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Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

- Spotacular Children In Need Day
- Woodcroft Choir perform in London

Forthcoming Events

- Google Expeditions Day Monday 28th
- Y3 Ukulele Concert Monday 28th at 11.00am
- Netball v Barnfield (home) on Wednesday 30th
- Winter Ball on Friday 2nd
Tickets now on sale

Twitter

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PSHE Theme

As part of our **AIM@Curriculum** we have a weekly theme for our assemblies and PSHE lessons.

We are thinking about ...

Let's make Our Roads Safer Together



Children in Need Day

Woodcroft had a 'Spotacular' day on Friday 18th when we took part in Children in Need day. We started before school, with our choir and guitarists busking on the playground. Children and staff all dressed in their spotty themed costumes and then enjoyed a fun assembly in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who made a donation; we raised a grand total of £575. Look out for the photos on the website.

connectED Schools Science Event



On Wednesday 16th November, Woodcroft hosted an exciting Science Workshop for our ConnectEd partnership schools. Children from across the schools took part in investigations exploring air resistance and aerodynamics. The children worked brilliantly in teams on a competition to create an object that would fly the furthest? We had an amazing afternoon together, all the children behaved exceptionally well and we are looking forward to our next science event!

Primary Maths Challenge



On Thursday 17th November, a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 mathematicians took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. Their task was to solve a series of complex maths problems in 45 minutes, competing for the highest score possible. Well done to Dylan, Calvin, Josie, Subi, Neeharika, Daniel G, Jonathan, Simran and Alfie for your excellent perseverance and problem solving! The much anticipated results are as follows:

Gold Award - **Alfie**, Silver Award - **Simran**, Bronze Award - **Josie and Subi**

St Alphage Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 26th November

St Alphage Church is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar tomorrow, Saturday 26th November between 11.00am and 3.30pm at their church hall in Playfield Road. Why not pop along to enjoy some Christmas fun.

Applications for Reception Classes in September 2017

Nursery parents, don't forget that you now need to apply for your child's place in Reception. Children born between 1st September 2012 & 31st August 2013 are eligible for primary Reception classes starting in September 2017. More information can be found on our website.



Christmas Book Fair Success

Our Christmas Book Fair last week was one of the most successful we have had! We took £876.56, entitling us to a fantastic £460 worth of free books for our library, benefitting all children. Thank you everyone who came along. Also, many thanks to Mrs Cahill and Mrs Smith who ran the Book Fair each evening. Look out for our next one in March!



Safer Driving and Parents' Promise Licence



The Metropolitan Police Roads and Transport Team is currently running a safer driving initiative in our area. As part of **Operation Decrement**, this week Officers are out on the streets targeting speeding. Over the coming weeks they will also be focusing on drivers using mobile phones, cars rushing through amber traffic lights and other dangerous driving habits.

To support this programme, Woodcroft, along with other local schools, has joined forces with Edgware Police Station to launch the **Parent's Promise Licence**.

Parents, ask yourself, 'What kind of driver are you teaching your child to be?'

We all think we're good drivers but are we always as good as we think we are? It's even more important to drive carefully with children in the car – not just to keep them safe now, but so they're learning good driving habits for the future from their most important role model – **YOU!**

The Parents' Promise Licence

The Police have set pupils a short homework assignment this week. They would like children to interview their parents (or a relative who drives) about their driving habits and then decorate a special licence. Don't worry, we don't want to know the answers. However, after completing the interview questions (see below) children will ask the driver to make a pledge to drive more safely. We are calling this the Parents' Promise. When your child thinks you are a good enough driver they will hand you the new licence that they have designed (see the template attached).

For more information visit: <http://donriskit.info/kidsinthecar>

Competition Time

Pupils will first need to bring their completed licence back to school as part of next week's BrainBuilder homework. There will be prizes for the best licence from each class. The winning licences will then be copied and sent to Edgware Police Station. The police will choose some of the best from across the area to publish in their own newsletter.

The Interview

Pupil's need to ask their chosen driver the following questions - answer Yes or No

Have you ever...

- 1. driven through amber lights? (Y or N)*
- 2. lost your temper or driven aggressively? (Y or N)*
- 3. used your phone or checked your texts and email in the car? (Y or N)*
- 4. driven too fast or had to brake too quickly? (Y or N)*
- 5. not worn your seatbelt or not made sure your child was wearing one? (Y or N)*
- 6. taken your eyes off the road for a bit too long? (Y or N)*

Now discuss with your child how to improve your driving and become safer on the roads.

The Promise

Once the driver has completed the interview they need to read through the 'safer driving promise' and agree to become better drivers. Pupils can then colour and decorate the licence to bring back into school. All licences will be sent home after judging for children to issue to their parent when they think that they have kept to the promise and become a safer driver.

The Parents' Safer Driving Promise

Read and make a promise to become a safer driver:

- 1. Watch my speed - I promise to keep within the speed limit.*
- 2. Drive Calm - I promise to remain calm and keep my concentration when driving.*
- 3. Make the car a no-phone zone - I promise to switch off my phone when I'm in the car.*
- 4. Prepare to stop on an amber light - I promise to take away the risk of rushing through an amber light.*
- 5. Belt up - I promise to wear a seatbelt at all times.*
- 6. Focus - I promise to always keep my attention on the road and never drive when tired.*
- 7. A big no - I promise to never drive whilst under the influence of alcohol or medication.*
- 8. Be courteous - I promise to show positive behaviour towards other road users.*
- 9. Arrive alive - I promise to leave plenty of time for my journey - better to arrive late than not at all.*
- 10. Driving children to school - I promise to be extra careful when driving on the school run and park up safely.*

Homework Competition

Please return all completed Parent's Promise Licences by **Friday 2nd December**. A prize winner will be awarded from each class. The winning licences will then be copied and sent to Edgware Police Station.

Whole School Attendance

↻**96.3%**↻
(Target 96%)

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week beginning 14th November 2016

KS1 Class of the week: 1C 97.3% Good Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 6G 99% Top attendance this week - WELL DONE!