WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

23/5 Secondary Transfer Evening for Year 5 Parents and Carers -5.30pm

Half Term 27/5 to 31/5
PUPILS RETURN
Monday 3rd June

5/6/24 to 7/6/24
Y6 Bushcraft Residential

w/b 10/6 Year 4 Multiplication Check

w/b 10/6 Year 1 Phonics Check

10/6 Year 6 African Drumming

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PSHE Theme

We are thinking about …

The Woodcroft Code

Safe - Respect - Learn

National Tests for Pupils

Year 6 - SATs
Well done Year 6! They completed their national SATs tests this week in a very mature and accomplished manner. Every pupil acquitted themselves admirably and did their very best. The pupils were well prepared by our experienced Y6 staff and now wait until results are released in July.

Year 4 - MTC
The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils. In 2024, schools must administer the MTC between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June. The easiest way to get your child ready is to allow them to spend a short time practising their tables every day. Please quiz games at home or allow short sessions on times Tables Rock Stars.

Year 2 - NO SATs
The end of KS1 national curriculum assessments for Year 2 are now non-statutory. The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) has now replaced Y2 SATs as the starting level for primary progress. Pupils in Year 2 will still be assessed internally, using standardised assessments, however they do not now form part of the official government statistics.

Year 1 - Phonics
The Phonics Screening Test will be taken by all pupils in Y1 during the week commencing 10th June 2024. You do not need to do any special preparation. However, the best thing you can do as a parent is read EVERY day with your child.

Reception
Reception staff will be finalising their end of year assessments. These are not tests, but observations against the early learning goals. Parents can discuss these outcomes at the parents meeting in July.

Dance Team Cake Sale

Wednesday 22nd May at 3:15pm

Our champion Dance Team are now fundraising to help pay for their transport costs to get them to their second national finals of the year. They have already won the UNDOIT Street Championship - now they are heading to Oxford for the Great Big Dance Off!
There will be a cake sale on Wednesday 22nd May at 3:15pm in the main hall. We shall also gratefully accept any cake donations.



Can we take family holidays during term time?

Family holidays must only be taken in the school holidays. If, in **exceptional circumstances**, you need to request permission for your child to be granted a leave of absence during term time, please request a form from the school office or make an appointment to see the Headteacher.

This form will need to be completed at least a week in advance of the leave of absence. The school will review the request and any evidence provided and make a decision. If the request is approved the absence will be authorised. If the request is **not** approved the absence will be unauthorised and you may be fined, £60 per child - per parent.

What if we return to school after the start of term?

Parents could be fined with a **Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)** if their children miss the start of term. Parents will be expected to submit evidence to support their reasons for and exceptional circumstances. If the absence is regarded as unauthorised, or no evidence is given to explain it, then a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued.

Will we get a Fixed Penalty Notice for missing one day of school?

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued for unauthorised absences.

Year 5 Parent Meeting for Secondary Transfer Evening
23rd May at 5.30pm

Year 5 parents need to make a date for their diaries to come along to a meeting all about the secondary transfer process. Mr Tallon will lead a presentation and answer your questions.

Food Voucher Notice: We have been notified by Barnet that there will not be a Pupil Premium food voucher distribution during half term. They have, however, guaranteed that they will return for the summer holiday.

Passport and Visa Applications

Request identification verifications by Friday 24th May



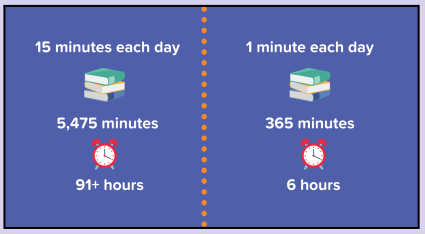
Parents often ask school staff to verify their identity and counter sign applications. This is a time consuming activity that we provide free of charge, and we are then often separately contacted by the Passport Office to provide additional checks at various points during the application process.

We have been advised to allow 10 weeks before the end of term for applications to be processed when the school might be contacted. **Therefore, please do not ask staff after Friday 24th of May to help with your application as you will be politely declined.**

The Benefits of Reading Aloud Together at Home

It is vital to find time at home to read together. As little as 15 minutes of **reading ALOUD** will prepare your child for the future - whatever their age (Nursery to Year 6)! That's because reading aloud best 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 achieve reading success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, ***read aloud Together For Success!***



Instrumental Tuition for Autumn Term 2024



Would your child like to learn a musical instrument?

We aim to offer children the opportunity to begin learning to play an instrument through the Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT), or our very own Mr Hughes, Woodcroft is committed to providing your child an outstanding arts education, and as such we will do everything we can to support your child in their musical journey. If you are interested check out the details and prices on the letters below:

To express an interest in your child receiving the musical tuition please email our Office Administrator, Maria Savova, at **msavova@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk** or call 02089593244 between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

We will then ask you to complete this online form the link: https://forms.gle/MgYsSJU2X4qECskJA

BEAT Music Tuition

Woodcroft currently offers the following tuition programmes:

Violin with Val Mclean

Charges £21 per 30 min or £10.50 per 15 minutes

10 lessons per term. Paired lessons may be available on request to reduce the cost by half.

Trumpet

Charges £14 per 20 min lesson

10 lessons per term. Paired lessons may be available on request to reduce the cost by half.

Private Music Tuition

Guitar, Piano and Ukulele with Ross Hughes

Woodcroft also provides tuition for Guitar, Piano and Ukulele with Ross Hughes. Ross has worked with Woodcroft pupils for over 10 years.

Charges £21 per lesson. Paired lessons: £10.50

10 – 14 sessions available per term

Nursery Admissions Open

Woodcroft Nursery accepts applications for children that are aged 3 or 4 years old

Now is the time to reserve your place in our Nursery. We enrol children who turn three at the start of each term:

- For a **September** start date a child must turn 3 on or 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 on or before the 31st March

Children that are already aged 3 to 4 years old can be admitted at any time subject to places being available. Younger children should be placed on our waiting list as early as possible to guarantee a place.

*****Contact our school office to reserve your place or book a visit*****

Earliest 3 Year Old Admission Dates for the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

September 2024 start is for children born on before 31 August 2021
January 2025 start is for children born on or before 31 December 2021
April 2025 start is for children born on or before 31 March 2022

30 hours free childcare

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.



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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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