



News from Woodlawn

Spring 2019

Core Value Awards



We hosted our inaugural 'Headteacher Core Value Award' assembly before half term in February. We welcomed parents of the pupils nominated by their class/form teacher to the special assembly. Everyone had a lovely afternoon of celebrating the successes of our young people.



We will be holding a core value awards assembly on the Friday prior to each half term ending. Watch out for an invite for your child.

Friends of Woodlawn School

'Xmas Pudding Run'



Another record breaker – 1311 runners, 211 under the age of 16. Another fabulous turn out at The Links on Boxing Day for our 33rd annual run. Alan Campbell was on hand once again to start the

race as he has been every year since 1997!

Grateful thanks must go to North Shields Poly Athletics Club, Start Fitness, Potts Printers, Whitley Bay Comrades Club, North of Tyne Mountain Rescue Team, Events officers of North Tyneside Council.

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 22nd June
12noon – 3.00pm

Donation Days

26/4/19 – Fragrance Friday

24/5/19 – Chocolate Friday

21/6/19 – Fill a bag Friday

Volunteers needed to set up on the 21st and or help run stalls on the 22nd. Please advise school if you can spare some time.

Next meeting 29/4/19 10am – please come along!

We still need to fundraise and as always we need organisers and volunteers! Please support your child's school in this important aspect of school life.

What have Primary been up to?



In Early Years they have been exploring different ways of measuring using their

bodies, blocks, magic beans, bourbons and a tape measure!



In Alex's class the children have had plenty of opportunities to get hands on with their learning, carrying out a number of experiments in science,



Favourites included creating a mock digestive system, conducting a taste test and plotting and recording the growth of their broad bean plants. In geography they had an expert in rainforests visit

the classroom and told the children stories of their adventures in the Amazon! In maths the children have covered the tricky topic of fractions, one way was demonstrated by giving the children the chance to find the fractions of a picnic of food, so that they all got an equal share.



In Sarah's class the children have really enjoying their Monkey Puzzle book, exploring the story in different ways, having particular fun acting it out! They have loved having the caterpillars and are excited to watch them turn into butterflies. During

ICT sessions the children have been learning all about programming and using Beebots. They have welcomed a new pupil into class and collaborated with Cara's class to work on a song that was performed for all staff to show how everyone can be good friends and welcome new people into Woodlawn.

In Gillian's class the pupils have been enjoying cookery as part of Design Technology. The dishes have included vegetable soup, cheese & vegetable toasted wraps, fresh fruit flan and chocolate topped pancakes! The children have developed their knowledge of different kitchen techniques & have mastered chopping, grating, mixing, blending, whisking and rubbing in! The children have grown in



confidence in their own abilities using kitchen utensils. We may have some budding Jamie Oliver's in the making! Patrik wants to be the school kitchen chef when he grows up. Alongside the sensory elements involved, the children have been able to gain an

understanding of weights and measures and following the instructions within a recipe. The children have worked together as a team, to produce a class book which "tells the story" of each recipe using photographs, their class writing activities and their own drawings. Eating their tasty dishes has of course been the highlight of each session!



In Cara's class the children have been learning about Florence Nightingale and the work that she did. They have made lanterns, created pictures and looked at similarities and differences between nurses today and nurses years ago. After discussing and writing facts about Florence Nightingale they discovered that she was also known as 'The Lady with the lamp'. Whilst celebrating 'World Book Day' the class have been discussing, writing & sharing book reviews.



Keely's class have visited Whitehouse Farm, as part of their PSHE work on the RSPCA's Compassionate Class scheme. The children learned about caring for different animals and how to keep them happy. They prepared a set of questions to ask Whitehouse Farm staff

about animal welfare prior to the visit and had them answered during the trip. Whilst there, they found out about how the animals are cared for, what food they eat, how to groom ponies and were able to feed a lamb.

Secondary Department Update



Group 1 ICT class have visited Proto Technology lab looking at immerse technology and the Urban Observatory at Newcastle University on the 1st March



Class AB have been very creative in their Design Technology lessons, creating models with sections that move - using syringes and tubes to manipulate sections of the models has taught the students about systems and process and has led to some very interesting results!



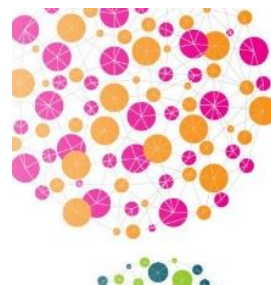
Class GW took a form trip to York visiting St Chads Church and York Cathedral as a follow up to the Archbishops visit last September.

A group pf Secondary pupils have also visited the Theatre Royal in Newcastle to see the musical 'Joseph and the amazing technicolour dreamcoat'



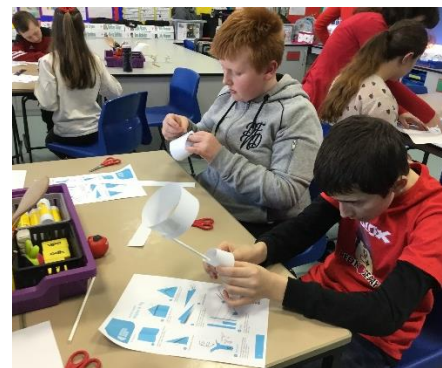
Kimberley's class have been working with the Twits story and exploring different sensory stimuli as well as using lots of different words to describe Mr Twit and the other characters. Pupils

have all enjoyed interacting with this story and created a large Mr Twit in art! They have been working on growth and living things in Science, where all pupils were tasked with potting and planting their own seed. They have had to remember to look after their pot by keeping it in a sunny place and watering it throughout the term to see which one would grow the most to win a prize. We look forward to seeing what grows!



8-17 March
British
Science
Week
2019

The theme this year was journeys. Secondary pupils joined in discussions about journeys of many kinds across Scientific topics, before taking part in an investigation to see who could make the best 'paper flyer'. They made paper planes, helicopters and gliders - some worked better than others but everyone had great fun and learnt a bit more about aerodynamics!



Post 16



We are pleased to announce we are just about ready to fully launch the Woodlawn School careers project.

Working with our local enterprise partner – Engie – pupils will be placed in preferred working environments to develop their employability skills.



Currently we have one young man working a day a week in the Post Room at the North Tyneside Council offices and thoroughly enjoying his time there, though he reports it's tiring! Nathan is working at the White Swan Centre as a

customer services assistant one day per week and Paul is working one day a week for turf management with North Tyneside council.

One Post 16 pupil has obtained Saturday employment following her successful work placement at Mutz Hut in Benton. The owner was so impressed with her work ethic, they have snapped up this talented young lady as an animal care assistant. Well done Jamie-Lee.

Lauren has secured a supported internship with the Adult learning alliance. Nathan & Eleanor have both secured a place with NHS Project Choice.

We are so proud of all our Post students and how far they have progressed during their 2 year journey with us.

2020 Work Experience

We are pleased that we have secured a number of work experience placements for February & May 2020 – the pupils are busy applying for their chosen placements.

B Stars Café

Opened its doors on 1st March 2019 to rave reviews from its many customers across school. We will open our doors to Post 16 parents/carers early next term and watch this space for news on opening to all parents/carers and then a full launch for the wider community.

Physical Education

A number of pupils have been participating in a number of events, including:

- Secondary pupils attended and winning medals at a swimming gala on 15th January.
- Secondary pupils attended a Rebound event at the end of January.
- In February, Primary & Secondary pupils attended an inclusive tennis event in Sunderland. Secondary pupils won Bronze - well done!



- Secondary & Post 16 attended a Boccia Competition on the 6th February and two teams qualified for the regional finals. These took place on 20th March and one of the teams won – well done to all!
- Secondary & Post 16 pupils attended the Athletics talent day on 12th March, with a number of pupils qualifying for the regional finals – good luck.
- Also in March pupils attended an U14 football event at Walker Activity Dome



We are again participating in the 'Daily Mile' on Thursday 25th April 2019

School Council

The representatives are looking into setting up a healthy snacks tuck shop for the whole school. They have found a company 'Fruit To Suit' to supply us, following testing of the box of free samples. Tasting sessions to find out which snacks are popular are due to start early next term and results will be analysed by the council.



A very successful 'Book-look & Fair' was held from 19-21st March. Lots of parents/carers came to speak with class teachers about their child's progress in Literacy and the current Literacy schemes used throughout school to support learning. There was also a chance to purchase books for all to share. A huge success and lovely to see so many at school. The Book Fair raised £406 which enabled the school to receive books to the value of £160.



GDPR

We are required to keep and process certain information about pupils in accordance with the legal obligations under these regulations. Organisational methods for keeping data secure are imperative & Woodlawn School believes that it is good practice to keep clear practical policies and procedures.

To complement this commitment our staff undertook a further GDPR awareness course with our Data Protection Officer on 9th January



A Primary music group has been running this term during lunchtime. The children have been exploring a variety of percussion instruments & getting to know the different sounds they make! They have shown that they can follow start and stop instruction & repeat simple musical patterns; whilst working together as a group, displaying some simple composition skills and explored different pitches for varying effects.

Bids, Fundraising & Donations

Christmas Tea-towel Fundraiser - well done to Helen Murray for all the hard work in creating and managing the tea-towel design project. We raised £297.80 for our school fund.

Cancer Research UK – Christmas badges - £30.81



Well done Sonya for selling all the red noses for the pupils to use in their swimming lessons.



On Friday 15th March, Post 16 organised a bake sale as part of the 'Big Bandana Bake' for the Brain Tumour Charity. Students used their

Enterprise lessons to choose and test recipes for different cakes. Each member of the class donated a small amount to cover the costs for ingredients, ensuring all money raised could go to the charity. It was a huge success, with £158.40 being raised.



26/3/19 – Post 16 student organised a purple day fundraising event for epilepsy awareness

We'd like to say a HUGE thank you once again to Sarah Ramsay at The Garden Florist Shop in Whitley Bay who has very kindly supported us by supplying a range of beautiful plants for Mother's Day. We raised £80 for the sensory garden.

Thank-you for all your contributions this term

Staff News

We welcome Marc Husband, Lisa Keeton, Nicole Mallaby, Amy Skudder & Christine Duffield as Teaching Assistants. Joe Jackson has taken up the role of Tutor within Post 16.

We welcome back Rachel Thompson from her maternity leave on 5th April.

Healthy School Award

We are in the process of applying again for this award. One of our recommended actions is to encourage a healthy diet and ensure that sweets and cakes are not given out on a regular basis. Please help us to keep this by not sending in sweets, biscuits and cakes on birthdays. We also have a number of pupils in different classes with particular dietary requirements and allergies. The pupils do have treats on special occasions. In addition please do not include sweets and confectionery in packed lunches.

As we are all increasingly aware, diet and nutrition play an important role in the mental, physical and social development of a child. The establishment of healthy eating in childhood can reduce the risk of health issues in later life. With this in mind, we aim to establish good eating habits that support growth and promote healthy lifestyles into adulthood. However, we also realise there will be times when treats are acceptable for special occasions or at special events, for example at a charity bake sale. Recently we have noticed in school that some children are regularly bringing in snacks with a high fat and sugar content and would like to take the opportunity to work with children to enable them to make healthier choices. At Woodlawn, we feel that it is beneficial for all children to have a healthy snack at break time. This is an important part of the diet for young people who may not get enough energy for growth and development from their three main meals and because snacks can positively contribute towards a balanced diet (providing foods, which are high in sugar, fat or salt, are avoided). We want to encourage healthy snacks at break time, particularly fruit and vegetables



Post 16 students in a healthy eating session with the nursing team, comparing sugars in a range of food and drink.

Message from Catering Services

To enquire about eligibility for free school meals contact the catering team by calling 0191 643 8355 or emailing catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk. School meals continue to be free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the on-going commitment to Universal Infant Free School Meals. All parents/carers must register with www.joinos.com school meals. See further information on www.my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/131/school-meals

16-19 Bursary for Years 12 & 13 pupils

Don't forget you may be entitled to a bursary payment to help with costs during term time. If you have not already applied, you can apply on-line using the following link

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1282/bursary-scheme-20182019>

Governor News

Angela Chapman has been appointed the staff governor for Woodlawn and we welcome Councillor Sean Brockbank & David Bavaird as co-opted Governors. Sean & David bring a wealth of community, business and enterprise expertise to the governing body and everyone is looking forward to working with them from next term. Key Priorities for the GB are to ensure parents & carers feel included and to continue to monitor the great progress in school.

New SEND Local Offer

The council has launched the new Local Offer web pages for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Local Offer web pages contain all the information, advice and support that children, young people and their families might need to use. The new web section has been co-produced with the North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum and other professionals to ensure the information is accessible, engaging and easier to navigate. Information about education, social care and health is available in one place to make it easier for families to access. A section on leisure activities and things to do has been added, as parents said it was sometimes difficult to find out what's going on. To have a look at the new web pages and share your feedback, please go to www.northtyneside.gov.uk and search for 'Local Offer'.

Message from the Head



Here we are at the end of the Spring Term and a very successful one at that!

I was very proud to introduce the 'Headteacher Core Value Awards' this term. We have special certificates and badges to give to the nominated students each half term. Well done to those nominated so far for the tremendous work demonstrated across our 'STARS' core values.

I have enjoyed being in the new Post 16 Café each Friday, it has been lovely to see our younger pupils visiting the post 16 department and spending time with other staff and older students.

World Book Day at the start of March was a fabulous occasion where the pupils fully engaged in the love of books. We had some imaginative costumes, many thanks for all your hard work and effort - it was very clear to see.

Thank-you to everyone that came to the class 'Book-look' events last month. We added the book fair which seemed to be a great success and lots of the £1 book tokens were used.

Our sporting achievements again at the annual talent day for the secondary department were extra special with a number of pupils meeting the national levels in their categories. Great news that some of our young people will go to the regional finals in May.

It was lovely to see so many of you this week at the Primary Department Easter Event where the Rev Peter Dobson again led a fabulous assembly. Our 'Days of Change' event is currently well underway being led by Nichola Aldcroft. The pupils are experiencing different cultures through this UNICEF initiative. Look out for stories on our website and Facebook!

On behalf of everyone at Woodlawn School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy Easter.

I look forward to welcoming all the pupils back to school on **Tuesday 23rd April.**

General Reminders



Please ensure your child attends school in uniform.

Our image is extremely important and gives the whole school community a sense of belonging.



Please remember to label all uniform including PE kit.



We can no longer grant any leave of absence during term time (including family holidays). Absence from school during term time can

disrupt the continuity of a child's learning and have an impact on their achievement. If leave of absence is taken it will be marked as unauthorised.



If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48

hours to reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.



Please remember to telephone the school if you child is absent so that the office staff can keep our registers up to date.



Please take a peek at your family's hair and see a pharmacist if you find live lice.



It is imperative we have up to date contact details – please keep us informed of any changes.

Diary Reminder

Tuesday 23 rd April	Pupils return to school
Friday 26 th April	Donation Day for Summer Fair – Fragrance Friday – Toiletries
Wednesday 1 st May	Calvert Trust Residential
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 13 th May	Exams start
Friday 24 th May	Donation Day for Summer Fair - Chocolate Friday – Chocolate and sweets
Friday 24 th May	School breaks up for Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Pupils return to School
Friday 21 st June	Donation Day for Summer Fair - Fill a bag Friday – toys, games, raffle prizes
Saturday 22 nd June	Summer Fair - 12noon – 3.00pm
Tuesday 25 th June	Transition Day
Wednesday 3 rd June	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Thursday 4 th June	Senior & Post 16 Prom – 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Parents Evening 4.00-6.25pm
Friday 19 th July	School breaks up for Summer Holidays
Thursday 22 nd August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3 rd September	Staff training day (School closed)
Wednesday 4 th September	Pupils return to school for Autumn Term 2019



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