WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

February

2nd NSPCC Rocks TTRS 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

½ Term Break
Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
(school closed)

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PSHE Theme









Next week there are two important national events taking place at the same time; the English Schools FA Football Week and Children's Mental Health Week. We will support both of these at Woodcroft together through the 'Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing' and run a class football tournament.

In games lessons pupils will form mixed (girls and boys) 5-side teams and play against each other. The winners will then go through to the grand final on Friday



By taking part in these games pupils will be **active**, **connecting** with others in their team, **taking notice** and respecting opponents, **learning** to both win and lose gracefully, and **give** congratulations to the winners. Most importantly, we hope to have fun!

Friday is Football Kit Day! We will be having an optional non-uniform day on Friday 9th February when pupils can wear their favourite sports kit to school. Don't worry, it doesn't have to be football - you can wear any type of sports kit and we are NOT collecting money.



NSPCC Rocks



Today we are taking part in the first TTRS competition of the year. Final results will be available after 7.30pm so please encourage your children to use up their remaining game minutes to improve their class scores!



CERTIFICATE
OF SUPPORT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Woodcroft Primary School

Supports Safer Internet Day 2024

6 February 2024

#SaferInternetDay UK Safer Internet Centre saferinternetday.org.uk

It is national 'Safer Internet Day' **#SID24** in association with the UK Safer Internet Centre on Tuesday 6th February. This year's theme is titled **"Together for a better internet".** Visit Woodcroft's Online Safety Page for parents and carers by looking out for this icon on the school website.



Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers

We know that navigating the online world with your child is a difficult task, and hope that the resources listed help support and inform you. These include:

parentzone The experts in digital family life

Parent Zone has been providing information and support to parents for over a decade. The website includes parent guides to a full range of online services your child may wish to use. It also supports some fantastic research and resources such as the Be Internet Legends curriculum (studied by Year Six) in partnership with Google. Meet Ollee, a virtual friend for children aged 8 to 11 – with a free app to support child mental health and wellbeing, and Digiland, an online game to support discussions of online safety with your child.

internet matters.org

Internet Matters is a not-for-profit organisation formed by some of the biggest companies providing UK internet services; Sky, TalkTalk, BT and Virgin Media. Their aim is to provide advice and support for parents. Working with a wide coalition of industry partners, including the BBC, Google, Samsung and Facebook, they also collaborate with sector experts, government and schools to reach UK families with tools, tips and resources.

Digital Parenting

Vodafone Digital Parenting is a website with lots of articles to support parents. A FREE magazine is produced and you can download copies from the website. Why not try their Family Pledge to open discussions about safe online behaviour in your household?

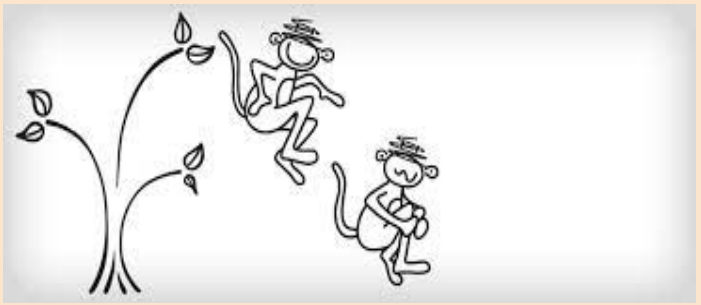
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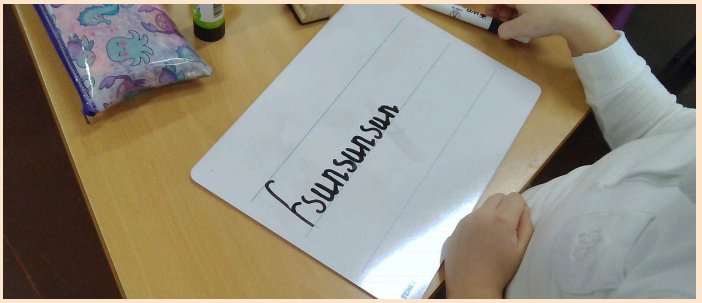
Common Sense Media offers reviews of a range of media, offering age ratings and a breakdown of the content to help you decide what's appropriate for your child.

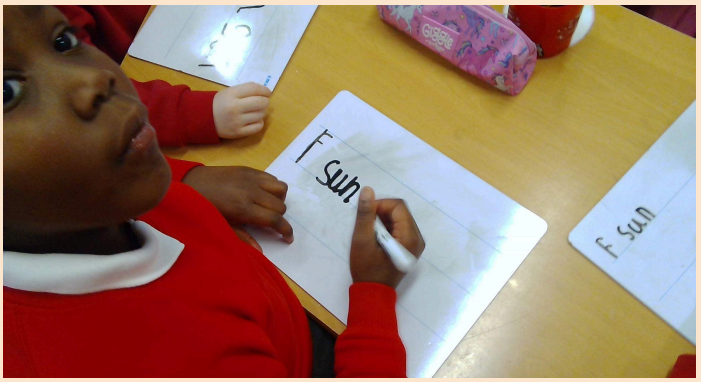
Woodcroft's New Handwriting Scheme

Kinetic Letters in Action!

Classes in KS1 and Early Years are really enjoying our new, **Kinetic Letters** handwriting programme**!** This week we feature the work of Reception and 2B practising their handwriting skills. Ask your child about 'scared monkey' and 'brave monkey' who are characters in the handwriting scheme.
Our website has more details: https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/kinetic-letters/.











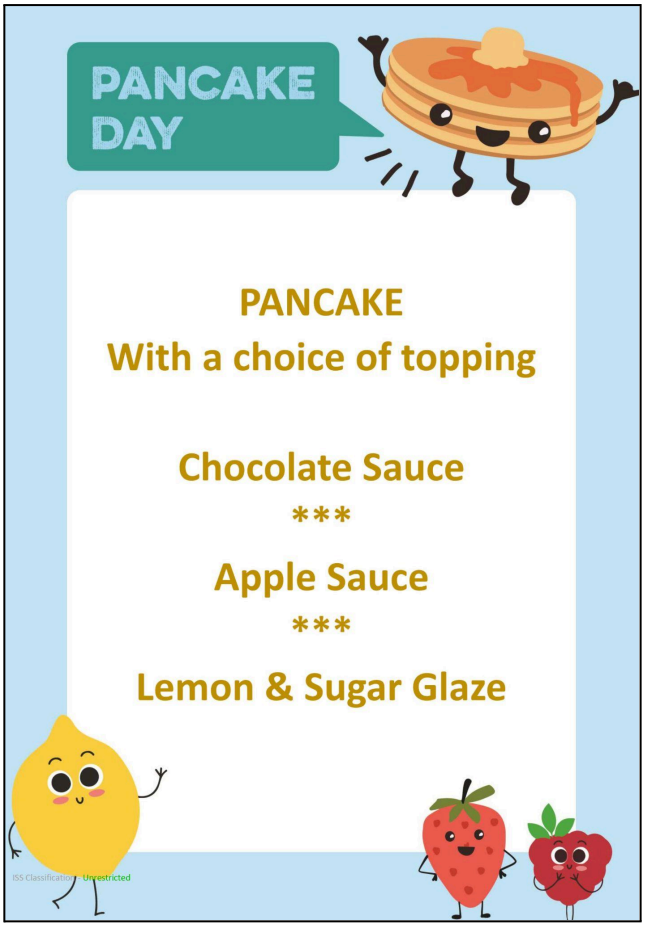




Pancakes on Thursday 8th February

National Pancake Day takes place on Tuesday 13th February across the country! However, we shall be celebrating this British tradition at lunchtime with an amended desert menu next Thursday, 8th February. Take a look at the poster from our school caterers below.





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

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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.

Reception and Nursery Workshops



PARENT WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday 31st the Early Years team held the second Parent Workshop of the year, all about Phonics! Led by Ms Khan. The presentation addressed what phonics looks like in Nursery throughout the year, whilst also introducing the key concepts of our school's phonics programme, Sounds Write. We also looked at how this programme is delivered in Reception.

Join us in the setting for our first stay and play next week on Wednesday 7th February. We invite everyone inside to watch a lesson and find out how we teach phonics and reading in school.

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!

Sounds-Write Parent Course



If you would like to learn about teaching young children to read and write using the methods we practise at Woodcroft then we recommend enrolling on the FREE Sounds-Write Parents' course at the link here:

https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/

The course is made up of a number of short videos to watch which gives parents the knowledge they need to help their child to develop into confident readers and writers.

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

February



5th - 9th Feb [ESFA Football Week]
Class football tournament - Mixed 5-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 Theme: "Together for a better internet".

7th Feb EYFS Phonics Stay and Play

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

9th - Final day before the ½ term break. School closes at the normal time of 3.15pm

School is closed for the half term break 12th - 16th February.

We reopen on Monday 19th February

21st Feb EYFS Writing workshop

22nd Feb The Little Prince - Theatre performance to EYFS and KS1
Theatre For Schools" Company (Aula Teatro)

26th Feb WEBB Schools Dodgeball Tournament for Y4 (WEBB Schools are **W**oodcroft, **E**dgware **B**arnfield and **B**roadfields - we work together to enhance the education of our pupils)

28th Feb EYFS Stay & Play Morning - writing focus

29th Feb Piano Concert Beethoven Recital to KS1 and KS2



The Birthday Book Club



We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and then celebrate by donating a book for their Class Library.

Happy Birthday to

Zayn (1S) age 6, Tasnim (1D) age 6, Freddie (1D) age 6, Habiba (1D) age 6 and Ella (3M) age 8



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S

POPPY APPEAL 2023

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to

Woodcroft Primary School

Amount raised

£189.00

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community, past and present.

EVERY POPPY COUNTS

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Registered charity number: 219279

SEA CADETS | Edgware and Mill Hill

Edgware and Mill Hill Sea Cadets are a youth organisation affiliated with the Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC) serving **students from age 9** to 18 years old. We are run by volunteers that are dedicated to working with young people both directly and behind the scenes making a positive difference to young people that are often struggling in today's world and their communities.

What we offer?

Edgware and Mill Hill Sea Cadets can offer a range of qualifications e.g. Powerboating, Drill, Advanced Seamanship and Sailing. We can also offer instructor training/courses, events to support the local community e.g. poppy selling, bag packing and Christmas Fairs in addition to Duke of Edinburgh and competitions.

Fees

There is a cost of £15 per term for junior cadets (9 to 11) and £30 per term for senior cadets (11 to 18). There is also a uniform deposit of £20. We do also have a bursary, and more information can be provided upon request.

Contact

If you're a parent that wants to support the development of our cadets or would like further information on the qualifications, courses, training, events and competitions that we can offer to your child, please contact Kushal Satra (+44 7306 122461) or Charlotte Gosling (+44 7340 511518). We are also happy to support parents with any requests for qualifications, courses, training, events and competitions that they feel may be of benefit to their child.

Invitation to an online Teams meeting

We are hosting a series of online Teams meetings for parents and guardians to get an understanding of what Edgware and Mill Hill Sea Cadets do and give you an opportunity to ask questions. Please feel free to join us online at any of the below dates:

Monday 5th February 2024 18.00-19.00
Click here to join the meeting

Wednesday 7th February 2024 19.00-20.00
Click here to join the meeting

Monday 12th February 2024 18.00-19.00
Click here to join the meeting

Friday 16th February 2024 17.30-18.30
Click here to join the meeting



