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PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about ...

Remembrance Day On Monday 11th **November**



Pupils will be marking Remembrance Day with a 2 minute silence on Monday at 11.00am

Woodcroft Boccia Squad Attend Barnet Festival



On 6th November, a team of four pupils attended the Barnet Boccia Festival at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. Bethany, Lila, Yusuf and David worked together as a team and took part in matches against other schools. All involved were extremely proud of their teamwork, respectful behaviour and positive attitude. "In Boccia the white ball is thrown first and teams take blue balls and red balls. I played a game with Lila and Yusuf and we were the blue team. You have to throw your ball and whoever is nearest to the white ball wins. We won three times altogether!" Report by Bethany - Year 6





Anti-Bullying Week is NEXT WEEK!

The Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November with the theme of Choose Respect.

Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday

As part of Anti-Bullying Week we shall be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th. We encourage pupils to wear different multi-coloured socks to represent individuality and uniqueness!







Bookings open from 11th November 2024

There are spaces available to children and families to secure holiday activities through the BACE Holiday voucher programme. Vouchers will be issued on Monday to eligible families who qualify by being in receipt of benefit-related free school meals (not Mayor's funded KS1 and KS2 meals programme). Please check your emails on November 11th. Families who were eligible on this date will be automatically sent the digital voucher.

https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays

Take a look at the new Winter edition of the BACE brochure. Here you can find family-friendly activities, advice, support and information about the BACE Holiday Camps available during the Festive Holidays.

Find out more about BACE here: https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays

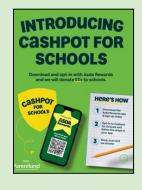
Read the brochure here: https://barnetyouth.uk/Events?CalendarID=134



Ear Studs Only

A reminder that we have a **'studs for school'** earring policy. Pupils with pierced ears should not come to school in hooped or drop earrings. This is part of our uniform policy and to help keep everyone safe from injury.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate earrings for school. Thank you.



ASDA Cashpot

There are <u>22 days remaining</u> 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
- 3) Spend as normal it's that easy

We currently have £211.93 in our pot at the time of writing. Please tell your friends and family to nominate Woodcroft.



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 Jaeden 5N age 10, Joshua 5N age 10 and Ameera 6J age 11

Woodcroft Winter Fayre

Wednesday December 4th 3:15pm -4:30pm in the Main Hall



The Woodcroft Dance Team presents...

★Tombola ★ Refreshments ★ Pokemon Cards ★
★ Upcycled/Recycled Clothing ★ Book Stall ★ Baked Goods ★
★ Face Painting ★ Raffle ★ Bouncy Castle ★

Donations Needed - Please Help!

We would appreciate any donations of items to be sold for our Book Table, Knick-Knack Table or Tombola Stall. All donations can be given to Mrs. Hatch or Ms. Gignac

Please remember to bring CASH - as we do not have the ability to process card payments!

** All proceeds will go towards funding the travel and associated costs for our dance team who are currently the National Primary Street Dance Champions **



SEN Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Temporary Position

Part-Time, up to 27.5 Hours per week, term-time only

Two term temporary contract.

Required to start on 6th January 2025 (or as soon as thereafter)

We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant to support pupils with Special Educational Needs.

If you enjoy working with young children, are flexible and have good communication skills we would like you to join our established and successful team.

Visits to the school are welcomed. Please contact Rachel Maynard, Assistant Head (SENCo), to make an appointment.

Closing Date 12.00pm on Wednesday 27th November 2024

Interviews will be held during the week beginning 2nd December 2024.

Application packs are available to download from the school website. See link below:

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

Weekly Attendance Awards

94.0%

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2B (95.4%) Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4S (96.0%) **TOP CLASS** Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6J (94.6%)



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 <u>https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/</u>

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 Childcare 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.



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



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 at our special Arts



Award Presentation Evening on ...

Tuesday 19th November at 5.00pm

An Invitation to Year 1 Parents and Carers



on



Thursday 14th November at 2.30pm

Year 1 pupils will be performing their Barnet Infant Music Festival songs in a final rehearsal performance on Thursday 14th November at 2.30pm. This will take place in the Main Hall. We would very much like parents and carers to come along to watch.

Please come to the Main Hall from 2.20pm to take your seats ready for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

Get ready for Woodcroft's BIG Pudsey Spotacular on Friday 15th November

For Children in Need 2024 we will enjoy our annual **Non Uniform Day**! Dress in Pudsey yellow and be as dotty as you can. Or, just come in yellow wearing your Pudsey stuff!

We will not be collecting money on the day but we encourage everyone to donate at ...

https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/





Take a look at all of the events taking place at school during November ...

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

- Poppies on sale from Monday 4th November
- Whole School Remembrance and minutes silence on Monday 11th November

Anti Bullying Week begins Monday 11th November <u>Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect</u> 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 Year 6 pupils take part in the National Primary Maths Challenge on 12th November

YEAR 6 RAF Museum Trip on 13th November

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

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

BBC Children in Need on Friday 15th November - 'The BIG SPOTacular!' Dressing up theme - **Spots and Dots** - be as spotty as you can or just come in yellow with your Pudsey stuff

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 on 19th November - 5.00 - 6.00pm

Year 6 Rowing Challenge on 20th November

Year 5 Cake Sale on Thursday 21st November

Book Fair from 26th November to 2nd December

Strings Concert: Thursday 28th November 2.30pm



Book Fair

From **Tuesday 26th November to Monday 2nd December** you are invited to our annual Book fair in the main hall from 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Winter Fayre

The Dance Team are organising a WINTER FAYRE including a Jumble Sale & Tombola on **Wednesday 4th December** from 3.15pm. Look out for the posters!

Year 3 Ukulele Show

Parents and carers are invited to the Year 3 Ukulele Show at 11.30am on **Monday 9th December**. Come along and find out what they have been up to in music.

Year 5 Tower of London

On **Tuesday 10th December** Year 5 will be heading off to the Tower of London.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Christmas crackers, party hats, great food and bad jokes will be enjoyed on **Thursday 12th December** when it is Christmas Lunch day for all that take a school meal. Every pupil, including those that bring a packed lunch, will receive a cracker. Pupils are also allowed to wear their own christmas jumpers, hats and accessories on this day as well to add to the festive fun!

Year 2 Festive Show

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the annual Year 2 Festive Show. There will be two performances for parents to attend, Thursday 12th December at 2.00pm and then the following day, Friday 13th December at 9.30am. Please try to avoid bringing babies to the shows.

Party Time

Classes will be enjoying their Christmas Parties on different days. On party days, pupils do not need to wear uniforms and can come to school dressed up. We only ask that sensible shoes are worn and clothes are appropriate for the weather. Take a note of your child's party day:

- Y1, Y3 & Y5 Party Day is on Monday 16th
- Y2, Y4 and Y6 Party Day is on Tuesday 17th

No food needs to be provided by parents. All children get a soft drink, packet of crisps and a sweet.

EYFS Xmas Stay and Play Activity Day

EYFS Xmas Stay and Play party is on Tuesday 17th (Nursery & Reception)

- Nursery AM stay and Play 8.45-9.30
- Nursery PM Stay and Play 12.15-1pm

Festival of Dance

Our dancers take to the stage to showcase this term's routines. Friends and family are welcome to attend on 18th December at 9.30am in the main hall.

Woodcroft Panto

Oh yes it is! The Christmas Panto takes place on Thursday 19th December.

End of Term Finish

The final day of term is Friday 20th December. We finish 1 hour earlier on the last day at 2.15pm.



<u>Spring Term Start</u>

Pupils return for the Spring Term on Tuesday 7th January 2025.



Head Lice - please check your children at home

We have had a significant number of reported cases of head lice over the past couple of weeks!

It is very common at this time of year so we are asking for you to carefully check your child's hair.

Please check for lice regularly and obtain an approved treatment from a local chemist if any are discovered.

Thank you.



