WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

January

22nd Jan - 26th Jan
Y5 Bikeability L2 training

23rd Jan Y1 and Y2: Road safety training with The Riot Act Theatre Group

24th Jan EYFS Parent Workshop (Tapestry)

24th Jan Dance Team cake sale!

31st Jan EYFS Parent Phonics Workshop

31st Girls Football Match vs Trent KO 3.45pm @ BOLC

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PSHE Theme

Ask your child about
Snappy Thinking



Dance Team Cake Sale

Wednesday 24th January at 3:15pm

Our championship Dance Team is fundraising to enable them to compete in this year's national tournaments!
There will be a cake sale on Wednesday 24th January at 3:15pm in the main hall. Money is desperately needed to fund transport for two competitions taking place in March. If you are able to, please donate cakes to the school office on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. Come along at 3.15pm for a tasty treat!





Advance Notice

WASP SEN Group Coffee Morning
Woodcroft's Advice and Support for Parents

Wednesday, 13th March at 9.00am

Ms Vanner and Mrs Smith are running this term's Coffee Morning for Parents with Children with Special Educational Needs on Wednesday, 13th March at 9.00am. It will be a time to find out about the latest information to support you and your child and a chance to meet other parents.

Keep Your Child Healthy and Attending School

High rates of pupil absence from school are significantly affecting pupil progress. Check out this blog if you are concerned about your child's well-being ..https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/



Introducing Woodcroft's New Handwriting Scheme

Kinetic Letters

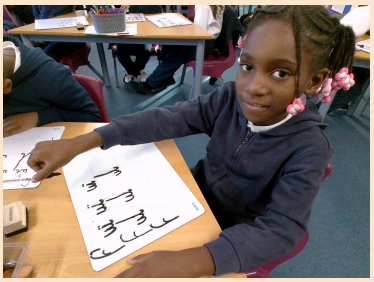
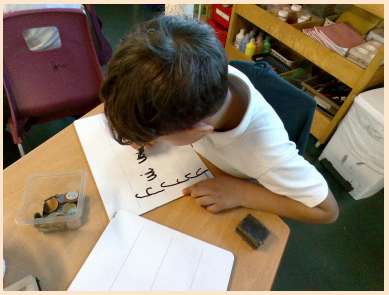
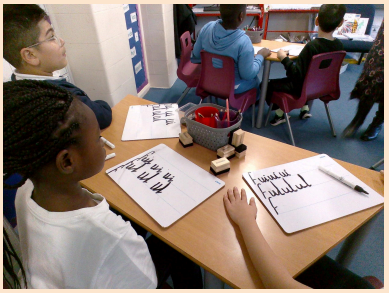
At the beginning of this term we introduced a new handwriting scheme to Early Years and KS1 called Kinetic Letters. As well as teaching correct letter formation, the scheme also focuses on developing body strength, writing position, pencil hold and joining the letters. It enables children to develop legible handwriting that is produced quickly and automatically. The font covers all letters of the alphabet, including capitals and numbers, and is based on a set of rules that are easy to learn and follow.

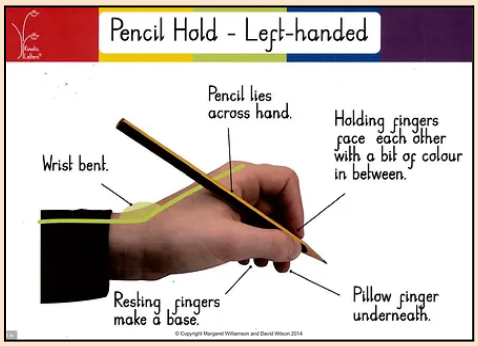
We have put some more details on our website: https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/kinetic-letters/. Have a look at Kinetic Letters in action this week in class!





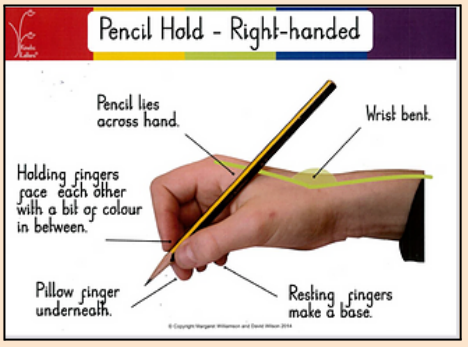

Nursery children have been writing letters in the sand and on whiteboards, as well as developing body strength with correct floor writing posture. Reception classes are learning the 'three friends' hold for their pencils.



There are specific programmes for left and right handed writers

Year 2 then practising their pencil pick-up and also moving onto their joined letter formation.



All KS1 and Foundation Stage staff received detailed training last week to implement the programme. We look forward to beautifully neat handwriting at Woodcroft!

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 to 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 31st March 2021

2024 - 2025 academic year

September 2024 start – born between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021.
January 2025 start – born between 1st September 2021 to 31st December 2021
April 2025 start – born between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022

Childcare Choices

Woodcroft offers the FREE 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 new **30 hours free childcare** offer. This can be worth around £5,000 per child to working parents. Parents should register now for these new childcare offers, through the Government website **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.**

Year 3 Bikeability



bikeability

Congratulations to all our Year 3 pupils who took part in a two day Bikeability training course last week. All pupils were able to complete the course and achieve success in line with their ability. Azan in 3M and Maxim in 3A both thought that the course was fantastic because it was a lot of fun and helped them to improve their cycling skills. Azan particularly enjoyed all of the cycling games as everyone had to listen very carefully to the instructions to achieve success. Our Instructors Marcel and Jay commented that Woodcroft should be very proud of our pupils who were well-mannered throughout their training and a credit to the school.

cyclinginstructor.com

Well done Year 3!



Workshops for Reception and Nursery Parents and Carers

The Reception and Nursery Team will be holding a series of Parent Workshops and Stay & Play sessions over the next few months. All parents in Reception and Nursery are encouraged to come along to these Parent Workshops.

There will be sessions on Tapestry, The Treehouse and Arbor, Maths, Writing and Phonics. Learning to read, write and understand mathematics. Families will then be encouraged to continue the learning activities at home.

'Parent Workshops' will take place on Wednesday mornings, in the Tardis (see outline below) from 9:00 – 10:00 am.
A crèche will be available 9:00 – 10:00 am for Parent Workshops and 'Stay & Play' sessions. 'Stay & Play' sessions on Wednesdays give parents the opportunity to spend some time in class and observe a lesson being taught that links to the workshop on the previous Wednesday.

2024 Timetable for 'Parent Workshops' and 'Stay & Play' sessions

Subject of Parent Workshop	Date of Parent Workshop	Date of 'Stay & Play' session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Tapestry, Treehouse and Arbor	24.01.2024		Mr Russell	Ms Khan
Phonics	31.01.2024	07.02.2024	Ms Khan	Mr Russell
Half term (12.02.2024 - 18.02.2024)				
Writing	21.02.2024	28.02.23	Mrs Patel	Ms Khan
Mathematics	06.03.2024	13.03.2024	Ms Richards	Ms Khan

What's your child's attendance?

Is it above the expected 96%? Or is it below 90% and a serious concern?!

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, you are categorised as a Persistent Absentee. You could be required to meet with the attendance team at school or the Education Welfare Officer from Barnet.

Check the Arbor App and confirm your child's attendance.

Arbor



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

Sara 1D (age 6) and Stiliyan 1D (age 6)

Spring Term #1 2024



January

22nd - 26th Jan Year 5 Bikeability L2 training

23rd Jan Year 1 and Year 2: Road safety training - The Riot Act Theatre Group performance 'Don't Get Squished' (main hall out of action from 1:30pm - 2:45pm)

24th Jan EYFS Parent Workshop (Tapestry, Treehouse Home Link Books)

24th Jan Dance Team Cake Sale - 3:15pm Large hall

31st Jan EYFS Parent Workshop (Phonics Workshop) 9.00am

31st Jan Y6 & Reception Height and Weight Checks - In from 9.30am

31st Jan Girls Football Club Match vs Trent @ Burnt Oak leisure 3.45 Kick Off

February

2nd Feb NSPCC Rocks Times tables Rock Stars Competition

5th - 9th Feb ESFA Football Week
Class football tournament - Mixed 6-a-side teams from each class

5th -11th Feb Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 Theme: 'My Voice Matters'
https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/

6th Feb Safer Internet Day #SID - Safer Internet Day 2024 Theme: 'Inspiring change?'

7th Feb EYFS Phonics Stay and Play

9th Feb Sports Kit Day - wear your favourite team kit to school

Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon (Saturday 10th February)

12th - 16th Feb ½ Term

Half-Term Science Camp … venue in Mill Hill



Local Children's Centre Activities

Download the spring timetable here:
https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2024/01/11194605/West-Spring-timetable-2024_.pdf



Children's Centres

West Locality

Monday 8 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024

Please note: Separate Timetable for Spring Half Term 12.02.24 – 16.02.24

	Fairway A Sure Start Children's Centre	Silkstream A Sure Start Children's Centre	Wingfield A Sure Start Children's Centre
Monday	**Stay and Play** 9.30 - 11am, 0 – 5 years **Starts 15.01.24** **Play and Support Group** Please turn over for details	**Baby Group** 9.30 - 11am, 0 – 18 months **Starts 08.01.24** **Stay and Play** 1 - 2.30pm, 0 - 5 years **Starts 08.01.24**	**Stay and Play at OneStonegrove HA8 8BN** 9.30 – 11am, 0-5 years **Starts 08.01.24 – Ends 18.03.24** **Baby Group at OneStonegrove HA8 8BN** 11.30am – 12.30pm, 0-18 months **Starts 08.01.24 – Ends 18.03.24**
Tuesday	**Baby group** 10 – 11.30am, 0 – 18 months **Starts 09.01.24** **Health Promotion Workshops,** Please turn over Introduction to Solids **13.02.24** Toilet training **20.02.24** Sleep Management Routines **19.03.24** Managing Mealtimes, Healthy Eating **26.03.24**	**Stay and Play,** 9.30 - 11am, 0 – 5 years **Starts 09.01.24**	**Stay and Play at Orion School NW7 2AL** 9 – 10.30am, 18 months -5 years **Starts 09.01.24 – Ends 19.03.24** **Baby Group at Greentop NW9 5WR** 12.15 – 1.30pm, 0-12 months **Starts 09.01.24 – Ends 19.03.24**
Wednesday	**Stay and Play at Broadfields School HA8 8JP** 9.15 – 10.45am, 0 – 5 years, **Starts 17.01.24 – Ends 13.03.24** **Registered Childminders Group** 9.30 – 11am **Baby Self-Weighing** Booking Required	**Baby Group** 1 - 2.30pm, 0 – 18 months **Starts 10.01.24**	**Stay and Play at Greentop NW9 5WR** 12.30 - 2pm, 0-5 years **Starts 10.01.24– Ends 20.03.24**
Thursday	**Stay and Play** 9.30 - 11am, 0 – 5 years **Messy Play Workshop, 21.03.24** Please turn over for details **Baby Self-Weighing** Booking Required	**Fun with Science, 25.01.24 -** Turn over for details **Family Arts and Crafts, 21.03.24** - Turn over for details **Stay and Play** 1 - 2.30pm, 0 – 5 years **Starts 11.01.24** **Baby Self-Weighing** Booking Required	**No Sessions**
Friday	**Baby Group** 1.30 – 3pm, 0 – 18 months **Messy Play Workshop, 26.01.24** Please turn over for details **Developmental Baby Massage** 10 – 11am, 8 – 18 weeks, **01.03.24 – 22.03.24 Booking Required**	**Stay and Play** 9.30 - 11am, 0 – 5 years **Starts 12.01.24** **Baby Self-Weighing** Booking Required **Weekend Special!** **Family Sunday Stay and Play at Fairway,** **17.03.24**, 9.30 – 11.30am	**Kids' Kitchen, Healthy Eating Session at Silkstream,** **12.01.24 – 09.02.24** or **26.02.24 – 16.03.24,** 12.30 – 2pm, 2 – 5 years **Booking Required,** Please turn over for details

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated

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