WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

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to Friday 1st November
SCHOOL CLOSED

Pupils return on
Monday 4th November

Social Media

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PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about …



Football News

Woodcroft 6 vs Brunswick Park 0



Woodcroft started their football season perfectly by winning their first game 6-0! The team had to work hard against a determined Brunswick Park side, however, goals from Rishi, George, Gabby, Modasir, and Stefan (2) fired Woodcroft to a convincing victory. We must also mention a clean sheet from Ionatan in goal and solid outfield performances from Kameel, David and Chris. This win means we move on to the next round of the first cup competition of the season.

Overall it was a great team effort and everyone played with excellent focus and humility. The boys were also recognised in assembly this week for displaying all of the Woodcroft values throughout the match.

Thank you to all those who came along to support the team, and to Mr Taylor, Mr Tallon and Mr Peters for giving up their time to run the club every week. We are looking forward to our next game!



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Woodcroft International Day 2024














ASDA Cashpot

There are 36 days remaining to help us raise much needed funds for school.

It's as easy as 123!

1) Download the ASDA app
2) Nominate Woodcroft as your **CASHPOT** school (enter postcode **HA8 0QF**)
3) Spend as normal - it's that easy

We currently have £163.99 in our pot at the time of writing. Please tell your friends and family to nominate Woodcroft.

Mealtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our Mealtime Supervisor Team. Experience of working with children in play settings is desirable, but a calm and positive manner is essential. For more information and application forms please visit our school website.

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/

MTS Post Details

- Part Time: term time only, 6 ¼ hours per week (with opportunities for additional hours)
- Basic salary: hourly rate £12.60 (£3,069 actual annual basic) (Full Time Equivalent salary £18,045)
- Application forms, job descriptions and person specifications are available on the school website and should be returned to the school.

For more information visit:

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 5th November at 4.00pm

Interviews: week beginning 11th November

Earliest start date: 2nd December 2024 (pending all checks complete)

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further details please contact the school office and ask to speak with Mr Russell (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications

e Admissions

REMINDER: The deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications is 31st October!



Register Your Child?

Nasal Flu Vaccinations For Woodcroft Pupils

The annual nasal flu vaccination date for Woodcroft is **Friday 8th November**. This is for every primary school aged child from Reception to Year 6. (Nursery aged children will receive this via their GP service)

The children's flu vaccine is a safe and effective nasal spray. (Note: The spray contains gelatine. A vegan version is available via injection and can be requested)

Children catch and spread the flu easily. Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

What next:

1. Read the letter that was emailed to you from Barnet's Immunisation Team or visit this link **NHS Flu Information for Parents and Carers 2024**

2. Please give your **consent** by Tuesday 5th November using this link: **https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/barnet**
   Note: the consent portal closes 48 hours prior to the visit.

3. If you want to read the NHS flu information leaflet click here: **Protecting Your Child**

Note: No child will ever be administered medication at school without a parent's FULL consent.

An Invitation for Parents to Attend a Parent Workshop on Oral Hygiene 13/11/24 at 9.00am



On Wednesday 13th November from 9.00am - 9.30am we have an **oral health promoter coming from the Whittington NHS Trust** to deliver a parent workshop on oral hygiene in the school hall. (Tardis)

Nursery and Reception children will take part in a toothbrushing programme in the spring term where the children will be learning all about looking after and cleaning their teeth and they will also be brushing their teeth after lunch at school.

We are asking parents to attend this short workshop on Wednesday 13th to find out more about oral hygiene. Did you know that in Barnet 31.8% of 5 year olds have tooth decay, with missing or decayed teeth? Come along to find out how we can teach oral hygiene to better prevent tooth decay among our children.

If you have any questions please speak with Ms Khan (Early Years Leader) in EYFS. Thank you.

Whole School Attendance 94.0%

Weekly Attendance Awards

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2B (97.7%)
Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4S (95.3%)
Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6C (98.0%) 🏆TOP CLASS🏆



Information for Nursery Parents

Applications for Reception Class starting September 2025



Starting 'full time' school is an exciting time for both parents and children. Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for next September. Generally, these will be children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.

Online applications are now open and all pupils need to apply by Wednesday 15th January 2025. Please remember that attendance at our Nursery is not a guarantee of a place in Woodcroft's Reception classes. For more information visit:
https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/

Applications can be started at **https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/**

Barnet Household Fund Voucher Scheme

Half-Term shopping vouchers worth £21.15 to spend at supermarkets

Children eligible for pupil premium and benefit related free school meals will receive the Half-Term voucher from the Barnet's Household Fund Voucher Scheme today. This is the second voucher of the term.

Woodcroft is able to provide every eligible child with a **£21.15** shopping voucher to support families. This scheme allows Woodcroft to send 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, 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 'benefit related' Free School Meals is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meals given to every KS1 and Reception pupils and London Mayors Fund meals provided free to pupils in KS2. You must be in receipt of certain benefits to claim the vouchers.



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 Akram (2L) age 7

Woodcroft pupil's recipe is published in a new book



An Article by David Longier

I was happy that a community recipe book was released on Woodcroft International Day - when we celebrate the amazing diversity of our community. This is because I contributed a recipe and can also share the book with everyone as it will soon be in the school library.

I enjoyed representing the school last year when I was still a pupil in Y6 by going along to the Grahame Park Community Centre. I chose to make dessert, some traditional, and tasty, Romanian butter cookies. I felt confident making them. My reward was getting the recipe published in a book, having some professional photos, representing the school, and getting a £10 gift card voucher!

You can see my recipe on page 74 if you download A Taste of Graham Park - e Book using this link
If you ever get the chance to do something like this, take it! You won't regret it."

by David Longier







Nursery admissions from age 3 years old

Woodcroft Nursery 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 March 31st

For children that have already had their 3rd or 4th birthday please contact the school office to discuss whether we have any vacancies.

Apply Now

Applications for Woodcroft Nursery are made directly to the school. You can register your child for our waiting list at any age from birth. Please contact the Main Office to register or book a visit.

Key admissions date for 2024 - 2025 academic year

Immediate Start in Autumn Term 2024 – 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 January at** **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.**



Remembrance Day Poppies
On sale in school from Monday 4th November

In the spring of 1915, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance. The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November. Please give generously.



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

Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 9.00am

Miss Maynard and Mrs Smith are running this term's Coffee Morning for Parents with Children with Special Educational Needs on Tuesday 19th November at 9am. 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.

Arts Award Presentation Evening at Woodcroft

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

We are pleased to announce that 21 pupils from last year's Year 6 achieved their Bronze Arts Award in the summer - an amazing achievement! We shall be inviting them back to receive their Ofqual accredited certificates a special Arts Award Presentation Evening on …

arts award

Tuesday 19th November at 5.00pm

Diary Dates

Take a look at all of the events taking place at school in November …

Nasal Flu Vaccination Day on Friday 8th November

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

- Poppies on sale from Monday 4th November
- Whole School Remembrance 2 minutes Silence Monday 11th November - 11.00am on KS2 Playground

Anti Bullying Week begins Monday 11th November **Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect**
Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect.

Tuesday 12th November - Odd Socks Day
https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/odd-socks-day

Times Tables Rock Stars - England Rocks Tournament on 12 - 14th November - It's the first TTRS Competition of the school year!

Year 5 and Y6 Maths Team take part in the national Primary Maths Challenge on 12th November

YEAR 6 RAF Trip - 13th November

Nursery and Reception Parent Workshop on Oral Hygiene on 13th November at 9.00am

Year 1 Perform their Barnet Infant Music Festival songs to Parents on Thursday 14th November at 2.30pm

BBC Children in Need on Friday 15th November - 'The Great SPOTacular'

- Dress Theme - **Spots and Dots** - be as dotty as can or just come in yellow with your Pudsey merch

Year 1 Perform at the Barnet Infant Music Festival on 15th November

SEND Coffee Morning on Tuesday 19th November at 9am

Arts Award Presentation - Class of 24 - 19th November - 5.00 - 6.00pm

Year 6 Rowing Challenge -20th November

Year 5 Cake Sale - Thursday 21st November

Book Fair - 26th November - 2nd December

Dance Team WINTER FAYRE - Jumble Sale & Tombola on Wednesday 27th November from 3.15pm

Strings Concert: Thursday 28th November 2.30pm

Barnet West Children's Centre

Take a look at next term's Children's Centres timetable of activities below. You can also download the PDF copy here … **West Locality Timetable**

Children's Centres

West Locality

October Half Term 28.10.24 – 01.11.24

	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	**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 **Story and Craft with Eco Learn and Play** 1 – 2pm, 2 – 5 years **Booking Required**	**No Sessions**
Wednesday	**No Sessions**	**Stay and Play** 1 – 2.30pm, 0 – 5 years	**No Sessions**
Thursday	**Stay and Play** 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years	**Baby Group** 1 – 2.30pm, 0 – 18 months	**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

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated

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Children's Centres

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:
www.barnet.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Find us on Facebook and Instagram
'Barnet Child and Family Early Help'

West Locality

Baby Self-Weighing Services

Fairway *Please call to book*	Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 3pm
Silkstream *Please call to book*	Thursday and Friday 9am – 3pm





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