



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

May

21st Y6 Residential Camp Meeting - 5.00pm

Half Term: School Closed
25th to 29th May

June

Year 6 Camp
3rd - 5th June

11th Y6 Trip to Theatre

18th Choir Perform at
Barnet Music Festival

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been learning about:

Growing our sunflowers

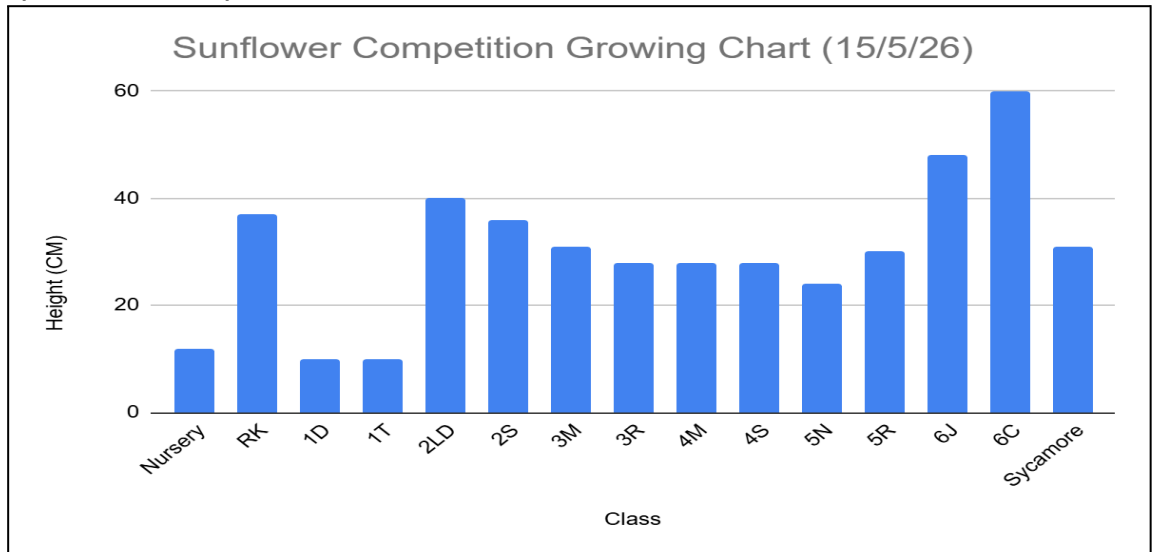


The Big Sunflower Project



Every class has taken on the challenge to grow the tallest sunflower by the end of term. The seedlings are shooting up across the school. Their current heights can be seen in the graph below.

After half-term we will be planting them in the Butterfly Garden. Regular growing updates will be provided.



The Woodcroft Staff successfully completed the Macmillan Darts Challenge last Friday and have so far raised **£1652** for cancer support. Take a look at the Woodcroft page here ... <https://dartsmarathon.macmillan.org.uk/users/ben-taylor-5>

You can also check out our event posts on instagram...[woodcroft_primary](#)



Healthy Packed Lunches at Woodcroft

All children at Woodcroft are provided with a **FREE school lunch**. However, for a variety of reasons, a very small number of parents choose to send children to school with a packed lunch from home.

A Food Standards Agency survey showed that many children's lunchboxes contained too much sugar, salt and fat and very little fruit and vegetables. Woodcroft is committed to encouraging parents to provide healthier lunchboxes for children.

We discouraged unhealthy items such as sweets & chocolate bars, and flavour drinks with added sugar. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school, on grounds of health and safety.

The school recognises that parents provide packed lunches for a variety of reasons, including dietary requirements, intolerance, and religious observance. For this reason, no food may be swapped or shared between children. Items swapped or shared will be confiscated.

Woodcroft is a nut free school so check ingredients. Also, grapes should be cut up lengthways for younger pupils. Food not eaten in a packed lunch will be taken home by the child each day.

The lunch that you provide should have a positive impact on the child's physical development and their ability to concentrate in school. Take a look at this helpful guide ...

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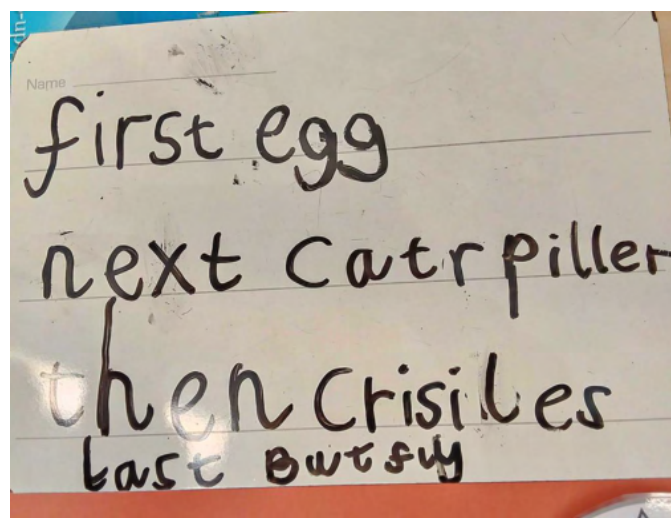
Healthy Eating in Nursery and Reception

In Nursery and Reception we have been learning all about healthy bodies and how we can keep our bodies strong by eating healthy foods. We have been busy writing about all of our favourite fruits and vegetables and making lists of which fruits we would like to use in a fruit smoothie. A big thank you to our families for contributing so many fruits so that we could make fruit kebabs and different fruit smoothies. We even picked some spinach from our Early Years garden to add to our smoothies.



Butterflies in Reception

This half term Reception received their pots of caterpillars. We spent two weeks watching them eat and grow until finally they turned into a chrysalis. When we came into school on Monday we found that the caterpillars had reached their final stage of transformation and turned into beautiful monarch butterflies. We got to hold them before we released them into the Key Stage 2 butterfly garden.



Dangerous Toys Found In School



We had to send two children to hospital this week because they may have accidentally ingested toxic chemicals inside a 'fake' Squishmallows!

Counterfeit or "fake" squishy toys bypass official safety regulations and testing, putting children at risk because they contain toxic chemicals, dangerous compounds and are a choking hazard due to poor construction.

It is school policy that children are NOT allowed to bring in even small toys and trinkets from home. This is for the following reasons:

- They become a distraction to learning as children put them secretly in their drawers
- They become damaged, lost or stolen causing distress and upset
- They get swapped and asked to be returned causing fall outs and arguments

Please check your child's coats and bags to ensure they do not bring in any toys from home. If they are found in school then the children will be sanctioned and the item confiscated. Thank you for your support.

Well Done Year 6 for a great SATs week!

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their attitude and conduct throughout this week's examination period!

Every single pupil was on time to school and remained focused throughout all the tests. This can be a stressful period, but they can all be proud of the way they approached and completed the papers. This also shows how well prepared, by their teachers, the pupils are at Woodcroft.

We look forward to another set of fantastic academic results later this year!



Passport and Visa Applications

Request identification verifications by Friday 22nd May



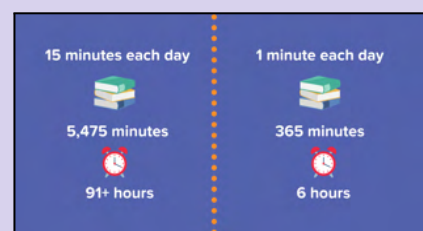
Parents often ask school staff to verify their identity and counter sign applications. This is a time consuming activity that we provide free of charge, and we are then often separately contacted by the Passport Office to provide additional checks at various points during the application process.

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 22nd 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 **the** number one thing you can do to help achieve reading success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, **read aloud Together For Success!**



Whole School Attendance 94.4%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD (97.0%)

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4M (95.6%)

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6J (92.2%) 🏆 TOP CLASS 🏆

Birthday Books

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

Happy Birthday

Aleena (Nursery) age 4, Erham (Nursery) age 4

Matilda (1T) age 6 and Maria (6J) age 11



Online Safety

The school has recently had to deal with a number of incidents regarding pupils' use of mobile phones and online behaviour at home and outside of school. We take all matters of Internet safety very seriously in school. However, it must be stressed that the responsibility for safeguarding your children while online at home is the duty of parents and carers. If the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead has any concerns about a child's supervision online while at home then a referral to Barnet Children Services may be made.

Many of the problems that we have encountered in school are due to children having unsupervised access to social media and online game accounts, even Playstation. **This is especially concerning since the majority of these accounts have age limits above that of primary school pupils (See below). Primary age children should not be using these platforms.**

Age 12 and over	Fortnite
13 years and over	YouTube) Tik Tok Discord Twitter Instagram Snapchat Spotify Facebook WhatsApp
Over 16s only	Playstation (voice chat, text messaging)



Remember: Woodcroft is a [Smartphone Free School](#) because we believe that NO child at primary school should ever have access to a smartphone.

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:

KIDSONLINELWORLD

At [KidsOnlineWorld](#) their aim is to keep children, parents and professionals up to date with the games, websites and apps that young people are currently using



[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](#) 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](#) is a website with lots of articles to support parents. Why not try their [Family Pledge](#) to open discussions about safe online behaviour in your household?



[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.

SCOUTS

Is your child interested in joining the Scouts? Edgware Scouts would like to invite any child who may be interested to come along to try a taster session.

Visit <https://www.edgwarescouts.org.uk/>



AGED 6-14? ADVENTURE IS CALLING...

Come and join us at **2nd Edgware Scouts!** We're all about fun, friendship and exploring the world. Think archery, cooking, filmmaking and water sports. Take a leap forward and try something new! Visit us for a free taster session...



Beavers & Cubs (ages 6 - 10½)

Wednesdays 5.45 - 7.15pm

Scouts (ages 10½ - 14)

Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm



Just £35 per term

Three terms per year



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& sign up:

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