party Day - Tuesday 19th
- Reception Christmas Sing-a-long - Tuesday 19th 2.45pm
- Christmas Assembly - Wednesday 20th December - KS1 & F AM , KS2 PM
- Reception Christmas Party Wednesday 20th PM
- Nursery Christmas stay and play party - Wednesday 20th
    - Nursery AM stay and play 8.45 - 9.30am
    - Nursery PM Stay and Play 12.15 - 1.00pm

Last Day

- Final Day of term - Thursday 21st December
  School finishes at 2.15pm
  The Nursery Last day will now be the same as the whole school on Thursday 21st December

Spring Term 2024

- Pupils Return on Tuesday 9th January (first day of term)

Grahame Park Community Safety

Parent Information Sessions

Working Together to Improve Community Safety, Awareness and Trust



Saracens High School (assembly hall), Corner Mead NW9 4AS

All sessions will take place from 5-6.30pm.

Register for the events using the QR code below

- **Thursday 23 November: Launch event.**
  Join us for some food and connect with your local neighbourhood and networks.
- **Thursday 30 November: Online Safety and Mental Health.**
  Delivered by PREVENT and Resilient Schools.
- **Thursday 7 December: Anti-social Behaviour.**
  Delivered by Community Safety team and Safer Neighbourhoods team.
- **Thursday 18 January 2024: Empowering communities to work together for positive change.**
  Delivered by Children's Social Care Services.

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Register at bit.ly/saracens

Book your place here

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