



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

½ Term Break

Monday 12 February -
Friday 16 February
(school closed)

School Reopens

Monday 19th February

26th Feb Y4 Dodgeball
Tournament

28th Feb EYFS Stay &
Play looking at writing

29th Feb Piano Recital
Beethoven Sonata to
KS1 and KS2

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PSHE Theme

We are thinking about
5 Steps to Wellbeing



Happy Lunar New Year



Parent Governor Vacancy



Two Parents Governors Needed for Woodcroft

We need two people to join our Governing Body. No prior experience or skills are necessary, just enthusiasm to help the school and a desire to get involved.

The Governing Body is responsible for overseeing the work of the school and, in partnership with the headteacher and staff, they are also involved with decisions about curriculum, school buildings, policies and finance.

Governors meet once per term (3 x per year) and are encouraged to visit during the school day at other times.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please complete a Google Form via the following link by Wednesday 28th February 2024. Mr Tallon will then contact you to discuss the next step. Alternatively, you can pick up a nomination form from the school office.

Parent Governor Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/5xAaJUPTBxcisAjF8>

Please speak with Mr Tallon or Mr Russell if you require any further information about the role of governors.

Half-Term Week: School Closed 12th - 16th February



Times Tables Rock Stars Competition



Woodcroft did phenomenally well in the recent KS2 times tables competition. Take a look at the major categories below. It is vital that pupils know their times tables fluently. Please encourage your child to practise them regularly. TTRS is a great app to do this.

Results

- **United Kingdom** : with a total score 140,281 we finished in **32nd place out of 3,793 schools**
- **Greater London**: We came **6th out of 507 schools**
- **Best class**: 6G were the school champions closely followed by 5H and 4S.
- **Top 3 pupils**: Kassandra, George B and James A

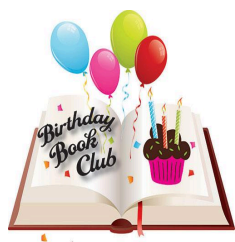
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The Birthday Book Club



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
Dunya 1S (age 6) and Paramita 2L (age 7)

5 - 11 February 2024

Schools' Football Week

in partnership with
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GIVE



KEEP
LEARNING



BE ACTIVE



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Schools Football Week Class Competition Finals

We supported both Schools' Football Week and Mental Health Week together this week at Woodcroft with our 'Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing' class football tournament.

Pupils formed mixed (girls and boys) 5-side teams and played against each other during games lessons. The winners then played in the grand final today! Teams from 2B, 4S and 6J won their respective competitions and got to take a coveted winners trophy back to class.

We supported Mental Health Week by taking part in these games because we all completed our 5 Steps. Every pupil was **actively** exercising, **connected** with their teams, **took notice** of others' feelings and respected opponents; **learning** to be both good winners and graceful losers by **giving** congratulations to the winners and support for their team. Most importantly they had fun!



Class Football Champions 2024
2B, 4S and 6J



Nursery admissions now from age 3 years old

Woodcroft Nursery now 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 the last day in February (28th/29th)

Apply Now

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

For the current 2023 – 2024 academic year the key admissions dates are:

September 2023 start – born between 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020.

January 2024 start – born between 1st September 2020 to 31st December 2020

April 2024 start – born between 1st January 2021 and 31st March 2021

2024 - 2025 academic year

September 2024 start – 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 April at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.**



This week in Nursery and Reception they have been learning all about Lunar New Year.

They read the story of 'The Great Race' and acted out their own races. They wrote New Year cards, made paper lanterns and learnt all about the special foods that are eaten during this time. At the end of the week they chopped, peeled and cut vegetables to make a tasty vegetable stir fry!



Reception and Nursery 'Phonics' Stay and Play



PARENT WORKSHOPS

It was standing room only on Wednesday in the Early Years when we held our first stay and play of the year all about Phonics! Teachers led a phonics session for our parents to watch and discover more about how we begin to teach children to read and write at Woodcroft. The Parent Workshop Presentations can be found on the TreeHouse, for those parents who weren't able to attend.

Mrs Patel will be leading the next workshop about 'writing' on 21st February. In the meantime, we encourage all parents and carers to complete the online training provided by Sounds Write - see below.

Sounds-Write Parent Course



If you would like to learn about teaching young children to read and write using the methods we practise at Woodcroft then we recommend enrolling on the FREE Sounds-Write Parents' course at the link here:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

The course is made up of a number of short videos to watch which gives parents the knowledge they need to help their child to develop into confident readers and writers.

Remaining 'Parent Workshops' and 'Stay & Play' sessions

Subject of Parent Workshop	Date of Parent Workshop	Date of 'Stay & Play' session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Writing	21.02.2024	28.02.23	Mrs Patel	Ms Khan
Mathematics	06.03.2024	13.03.2024	Ms Richards	Ms Khan

Staff Football Match



In Football Week Woodcroft staff also take part in an annual match after school that is organised by Mr Taylor. There were some great goals from Mr Peters, Mr Richards and Miss Maynard. But, after an exciting match, the score was 3 - 3 at full time. It then went to an exciting 'golden goal' play off. After a tense passage of play, with chances at both ends, Mr Richards picked up a pass and cut inside. He avoided a tackle from Mr Tallon and then slotted it past the goalie, Mr Russell, to score the crucial winning goal and seal victory for his team!

February

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Happy Lunar New Year



21st Feb EYFS Writing workshop

26th Feb WEBB Schools Dodgeball Tournament for Y4 (WEBB Schools are Woodcroft, Edgware Barnfield and Broadfields - we work together to enhance the education of our pupils)

28th Feb EYFS Stay & Play Morning - writing focus

29th Feb Piano Concert - Beethoven Sonata recital to KS1 and KS2