



News from Woodlawn

Summer 2018

Sad News

The news of Mya Simpson's passing during Easter stunned the entire Woodlawn family. We can't start to imagine the terrible loss Mya's parents and family must feel. Mya's life was a blessing to all who had the privilege to know her and we extend continued deepest condolences to her family. We all miss Mya very much in school.



What a fabulous week long celebration we had for our centenary anniversary. We started with the summer fair and then on Monday 25th June had an official event for the wider community which was officiated by the Chairman of North Tyneside Council, Councillor Mulvenna.

We hosted a 'World of Work' event on the Thursday where we welcomed a number of companies into school to work in each classroom, giving real valuable employment skills information and demonstrations to our pupils.

The parents enjoyed the presentation event on the Friday morning and the pupils were truly thrilled with their garden party on the Friday afternoon.

We now have a very special piece of art work displayed in our main hall, which is made up of individual ceramic tiles, designed and hand painted by each pupil & member of staff which represents what Woodlawn means to each of them. Something to truly treasure and commemorate 100 years of Woodlawn School.

WPFA



We are now in the process of giving up our charity status and have renamed ourselves

'Friends of Woodlawn School'.

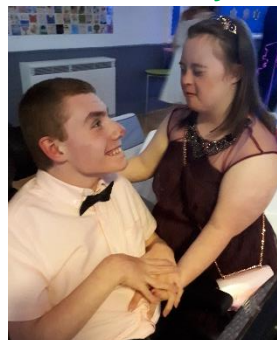
Although there is no official committee/trustee membership we

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. We still intend to host the Boxing Day Pudding Run supported by the Poly. Watch out for texts/letters asking for support at school events. If anyone has ideas on fundraising, please contact the school office. The new mini bus appeal is still ongoing!

Sincere thanks must go to the WPFA committee who will now stand down but still hope to volunteer now and again going forward. Janine Finnie who has been our Treasurer, Brenda Boyd - Secretary, Sally Howard - Chair & Irene Hassanyeh - volunteer. We would not have had the fantastic efforts of the Pudding Run & Summer Fair without their tremendous efforts over the years. Well done ladies and many thanks for your time, effort and shoe leather on distribution of donation letters and posters.

2018 Secondary & Post 16 Prom



What a fabulous night our Post 16 & Secondary pupils had at their Prom last Tuesday. There was some fantastic dancing on show and some tired pupils the following day!

Good luck to all our leavers this summer. Please keep in touch with all your news!

What have Primary been up to?



Early Years have celebrated the topic of summer this term. The children have been on a picnic to the park in

their sensory story and had a teddy bear picnic with their friends. The children have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, creating dens to sit under and making 2D ice-cream sundaes. They have had so much fun this term and enjoyed the weather too!



Kimberley's class this term have undertaken a number of fun and exciting activities. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with Aliens in Underpants, dressing up as Aliens and re-enacting the story with peers. They also built their own Junk Aliens out of recycled household items and had an Aliens space party to finish the year! Approaching their transition to secondary the children also took part in a successful day as part of the Secondary department, accessing lunch and play times with the older students and looking at some of the new subjects they will be working on. As part of the 100 year celebration and history the class participated in designing and creating decorations, looking at school games from 100 years ago and identifying things we like about Woodlawn school as it is now. A lovely end to the School year for all.

Karolina's class topic has been about the 'coast' and all things summer and beach-like! A fundamental part was about keeping safe in the sun. The pupils also enjoyed a visit to the supermarket to buy items for the 100 year party, which will assist them with Secondary enterprise planning going forward.

In Debbie and Joe's class the children have particularly enjoyed their Design & Technology classes.

They have been making a variety of salads from root vegetable to fruit and even fish salads. They have fully made and tasted them with the final favourite being Moroccan couscous with carrot and raisins!



In Gillian's class the children have all become huge England football supporters as they learnt about the history of the world cup, including when England won in 1966 and of course the Anthem "Football's Coming Home". The children have looked at the 32 countries of the world, which were participating in the competition, and the 7 continents where they are located. Each child made a flag book with each national flag used in the tournament, whilst they followed their topic of the FIFA World Cup.

Keely's class have had a special visitor in school, local author and illustrator, Liz Million. The class had completed a unit of work in English studying her stories and writing their own using one of her characters. During the visit she talked to us about her job, her stories and then taught us different drawing techniques. The whole class drew a picture of a tiger on a skateboard. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed the visit. She was very impressed by all of the children's stories about Wilf the wolf!



Secondary Department Update



We have had 2 visits from our STEM ambassador Claire Willis, who has shared the Polar Explorer Challenge with a group of Secondary pupils. They have learnt about & carried out experiments on the adaptations of animals that live there including - why do Penguins huddle? They also researched the weather conditions for people working there and tested materials to find out which material is best for coats in the Antarctic and found out the best shape for a boat and why! A great project, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Exams



One pupil sat their Year 6 English and Maths end of Key Stage 2 SATs with fantastic results.

Year 11 and Post 16 pupils successfully sat GCSE Maths, English, Art, Functional skills Maths, English, ICT, completed Asdan PSD coursework and BTEC Photography coursework. Some results have already been published with others coming through in August.

Department Day Trip

On 12th July the whole of department went on end of year trips funded through all their hard work this year in Enterprise. Form GW went to York via train & Forms AB & CJ went to Beamish, where the pupils were able to travel around the site in small groups accompanied by a member of staff. Highlights included lunch in the park, a visit to the farm and of course buying sweets from the traditional sweet shop! The trip was a huge success all round, so much so we are already planning another visit.



Road Safety

Form CJ have been practicing how to be safe on the roads. After some class based work learning about different ways to cross roads safely, they spent 2 afternoons practicing crossing roads with and without Pelican Crossings. The students gained confidence and showed brilliant common sense throughout.

Work Experience for Post 16

Work Experience placements continued this term with a number of students working at: NYA Motor Project; The Oxford Centre; Seeds of Change; Meadowell Connected & a St Oswald's Charity Shop.

Kielder Residential

20 pupils from both secondary and Post 16 went to the Calvert Trust on 25th April, participating in a number of activities including, zip wire, king swing, rock climbing, velcro Olympics, swimming and laser clay shooting. A fantastic time was had by all! The 2019 residential planning is now underway!

Message from Catering Services

From September 2018 the price of the set 2 course school lunch will be £2.20 per day. To enquire about eligibility for free school meals contact the catering team catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk or call (0191) 643 8355. 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.



This term, the students have continued in smaller groups, with the younger group still working on cues to start and stop, to play loudly and quietly and to play 'pass the sound around'. Everyone has progressed well, including one pupil who has developed his skills on the clarion using eye gaze technology. The other 2 groups have been exploring new sounds and trying new instruments. They recently performed at The Sage, using their own composed songs playing keyboards, clarion, drums and electric and bass guitars. One Secondary pupil, Kiera, wrote the lyrics to their song called 'Music to the World'. Their performances were well received by pupils from other schools and the general public. It was a proud moment to see them represent the school so beautifully. The project has continued to develop teamwork, social skills, confidence and self-esteem.

Physical Education



The whole school participated in the 'Daily Mile' a national event on Thursday 19th April. Classes did a variety of activities to complete their mile, including going round the yard or hall a number of times! Well done everyone.....

A number of pupils have been competing this term and participating in a number of events, including: Primary football event; Primary swimming gala and a secondary rounders tournament. A number of secondary pupils also qualified for the regional athletics, with 8 qualifying for the national athletics in Coventry. Two pupils attended and between them won 3



gold and one silver for Shot putt, Precision bean bag, Precision ramp ball and height bean bag. Both primary & Secondary pupils were also successful at another athletics event in early July at Monkton stadium with Silver and Bronze medals.

To round off a great year of sport within Woodlawn, 3 pupils from secondary received awards in South Tyneside for their sporting achievements this year - Sports person of the year, Newcomer Award and Outstanding contribution.

We have also completed the year-long Girls disability football event run by NUFC Foundation, with all pupils receiving medals. Well done to all our participants, who have proudly represented their school.



What fantastic sporting events we had on the 11th July. Fortunately the weather held and we were able to use the field for this event. Well done to all the pupils for taking part, there was some fabulous running and throwing on show! Thanks to parents/carers for their support.

Swimming

It's been a very busy term for our swimmers and we are all so proud of the achievements. Every one of our swimmers has made significant progress in their swimming skills. Breast stroke has been introduced and they have done well to adapt to this new skill.

We have also purchased new equipment and resources through the kind donation from St James' Place Foundation.

We also enjoyed the centenary celebrations at the pool by creating our own visual display.

We hope everyone will continue to swim over the summer holidays – you could get your child to teach you breaststroke by showing you how to make "beautiful pizzas and then cut them in half".

Transition Day

The whole school participated on 20th June which included for some change of classrooms, teaching staff & peers. A thoroughly enjoyable day, although a little nerve racking initially, for those pupils transitioning to Secondary & Post 16 in September. Don't forget the uniform change if your child is going into Year 7.

Bids, Fundraising & Donations

Updated total for the Summer Fair = £1,898.04.

St Peter's Women's Fellowship Monkseaton - has donated £200. Fundraising for the new Sensory Garden continues and our popular plant sales and in house raffles have raised over £1,000 so far! We would like to say thank you to The Garden Shop Florist in Whitley Bay, who has kindly supported us by supplying the beautiful plants. Due to previous generous donations from the Freemasons of Northumberland and Councillor Craven, we are thrilled to have now completed the 1st phase in the re-development.

Successful application for Premier league stars kit for schools including footballs, cones, bibs, mini goals



Successful National School Games Award application - Silver achieved

Successful application for us to run a Boccia Skills Award, including kit for the school

Thank-you for your contributions this term

Staff News

Claire Riches and Nerys Dixon left us during the term. Sara Craggs, Joe Jackson & Mike Leathead also leave us at the end of this term. Debbie Raikes is retiring following an illustrious teaching career. We thank them all for their hard work during their time at Woodlawn and wish them well for the future. We welcomed back Emma Rogerson from her maternity leave and Rachel Thompson started her maternity leave.

In September we welcome Gillian Beattie, Alexander Calvert & Mark Foster as teachers as well as welcoming back Cara McDonald as a teacher. Also joining our team as Teaching Assistants are Natalya Spraggon, Lisa James, Peter Jones & Nicola Hutchinson.

School Council

During this term the class reps have acquired new playground equipment including tennis balls and rackets, an art box and goal posts. Their primary objective was to bring together a display to celebrate Woodlawn's 100 years. They researched the school's history at North Shields Local Studies Centre and worked together to collate the information. The results are fantastic and have been on display in the hall and will in the future be displayed in North Shields Library. Well done to all as this has taken a lot of hard work by each member of the council, ably led by Sharon Penfold & Kevin Parker.



Health Update

Please Stay Safe in the Sun



GDPR

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. Look out for more information, policies etc on our website and consent forms in book bags.

Governor News

Governors have been delighted to see the progress made in school.

Governors monitor the work going on through regular visits and presentations from senior leaders. The Governors meet as a full body and also have several committees, including Finance & Resources, Teaching & Leadership and Strategic.

Governors also attend relevant training including whole school action planning and Safeguarding, with individual governors undertaking training relevant to their link area.

Two of our Governors regularly volunteer in school and thoroughly enjoy seeing the learning taking place, another also supports our work experience. One of parent Governors has gained us approval for governor space and preparation has begun on achieving the Governor Mark

Hilary Harrison has expressed her thanks to all staff, pupils and parents for an excellent year and is proud to be our Chair of Governors. The whole Governing Body are looking forward to an exciting future and seeing further developments in the next academic year.

All Governors can be contacted via the main office.

Message from the Head



It was with deep sadness that one of our pupils, Mya, passed away during the Easter break.

It is so hard to comprehend such a devastating loss for her family and for us moving onto a new term without her, but we will continue to remember Mya being a

bright and spirited young lady that enriched each day at Woodlawn.....

So, where do I start with the summer term we have had. As always, thank-you to the many parents and carers who came along to our Summer Fair, 100 year parent presentation, parents evening, Sports Day & End of year celebration.

I must also thank the WPFA committee members for their support over the few years. Our pupils would not have benefitted as they have without their tremendous efforts in funding additional resources. My sincere thanks to Janine, Brenda, Sally, Irene & Justine.

We undertook a hectic week of celebrations for our Centenary anniversary. All stakeholders were involved and the week was a fabulous success with one of the highlights for me being the 'World of Work' day, where I know the pupils across school from the very young to our Post 16 gained valuable employment information.

The Senior leadership team have met with the strategic Governing Board and one of key priorities is employment for our young people.

We still await our Ofsted visit which was expected this term. We are prepared for what we know will be a rigorous process and look forward to a favourable report.

It now only leaves me on behalf of all the staff and Governors of Woodlawn School to wish you a fabulous Summer Holiday, please enjoy the break with your children and stay safe in the sun.

I look forward to hearing all things sunny from our pupils on their return to school on **Wednesday 5th September 2018.**

General Reminders



Please remember to label all uniform including PE kit for the new academic year!



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.

Please apply sun cream to your child at home on return for the summer term and send in a hat!

Diary Reminder

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| Monday 3 rd September 2018 | Teacher Training Day (School closed) |
| Tuesday 4 th September 2018 | Teacher Training Day (School closed) |
| Wednesday 5th September 2018 | Welcome back to pupils – start of 2017/18 academic year |
| Monday 10 th September | Friends of Woodlawn Meeting – 10am |
| Wednesday 19 th September | Governing Body meeting |
| Friday 21 st September | Jeans for Genes Day – Fundraising Event |
| Friday 28 th September | MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – Fundraising Event |
| Wednesday 10 th October | School photographs by Phototronics |
| Week commencing 15 th October | Harvest collection – in aid of the Foodbank |
| Wednesday 17 th October | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 24 th October | Harvest Festival - whole school with Rev Peter Dobson – 2.00pm |
| Friday 26 th October 2018 | Break up for half term |
| Monday 5th November 2018 | Back to school |
| Friday 16 th November | Children in Need – Fundraising Event |
| Wednesday 5 th December | Governing Body meeting |
| Friday 7 th December | Secondary & Leavers Awards Assembly – 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Christmas Performances |
| Friday 14 th December | Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – Fundraising Event |
| Friday 21 st December | Break up for Christmas Holiday |
| 26 th December 2018 | WPFA Boxing Day Fun Run |
| Monday 7 th January 2019 | Teacher Training Day (School closed) |
| Tuesday 8th January 2019 | Welcome back to pupils for Spring Term 2018 |



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