



News from Woodlawn

Autumn 2018

Archbishop of York Visit

What a tremendous honour and fabulous start to the new academic year to have The Archbishop of York John Sentamu visit us on 7th September.



During a special assembly, the Archbishop spoke about who he is and what he does and then conducted a question & answer session with the pupils. The Archbishop was then entertained by a lovely performance from the School Choir. Supporters of the school were in attendance, including The Chairman of North Tyneside, CEO of North Tyneside Learning Trust alongside school governors. Following an afternoon tea, the Archbishop left by congratulating the school on its ongoing work to improve outcomes for our students. During the week, in preparation for the visit, a number of supporters of the Archbishop and the Revd. Peter Dobson our Vice Chair of Governors, worked with the pupils to develop their understanding of the Archbishop's role.

Ofsted 2018

We did it! Ofsted inspectors praised the 'strong and inspirational leadership' that has seen Woodlawn School transformed in just over two years. According to our latest inspection report, 'no stone has been left unturned in the pursuit of excellence' at Woodlawn. As a result we have now been awarded a judgement of 'Good', with outstanding Leadership & outstanding personal development, behaviour & welfare for our pupils. The latest Ofsted findings make for proud reading - praising 'strikingly effective' teaching, 'impeccable' behaviour from pupils, 'incisive, strong and inspirational' leadership and 'top notch' planning. Praise for the individual care and attention given to pupils is a theme which runs strongly throughout the report. We are all very proud!

Friends of Woodlawn School



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.

On 10th December volunteers packed 1200 puddings into individual carrier bags in readiness for the '33rd Boxing Day Xmas Pudding Run'. Well done Susan Smith who got a discount from Morrisons for all the puddings! Thanks to Potts Printers for kindly donating the posters & certificates again. Please come along to run or cheer or both! Registration is from 9.30am in the Comrades Club. Entry fee is £7.00 adult & £3.00 child. It's a 3 mile run starting at the War Memorial, The Links, Whitley Bay. It's always a great event and helps raise money for Woodlawn School.





What have Primary been up to?

In Early Years, our new nursery and reception pupils have settled in well. Look at us practising our phonic sounds through using action and rhyme.



In Keely's class the children have been learning all about Space in Science, having lots of fun completing many practical activities. The whole class went onto the yard and pretended to be a different planet to learn about how it

orbits the sun. The class then made their own planet pictures to find out about the planet size and order. The children enjoyed learning about the moon and its features, making pictures using bicarbonate of soda to make realistic craters! They ended the topic with a fantastic trip to the LIFE Centre in Newcastle, where they went into the planetarium and found out much more about our solar system.



In Alex's class the children have been learning about the Medieval Period, looking at Castles, Knights, Kings & Queens and the Norman Conquest. They have worked on Non-Fiction texts, report writing and how best to present information in both History & Literacy lessons. Science has covered sound, including waves, vibration, speed and the workings of our ears! Whilst in music, they have learnt about singing through Christmas Carols whilst learning about the Christmas Story and different types of Christmas traditions around the world in RE. The children have really enjoyed Pop-Art and have created their own fantastic pieces of art!



In Gillian's class during Geography, Art and Design the children spent time learning about Antony Gormley's Angel of the North, which is now 20 years old! The children looked at which shapes they could see within the angel and then used these observations to build a 3D model for the classroom. They painted pictures of the sculpture and worked together as a team to recreate a computer aided design, which was then produced in large scale using a selection of boxes, tubes, paper and paint. We identified its location on a local map; researching that it looks over Gateshead and the motorway.

In Cara's Class the pupils have been learning about the 'Great Fire of London'. They have found out where London is and located different landmarks e.g. London Eye, Buckingham Palace & Tower Bridge. They have learnt interesting facts such as the name of the street where the fire started, the type of shop it started in and how long it lasted. They then created their own Pudding Lane from recycled materials! In science, the children have had fun experimenting to find which materials would make the best waterproof coat to keep the class teddy-bear dry! They used lots of different resources to find the right answer.





Secondary Department Update



On 4th October all secondary pupils attended a session with the British Red cross to learn/develop basic first aid skills.

Benwell Fire Centre – Secondary pupils made visits on 24th & 26th October to participate in interactive Bonfire and Firework safety events.



Class GW visited Safety Works with a focus around first aid and how to deal with emergencies.



On 9th November, Secondary and Post 16 pupils took part in a 'Show Racism the Red card' activity day. This involved a fitness fun session with ex Newcastle player John Anderson.

Class AB have been working hard in History. They have been studying life in medieval times and comparing it to our lives today. They have had fun finding out what their medieval names would have been. Amazing examples include 'Destrian Chickenmill', 'Cedric Liverelt' and 'Ayleth Fudgeman'!



Sarah's class took a trip to Segedunum as part of their learning about the Roman Empire. The pupils got to use, touch & smell many ancient artifacts e.g. leather and metal swords. Even their teaching Assistant, Kate, dressed up like a Roman soldier! Each took home Roman coins they had made. A fantastic time was had by all!

Kimberley's class visited the Great North Museum as part of their Roman learning. The pupils explored Hadrian's wall, completed a hunt of artefacts and learnt about what the Romans wore and how they cooked.



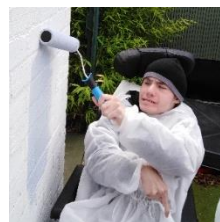
2 pupils from Class CJ have begun their GCSE Art course. They attend Marden High School for 5 art lessons every fortnight. They have begun building up their portfolios of work based on 'Natural Form'. They have also chosen an artist to study over the whole course, comparing their style to the styles of other artists.

Post 16



In September, a group of Post 16 pupils visited the Skills Fair at the Metro Arena, where they had the opportunity to learn about different career paths. Students showed interest in the stalls and sampled some hands on activities in forensic science, police, paramedics, art, and working with animals.

Some of Post 16 have taken part in 'The Can Do Linskill Garden Project 2018' to turn a small part of Linskill gardens into a Sensory space for their nursery school. They have helped create a mosaic tree for a wall, painted old outdoor furniture, weeded, planted & completed small DIY tasks. Everyone gained a certificate of achievement & they will be invited back for a celebration & unveiling – well done Post 16!



2019 Work Experience - We are pleased that we have secured a number of work experience placements for next February & May – the pupils are busy applying for their chosen placements.

16 to 19 Bursary for years 12 & 13 pupils – You maybe 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>





Physical Education

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

16th October - U14/U16 Boys participated in at Football competition at Walker activity dome
7th November - Secondary girls started their Football festival that runs all year till June
28th November - Keely's class participated in an U11 Basketball event.

In the Hydro-therapy Pool our primary swimmers have focussed on developing their front crawl technique. Their progression in developing these swimming skills is absolutely fantastic! Confidence levels are growing and technique is improving. They are moving onto breast stroke next term. If you would like any information on supporting you're your child at public pools, please contact Sonya McDonough at school.

School Council

The school reps have embarked on a project to improve recycling within Woodlawn. They have researched which items can and cannot be recycled in school, then conducted an audit of our recycle bins. They are currently designing and making labels for the recycle bins and class bins. This hard work will continue into the New Year.

Boccia Skills Award - 8 pupils have been taking part over the last 10 weeks during their lunchtime. The project has been a huge success, where through discussing tactics within their group, evaluating their play and understanding teamwork to get the best results, they have all built up their confidence, communication & leadership skills.



painting on canvas, making Christmas gifts and designing tea light holders.

Secondary pupils have been enjoyed lunchtime art club where they have been



Bids, Fundraising & Donations

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING

£220.15 raised



Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

£76.95 raised



Mr Howard Kemp on behalf of the Bay Food Bank based at North Shields, collected our Harvest donations. He has asked for his thanks to be passed on for all of the support and generosity of our pupils and staff.



Great support shown by Woodlawn for buying the British Legion stationery items and poppies.



£317.03 raised



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

£87.15 raised

Thank-you for all your contributions this term for the above worthwhile causes.





Christmas at Woodlawn

Here is a range of celebratory events and activities in our lead up to Christmas.....

Christmas Enterprise



What a fabulous afternoon and tremendous support from family and friends.



Sarah's class visited Fenwick window and Santa on the rooftop!



Glen's form went bowling and then to Nandos for lunch.



Kimberley's class enjoying their pizza at Evans Bistro, Whitley Bay with the profit from their enterprise projects.



Primary Nativity - A lovely morning of entertainment by our younger pupils.



Here is Post 16 at the 'Queens Head' in Cullercoats.



Alex's class visited Beamish



Lucy's class visited Santa at the Metro Centre.



The whole school enjoyed a 'Party Day' in their classes on Wednesday 19th. Primary had a special visitor – Santa!

They had Christmas Elf Fun in Cara's Class, where the pupils were joined by 2 magical elves from the North Pole. They enjoyed singing, playing musical instruments, dancing with streamers, parachute games, a wonderful sensory story and a letter from Santa Claus.



Christmas Lunch

On 20th December the majority of pupils and staff enjoyed a fantastic lunch provided by our catering team – many thanks as always to Anne & her staff





Staff News

Paul Chilcott has retired after being at Woodlawn for over 16 years. We will all miss Paul and wish him every happiness. The staff and pupils said a fond farewell in a special celebration assembly on 28th September.

Mark Foster has left us as has Isobel Johnson to pursue a career in nursing.

We welcome Laura Tapley as our new school receptionist who started with us in November and Katie Pennicott, & Dawn Tate as Supervisory Assistants.

Get well wishes are sent to Angie Forbes.



Many congratulations to Rachel McNaughton & her husband Jon on the birth of their 1st son Jonah James. To Rachel Thompson and her husband Alex on the birth of their daughter Hannah and also to Emma Garratt and her husband on the birth of their daughter Harper.

Health & Safety



Love Those Layers!

You can remove as you warm up

Grab That Hat!

Tons of body heat escapes right from your head

Drink Up!

Warm drinks and soups keep you hydrated

Take It Easy!

Starting to shiver, head indoors.

Fight the Bite!

Be safe in the cold by following the above!

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection policy has been updated and a copy is on our website.

Governor News

New Staff Governor for 2019 – Teaching Assistant, Angela Chapman will take up this role in the New Year.

In regards the Ofsted report, Chair of Governors, Hilary Harrison said:

“This is a brilliant achievement for everyone involved in the Woodlawn School community, including our leadership team, staff, parents, carers and partners. It is even more fantastic that we’ve achieved this in our 100th anniversary year. We are looking forward to building on this great work and fantastic Ofsted judgement, and we will continue to strive for excellence for our school and our pupils.”

GDPR Reminder

General Data Protection Regulations came into effect on 25th May 2018. Woodlawn School is required to keep and process certain information about pupils in accordance with its legal obligations under these regulations. We may, from time to time, be required to share personal information about pupils with other organisations, mainly the Local Authority, other schools and educational bodies, and potentially children’s services. Organisational methods for keeping data secure are imperative, and Woodlawn School believes that it is good practice to keep clear practical policies, backed up by written procedures. More information is on our website – thank-you for returning consent forms.

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 for school meals. See further information on www.my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/131/school-meals





Message from the Head



As another hectic term draws to a close here at Woodlawn, what a fabulous start to the academic year we have had! It started with the visit from the Archbishop of York, which was an exceptional experience and privilege for the pupils & staff, especially coming within our centenary anniversary year.

We were well prepared for our Ofsted visit when it came in October. It was, as anticipated, a rigorous process and we were overjoyed with the outcome. Woodlawn has undergone a long journey of rapid change and it was fabulous to have the hard work recognised in what was an extremely positive report. Overall we are a 'Good Provider' with outstanding Leadership & outstanding personal development, behaviour & welfare for our pupils, which is of course at the core of our ethos. To see the full report please visit our website.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the various events we have hosted this term including parents evening, the MacMillan coffee morning, our Primary Department Nativity & the Christmas Enterprise Fair, where the hall looked very festive and the stalls a true credit to the pupils and staff demonstrating to full effect our enterprise projects. It was also great to catch up with our leavers from the last academic year at their awards ceremony on 7th December, where Stephen Miller MBE was presenting. Stephen is a fantastic ambassador, continues to support our school and is an inspiration to us all.

Our Choir has been out and about again and were delighted to be invited back to perform at the annual LDNE Carol Service at Christ Church, North Shields on 7th December. The pupils were fantastic, a real credit to Woodlawn and were appreciated by the audience.

It now only leaves me on behalf of all the staff and Governors of Woodlawn School to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. I hope to see you at the Pudding Run on Boxing Day and look forward to welcoming all the pupils back to school on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**.

General Reminders



Please remember to label all uniform including PE kit.



Please ensure all uniform now has the correct logo on. Our image is extremely important and gives the whole school community a sense of belonging.



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

Monday 7 th January 2019	Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 8 th January	Pupils return to school for Spring Term
Tuesday 15 th January	U14 & U16 Swimming event
TBC	‘Fun-day’ school meal – Themed lunch with Prizes
Thursday 31 st January	Rebound Event
Friday 15 th February	School breaks up for Half Term
Monday 25 th February	Pupils return to School
Wednesday 27 th February	Inclusive Tennis event
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Athletics Talent Day(Qualifier for regional finals – Secondary & Post 16)
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief – Fundraiser
Tuesday 19 th March	U11 Football event
Thursday 21 st March	U14 & U16 Football Event
w/c 1 st April	Easter Events (Details to follow)
Wednesday 3 rd April	Governing Body meeting
Thursday 4 th & Friday 5 th April	‘Days for Change’ – whole school programme
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 22 nd April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	Pupils return to school for Summer Term



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