WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd July

Festival of Arts Assembly 9.15am.
Dance Team and Cheerleaders performing - Families invited to attend

Year 6 Water Activity Session: 3.30pm to 4.00pm (wear PE kits to school and bring equipment as instructed)

Tuesday 23rd July

REMINDER: LAST DAY OF TERM!
TUESDAY 23RD JULY

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.15PM

September 2024

Reminder: We return after the summer break on …
Wednesday September 4th

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Good Luck to Year 6 as they embark on the next stage of their school career.

Outstanding KS2 SATs Results

Congratulations to pupils and staff for another very successful year of SATs results. Woodcroft is well above the national levels in every subject yet again!

Subject	Woodcroft*	National Average Results
Reading	84%	74%
Writing	89%	71%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	87%	72%
Maths	87%	73%
Combined (Reading, Writing & Maths)	80%	61%

(these are provisional results that are adjusted for eligible pupils)*

These results demonstrate the excellent education that pupils receive at Woodcroft, not just Y6 but throughout the school. We expect high academic standards and exemplary learning behaviour; our excellent results demonstrate the success that this brings.

Woodcroft Recognised for outstanding Arts Education

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON
Trinity Champion Centre 2024-2025



Woodcroft has been named again as a prestigious Trinity Champion Centre 2024/25 for our successful delivery of the Arts Award, a Trinity qualification supporting music, art and drama in association with Arts Council England.

Trinity College London is a leading international exam board and independent education charity that specialises in the assessment of communicative and performance skills covering music, drama, combined arts and English language. Trinity Champion Centres inspire other organisations by sharing their practice and advocating for accreditation in their communities.

‘It's a Rap’ - Year 6 Leavers Show

Report by Mr Guest



Year Six wrapped up a highly-successful year with three magnificent performances this week. This West End standard run of shows culminated in an after-school performance on Wednesday evening. The show, titled ‘It’s a Rap’, follows the journey of main character Norma as she strives to follow her dream of becoming a successful rapper. This storyline mirrors the dramatic journey of Year Six pupils as they worked towards achieving their outstanding SATs results. Just as Year Six pupils supported each other in performing to their best in the SATs, Norma’s friends supported her to achieve her goals: together towards success!

Year Six pupils’ performances had staff beaming with pride as they rose to the occasion with fabulous performances from everyone. In particular, there were some standout moments from children who were brave enough to sing solos on stage in front of hundreds of their peers, as well as some amazing dance routines which were up to Woodcroft’s usual high standard. The tech team deserves a mention for their dedication to learning how to use the sound, visual and lighting equipment to ensure a slick production - well done!

Also deserving a special mention is Mrs Ditchman for organising all the wonderful props and costumes, Miss Jackson for masterfully taking the director’s seat, Miss Williams for her brilliant choreography, and finally Mrs Karima and Ms Gignac for taking care of everything else so we can focus on the show! It’s always a great pleasure to put on the leavers’ show at Woodcroft, and this year’s show has been a particular highlight of my time at Woodcroft. I’ve always enjoyed writing and recording the songs for the shows, but it is even more of an honour to witness Woodcroft pupils perform it so brilliantly. I will dearly miss Woodcroft, with the memory of leavers’ shows being something I will treasure dearly.

By Mr Guest



Woodcroft 2 vs Edgware 1

Report by Mr Taylor



Woodcroft played their final match of the school year - and what a game it was! Y6 boys from the school football club were selected for the match against Edgware Primary earlier this week with Woodcroft securing a 2-1 win. This was a friendly match played at much more than a friendly pace! After a tense start, Edgware took the lead when a shot through a crowded box found its way into the net. Woodcroft responded positively and pushed for an equaliser. Towards the end of the 1st half, a shot from Russell led to a throw in which David L took quickly. David's throw fell perfectly to Ishy who volleyed the ball from distance into the net! A goal of the season contender for sure! After the teams were level at the break, Woodcroft made a fast start in the second half. Eventually, the winning goal came from David L to spark wild celebrations. Woodcroft stayed resilient and held on to their lead thanks to some hugely important defensive contributions from defender James and captain Asaad in goal.

The Y6 footballers leave Woodcroft with their heads held high after a fantastic team performance. A big thank you to the parents who were there to support.

Woodcroft Girls 1 vs Edgware Girls 0

Report By Riddhi (Y6)



On Thursday the girls football team travelled to Edgware Primary School for a final match of the season. Our starting positions were: Julia in goal, Riddhi and Amina in defence, Millie as a centre midfielder, Samira and Chloe in midfield, Victoria as striker and Darcie as a sub. At first, their attackers had many chances at scoring. Fortunately, some phenomenal defending and superb goalkeeping stopped them from scoring. Then, on a counter attack, and with an assist from Samira, Millie scored a remarkable long range goal. It was 1 - 0 to Woodcroft at half time.

In the second half, Darcie joined the midfield. Unfortunately, Amina took a handball in our box to concede a penalty for Edgware. Amazingly, Julia was unstoppable in our goal today and pulled off a fantastic save. The rest of the second half was end to end, with both sides having several chances. Thankfully, we kept a clean sheet and the final score was 1 - 0 to Woodcroft.

This has been a great season for the girls team. Getting through to the Barnet Cup semi-final and only losing two games all season. Thank you Mr Tallon and Mr Russell for coaching the team.

Early Years Breakfast Picnic



Today, Early Years (Nursery and Reception) invited pupils, parents and carers into school for a special breakfast picnic. The sun shone as everyone enjoyed a feast of healthy fruit, brioches and lots of other tasty breakfast treats.

Thank you to all of the EYFS staff for their hard work getting everything ready for this breakfast feast!

Take a look at what we got up to …













Thank you!



Staff Lunch

The staff of Woodcroft were treated to a fantastic lunch on Thursday. It was cooked and served by a group of very generous parents. We enjoyed a sumptuous spread of chicken, rice, curries, salads, samosas and different breads. They also served a selection of desserts and drinks to finish off the feast. All of the staff extend their heartfelt thanks for this lovely end of term treat!

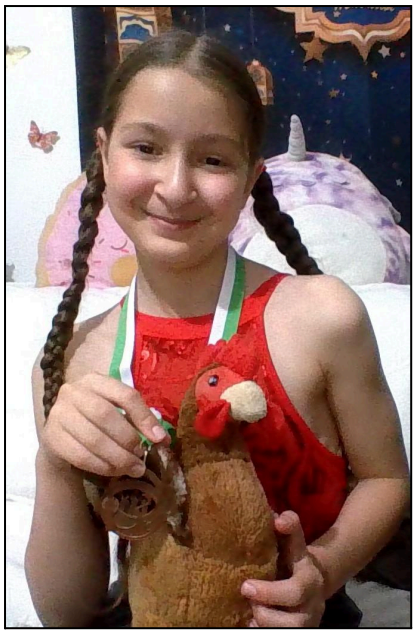
Year 6 Cricket Match

Woodcroft Year 6 formed their own cricket team this term to take part in a local schools Middlesex County 'Kwik Cricket' event. Unfortunately, the tournament was cancelled at the last minute! Not to be put off, we decided to host our own local test match against Barnfield Primary School. Miss Jackson and Mrs Ditchman took our team down to Montrose Park today for a morning of cricket in the sunshine!





More Sporting Success

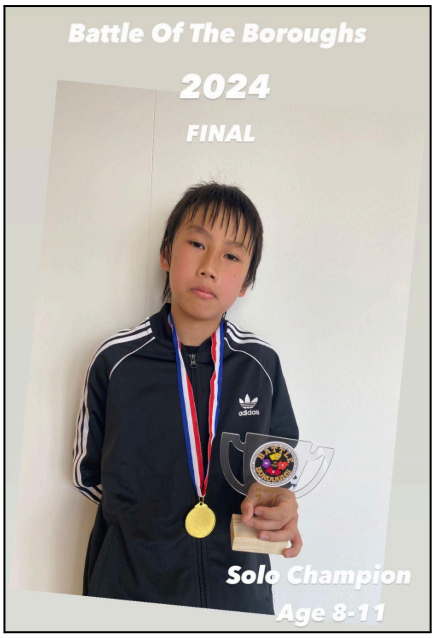


Two Woodcroft Pupils have achieved recent individual sporting success.

Reece (Y6) won the "Battle of Boroughs 2024 Final" Breaking battle last Saturday. He became the solo champion of the 8-11 age group.

The event took place at Piccadilly Circus in a final with over 25 top dancers from each of the London Boroughs.

Malak (Y5) attended the Barnet Gymnastics tournament at Hendon leisure Centre and came away with an impressive 3rd place bronze medal. She even managed to get her class mascot into the awards ceremony!



Barnet Household Fund Voucher Scheme

Summer shopping vouchers worth £42.30 to spend at supermarkets

Evouchers

Children eligible for benefit related free school meals can benefit from the Barnet's Household Fund Voucher Scheme again. Woodcroft has today provided every eligible child with a £42.30 shopping voucher to support pupil lunches during the holidays. This scheme allows Woodcroft to provide vouchers to families electronically, directly to your phone via email to spend on food at a range of shops including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Aldi, Asda, Waitrose and M&S, etc.

Eligible families, in receipt of certain benefits, automatically received a voucher today. If you think you are eligible, but did not receive a voucher, please contact the office or go to https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals for more information.

Do you now qualify for Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be eligible, please check your status on the government website and then call the school office as soon as possible:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

We will then arrange for you to provide your evidence so that you can begin to receive one of our free food or voucher offers.

***Please note**: eligibility for Free School Meals is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meals given to every KS1 and Reception pupils. You must be in receipt of certain benefits to claim your voucher.

The Birthday Book Club



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

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Yassin (RR) age 5, Damian (1S) age 6, and Alveena (3A) age 8



All about the Year 2 trip to Mill Hill Park



On Monday 15th July we went to Mill Hill Park so we could have fun. When we walked to the park there was a narrow street that was very busy so we couldn't talk. The teachers were worried that it was going to rain! When we got to the park we played in the playground. The monkey bars had a hard side and an easy side. After that we had to swap over and we played games like Duck, Duck, Goose and Grandmother's Footsteps. Finally we did a scavenger hunt. We saw interesting leaves, and made a house, a car and a path with sticks. Last of all we had lunch but then it was raining so we came back to school.

By Paramita, 2L

Here is what some others said …

“The scavenger hunt was really fun!” Kidane

“It was fantastic,” Azlan

“It was so fun!” Yasmin

"It was the best day of my life!” Sidra

"The scavenger hunt might be the hardest thing ever but me and Daniel finished it so fast." Jyraansh

"We had such fun playing Duck, Duck, Goose!" Hannah

"I felt happy because it was fun." Hosea





Class Photos



Class photos were published and distributed today along with this newsletter. At Woodcroft we aim to keep additional costs to families at an absolute minimum. We therefore take our own class photos and distribute them digitally. These are NOT professional photos - but we hope that they will provide a memento of your child’s fantastic year in school.

Mandarin Lessons

Learn Mandarin with qualified teacher, Hui-Ling Chiu.

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Expert Tutoring

If you're interested in learning piano or Mandarin I can thoroughly recommend Hui-Ling Chiu (pronounced Cho). I may be just a "*little*" biassed as Hui-Ling is my wife, but she is a very experienced teacher and pianist who has even performed at Woodcroft several times!

If you're interested in lessons then please contact her using the details below.

Mr Guest (Y6 teacher)

Chicken Pox in School

We have confirmed cases of chickenpox in school. Please be aware of the symptoms:

1. Fever, feeling tired, headache.
2. A stomach ache that lasts for one or two days.
3. A skin rash that is very itchy and looks like many small blisters.
4. Bumps filled with a liquid that looks like milky water.
5. Scabs after the blisters break.
6. Skin that looks blotchy.

Visit: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/ for more information

Please remember that you can send your child back to school on the 5th day after the last spot appeared. If you have any queries please see Mrs Hatch our Senior Welfare.

THE READING AGENCY **Summer Reading Challenge**

Marvellous Makers

Join Marvellous Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2024!

Children aged 4 to 12 can join the challenge. Fill in the form below and bring it to one of our libraries in Barnet. If you are not a member yet, sign up first and receive your very own library card.

- Collect your Marvellous Makers folder when you register
- Borrow and read/listen to 6 books, eBooks or eAudiobooks
- Collect stickers along the way
- Receive a certificate and medal for completing the challenge

Summer Reading Challenge

Registration Card

Name Age

Telephone

Parent/ carers email

How would you describe yourself (optional)

Boy ☐ Prefer not to say ☐
Girl ☐
Another way

Your school

How did you find out about the challenge?

School ☐ The library ☐ Poster/ leaflet ☐
Family/ friends ☐ Taken part before ☐ Other ☐
If other please give details:

First name Surname

Library card number

Library code

Tick if joined the library to take part ☐

Date

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Tick if completed the challenge ☐
Tick if read more than 6 books ☐

Reg. card for schools

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Children's Centre Summer Programme

Our local Children's Centres have a full programme of activities over the summer. Check out their complete timetable here …
https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2024/07/12074417/West-Summer-Holiday-Timetable-2024.pdf
Or view the sample week below:



Children's Centres

West Locality

Summer Holidays Week 2
Monday 5 August – Friday 9 August

	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	Stay and Play 1 – 2.30pm, 0 – 5 years	Stay and Play at OneStonegrove HA8 8BN 10 – 11.30am, 0-5 years Baby Group at OneStonegrove HA8 8BN 12 – 1pm, 0 -12 months
Tuesday	Baby Group 10 – 11.30am, 0 – 18 months	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years	Little Explorers Stay and Play at Silkstream Children's Centre 12.30 – 2pm, 0 – 5 years
Wednesday	No sessions	Baby Group 1 – 2.30pm, 0 – 18 months	RAF Museum Trip 10.30am – 12pm Booking Required 020 8359 3510
Thursday	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years	RAF Museum Trip 11am – 1pm Booking Required	No sessions
Friday	Baby Group 1.30 – 3pm, 0 – 18 months	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years	Baby Group at Colindale Library NW9 4BR 12.30 – 1.30pm, 0 – 12 months

Siblings that are under 8 may attend Stay & Play sessions

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated

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Children's Centres

West Locality

Fairway
A Sure Start Children's Centre
Fairway Children's Centre (based at Fairway School)
The Fairway, Mill Hill NW7 3HS
Tel: 020 8359 3730 • childrenscentre@fairwaycc.barnetmail.net

Silkstream
A Sure Start Children's Centre
Silkstream Children's Centre
Silkstream Road, Edgware HA8 0DA
Tel: 020 8905 7605 • Silkstreamcc@barnet.gov.uk

Wingfield
A Sure Start Children's Centre
Wingfield and Stonegrove Children's Centre
C/O Barnet and Southgate College, Colindale, 7 Bristol Avenue
(formerly Lanacre Avenue) London NW9 4BR
Tel: 020 8359 3510 • childandfamilyhub-west@barnet.gov.uk

For more information about Children's Centre visit:
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