WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

January

31st Jan EYFS Parent Phonics Workshop

31st Girls Football vs Trent 3.45pm @ BOLC

February

2nd NSPCC Rocks Times tables Rock Stars Competition

5th - 9th Feb ESFA Football Week

5th -11th Feb Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 2024

6th Feb Safer Internet Day #SID2024

7th Feb EYFS Phonics Stay and Play

9th Feb Sports Kit Day

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PSHE Theme

Ask your child about
Snappy Thinking



Road Safety Workshop - 'Muffin Don't Get Squished'



THE RIOT ACT

This week, pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fun, educational and interactive road safety workshop called 'Muffin, Don't Get Squished' performed by the Riot Act Theatre Group.The fun packed workshop used story-telling, poetry, puppetry and music to promote and teach key road safety skills as well as how to be a safe pedestrian. During the follow up workshops in class this week Year 1 and Year 2 pupils had the opportunity to recall key road safety messages with Sara, Yuvvan and Clara in Year 1 discussing the importance of remembering to Stop, Look and Listen when crossing the road as well as the safety message of always wearing a helmet when riding a bike or a scooter. Anayah, Mohamed and Ryleigh in Year 2 talked about how the puppets had helped them to remember how important it is to always walk on the pavement and not the road and to look left, right and listen when crossing the road.









Woodcroft's New Handwriting Scheme

More Kinetic Letters in Action!

Our Early Years classes (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) have been getting to grips with our new handwriting programme, **Kinetic Letters**! Our website has more details: https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/kinetic-letters/. Check out Kinetic Letters in action, this week featuring Nursery, 1D and 2L



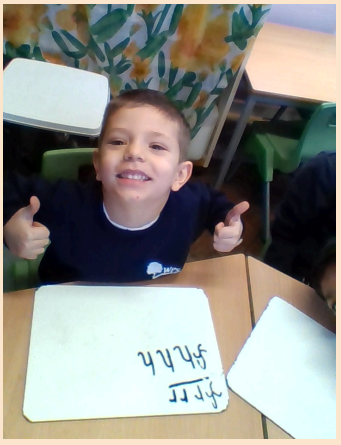


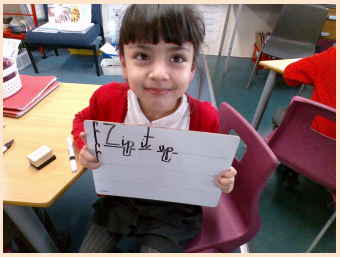






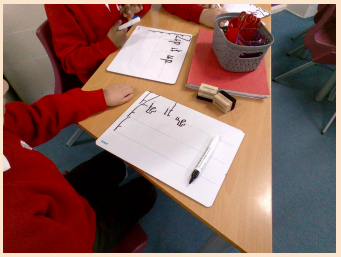












Year 5 Bikeability

This week it was the turn of Year 5 to develop their cycling skills over five days of intensive training. All pupils were able to achieve success in line with their ability.Tiffany in 5H thoroughly enjoyed the course and said 'Cycling on the road was brilliant and even though it was raining, we still managed to have a great time.The instructors taught me a lot.' Theo in 5R said 'My confidence as a cyclist has improved so much during this cycle training course. I would definitely recommend level 2 training to everyone!.

Well done Year 5!

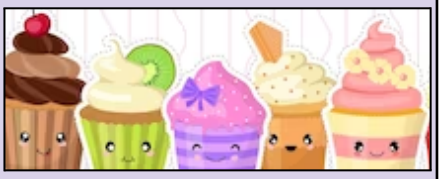






Dance Team Cake Sale Success!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who both donated cakes to and bought cakes from the Dance Team Cake Sale this week! We were blown away with donations and raised a record-breaking **£442.62**! This will go towards costumes and transportation for our competitions this year. As always, your support and generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to everyone who helped with selling**!**



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)

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

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. Parents need to register in advance for these childcare offers, through the Government website**. Apply now for April at** [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Reception and Nursery Workshops



PARENT WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday 24th January Early Years held their first Parent Workshop led by Mr Russell & Ms Khan. The presentation covered a lot of essential topics. These included; Tapestry, Treehouse, Arbor, Reading Record and Home Link Books. Parents were also reminded about enrolment on to a parent course for Sound-Write Phonics.

For familles unable to attend the presentation will be available to view on the Treehouse.

Please come along to the next Parent Workshop to learn all about how we teach reading! This will take place on Wednesday 31st January in the Tardis (see schedule below). A crèche will be available 9:00 – 10:00 am for the Parent Workshops and 'Stay & Play' sessions. Allow extra time for travel or parking due to the CPZ restrictions on certain streets.!

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
Phonics	31.01.2024	07.02.2024	Ms Khan	Mr Russell
Writing	21.02.2024	28.02.23	Mrs Patel	Ms Khan
Mathematics	06.03.2024	13.03.2024	Ms Richards	Ms Khan

Times Tables Rock Stars

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

We are encouraging our pupils to practise their Time Tables Rock Stars performances ready for the big competition that is coming soon on 2nd February. Who will be the highest scoring class in Woodcroft this term?



Spring Term #1 2024



January

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

Lunar New Year & Zodiac Year of the Dragon (Saturday 10th February)

½ Term 12th - 16th February



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

Rayhan (2L) age 7

IMPORTANT MMR IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

As you may be aware there has been an increase in the number of measles cases nationally and this is something we are also seeing in Barnet. Children who have not received the required 2 doses of MMR vaccine are being offered the opportunity to get this vaccine as soon as possible. Download the letter here…
https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2024/01/24173145/Woodcroft-MMR-Parent-letter-.pdf

Central London Community Healthcare NHS
NHS Trust
Your healthcare closer to home

School Age Immunisation Team

Barnet Team	Harrow Team	Hounslow Team
Mill Hill Clinic	Alexandra Avenue Health Centre	Heston H/C
Hartley Avenue	275 Alexandra Avenue	25 Cranford Lane
Mill Hill	Harrow	Hounslow
NW7 2HX	HA2 9DX	TW5 9ER
Tel: 0208-447-3622	Tel: 0208-102-6333	Tel: 0203-691-1013

January 2024

Important information regarding – Immunisations for young people

MMR IMMNUISATIONS

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am sure you have read and seen on the news that Measles infection is spreading in communities across the UK and we have seen an increase in cases in our boroughs. Measles spreads easily and can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia and meningitis.

Your child can be protected from this serious infection by receiving two doses of the MMR vaccine. The first dose is given at the age of **12 months** and the second dose is given at around **3 years and 4 months**, before starting school. Having both doses gives long lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella. The MMR vaccine has been protecting children against measles for many years and millions of doses have been administered in the UK.

The vaccine has been thoroughly tested and is the safest and most effective way to protect your child against the disease. You can find more information about the MMR vaccination here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, please check their Red Book (personal child health record). The 1st MMR is usually recorded on page 21, 1 year Immunisations and the 2nd on page 22, Preschool Immunisations. You can also check with your GP if they have had both vaccines.

If your child is not up to date please complete the consent form using the link below.

Please click on the following link to access the consent form:
https://clchschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/MMR

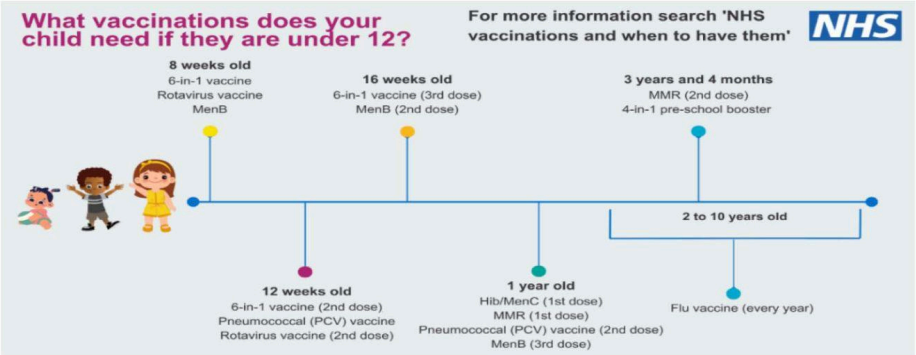
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You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is **CL134677**

The Immunisation Team will contact you to arrange an appointment for the vaccination to be given

If your child is not up to date with their MMR vaccinations, it is important that you complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine so we can update your child's record.

This graphic shows the vaccinations your child should be having by age.



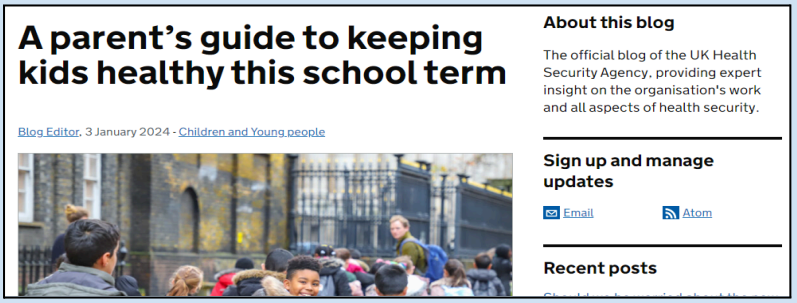
To find out more about childhood vaccinations, please visit the NHS website:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

Yours sincerely,

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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 health and well-being.

https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/

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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