



News from Woodlawn

Summer 2019

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to this young man for achieving 'Wanderers Rising Star Sports Award' at this year's annual Awards ceremony. During this year our star sportsman has taken part in a number of sports with great success.



National Athletics Finals

Five pupils qualified for the National Disability Athletics finals in Derby. Four of the pupils travelled to Derby on Friday 5th July for the weekend with staff to compete in the javelin, shot put, 100m, precision bean bag and ramp ball. Teams from the whole of the UK competed. We are very proud to announce one of our pupils won 2 gold, 2 other pupils won silver in their respective sports and another was a finalist. Well done!



Woodlawn achieves Gold

The School Games Mark is a Government led scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



2019 Prom

This year we held our prom at Monkseaton High School. Pupils chose the theme of black and gold and a Masquerade ball. The chocolate fountain and sweet jars were a hit with pupils and they all danced the longest conga ever! The voting for Prom king and queen was very close but here is our King & Queen for 2019!

Many thanks to Monkseaton High and to all staff & parents who supported us on this great night.

We would like to wish all the leavers the best of luck in their new adventures.



Friends of Woodlawn School



We had a fantastic afternoon. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. Our annual fair could not go ahead without the donations from parent/carers, local community and businesses plus the setting up, manning stalls & clearing away afterwards. We raised a fantastic £1739.89. Thanks again!

Our next big fundraising event is our 34th Annual Xmas pudding run on Boxing Day!

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?

Early years have been exploring what they may do in the summer season, what they may see, smell, touch and taste using a range of sensory materials and picture symbols to support.



The pupils have been working on 2D & 3D shapes showing an interest by making arrangements with objects and beginning to talk about the shapes of everyday objects using interactive materials to support.

Our youngest children have also worked really hard in their phonics, with some children listening and matching objects to musical instruments and objects that are familiar to them, whilst others have worked on matching initial sounds to objects and finding consonant, vowel and consonant sound words to match the objects which has been fantastic progress this term!



Cara's class have been learning about what animals need to survive and how they live in different environments and to consolidate their learning the class visited Pets corner at Jesmond Dene and explored the different enclosures as well as the park where they had great fun!

One of the highlights for Alex's class was their trip to the Hancock Museum to support the children's learning in their History topic of Space Exploration. At the museum they watched a show about what the future of space travel may hold and had the chance to look closely at some meteorite fragments as well as enjoying the other exhibits. The class travelled on the metro rather than the minibus to give the children the opportunity to experience using public transport in a safe and supported environment.



In Sarah's Class there has been a focus around fairy tales. The children have really enjoyed reading the stories and completing hands on tasks to explore and expand their creative knowledge. They have loved dressing up as characters from the stories. In Science and Art they have been learning

about animals and their habitats, making habitats using shoe boxes and an animal out of clay. The class have also been on a trip to Seven Stories where they explored the Gallery and the sensory jungle area. They found their happy place in the jungle by bringing a book to life through a range of tactile props, sparking their imaginations.

Gillian's class have been learning about traditional outdoor games. Together they have investigated ring games, more physical games such as "stuck in the mud" and "hop scotch." The children have developed their large motor skills, perfecting their abilities with regards to jumping, hopping, running, skipping and balancing. These newly mastered skills really came in useful during Sports Day!



Two pupils from Keely's class completed their SATS exams for English and Maths in May. They worked hard preparing for these exams and during the week itself. They were rewarded with a whole class celebration party at the end of the week.

As part of the class history studies into North East coal mining, they have visited Woodhorn Museum. It was a fun day allowing the pupils to learn about working in the mine and also home life in the colliery. They were able to observe real mining equipment in use and to dress up as a coal miner using real artefacts. To gain an insight into home life, they found out how to wash clothes before the invention of washing machines - it was hard work!



Secondary Department Update

Kielder Residential

17 pupils attended our annual residential to the Calvert Trust in Kielder at the start of May.



The pupils had a fantastic time taking part in activities such as archery, climbing, zip wire, laser clay shooting,



swimming, sailing, king swing and golf buggies! All pupils had a fabulous time and were a credit to the school and their families.



A big thank you to the staff who went to support the pupils

AB Form have been learning about the Green Cross Code and how to be safe crossing the road. They have been out for some walks around the local area. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed putting the theory they had been studying into practice and did very well in demonstrating how to safely cross roads and use a pelican crossing.

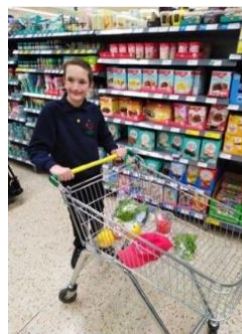


Pupils in Group 1 visited Orange Bus (image) in Newcastle in April. This was to gain a better understanding of how IT is used in

the world outside Woodlawn. Orange Bus are responsible for working for a number of companies including an F1 racing team!

GW form has gone on numerous off site visits to promote and develop road safety and these have included trips to Tynemouth, Silverlink and Seghill. The pupils have rounded off the academic year with a trip to Beamish Museum.

In science the groups have been learning about electricity, carrying out a full investigation as part of the 'Working scientifically' strand of the curriculum. For example, the pupils have been finding out if the length of a wire affects the brightness of a bulb – they have made predictions, thought about the equipment needed, completed a risk assessment, collected and recorded results, produced bar charts and drew the conclusion that the shorter the wire the brighter the bulb would be!



Kimberley's class have been exploring sound in science, visiting the life centre where the pupils explored their senses and had to correctly build mechanic cogs to make their favourite songs play at the right speed. They also learnt about different forces, gaming

through time and really enjoyed the planetarium. To build independence the pupils have been learning about healthy foods, looking at the traffic light system then shopping and creating their own healthy meals.



Post 16

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.northynteside.gov.uk/category/1282/bursary-scheme-20182019>

B Stars Café



Throughout the year 6th Form Group B students have been working very hard in Enterprise. The students set up and successfully ran a café for pupils, staff and 6th Form parents. The total profit made for the whole year is £1050. Students are

looking forward to spending it on the end of year trip and are already looking to improve on the total next year. Over the last week of term they are doing a stock-take, looking at new ideas for the Autumn term menu.

Destinations

Good luck to all our leavers, destinations for September include Project Choice, Supported Internship, Tyne Met College & Hedley's College. One of our young people has 2 interviews for apprenticeship opportunities following his successful work based placement.



Connecting opportunities with Katherine Pegg owner of Katherine's Cakes

provided our pupils with the experience of gaining an accreditation in cake preparation and decorating.

Pupils designed a cake for a specific event and used varying modelling ideas to design and create a finished product. This was a 6 week course for 1 afternoon per week.



Physical Education

During the summer term pupils have attended a number of sporting events including the completion of the all year girls' football at Walker Activity Dome run by NUFC Foundation and Athletics at Monkton stadium where numerous pupils received medals. Well done to all our participants.



What a fantastic day we had on the 11th July. Fortunately the weather held and we

were able to use the field for this event. The morning saw our primary pupils participate in a themed event where each class represented a different country. In the afternoon it was the turn of Secondary & Post 16 where the pupils completed a rolling carousel of activities including penalty shoot-out; hurdles for all; slalom; wellie bullseye; javelin & target practice.

A big thank you to Monkseaton High School for supporting us on the day with the help of their Post 16 Sports Leaders. Well done to all the pupils for taking part and thanks to parents/carers for their support.

In swimming the pupils participated in Swim Safety Week where they looked at how to stay safe and healthy in and around swimming pools and outdoor waters including lakes, rivers and the sea. We are also pleased to announce 53 pupils have been awarded STA Rockhopper Certificates and Badges.

Exams



From year 6 SATs to year Year 11 & Post 16 pupils successfully sitting GCSEs, Functional skills and Asdan coursework, we have had another fabulous exam period going on well over a month coming to an end on 19th June. Well done to everyone for the hard work throughout. Results are published over the summer

Core Value Awards



We continue to host a half termly 'Headteacher Core Value Award' assembly. We have welcomed lots of parents of the pupils nominated by their class/form teacher to the celebrations. It is fabulous to celebrate the achievements of our young people across the whole school.

School Council

The School Council have been very busy this term. The healthy tuck shop is almost ready to be up and running! The councillors have distributed samples of healthy drinks and snacks for all of our students to taste. Every class was given feedback sheets, so the councillors would know which snacks were popular. This information has been collected and a draft order form written up. The students are now ready to approach the Senior Leadership Team with their business plan, with a view to opening the tuck shop during the Autumn term.

Elmer Project

During the summer term the whole school have worked very hard on painting our very own Elmer, called 'Stars in the Garden'. All of the students painted Elmer in a huge team effort. Elmer has been collected and is set to go out on parade, so look out for him.....

He will be coming back to Woodlawn in November to live in the sensory Garden.



Staff News

We say a huge thank-you and a fond farewell to Gillian Beattie, Sarah McCulloch, Marc Husband, Lisa Keeton, Nicole Mallaby and Dawn Tate at the end of the term and wish them well in future ventures. We look forward to welcoming Hannah Fuller, Mary Douglas & David Allan, joining us in September to take up teaching roles and to Cheryl Douglas joining us as a Teaching Assistant, following a successful placement during the last academic year.

Transition Day

The whole school participated on 25th June which included for some – a change of classroom, 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.

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

Governor News

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 Governing Body is looking forward to an exciting future and seeing further developments in the next academic year.

Your parent governors are Stuart Bailey & Angela Blades.

All Governors can be contacted via the main school office.



We have continued running a Primary music group during lunchtime. The students have explored a range of different instruments and have been able to select a preferred instrument for the duration of the term.

They have expanded on their composition skills from last term and developed their playing technique for familiar instruments, in addition to some of the new instruments we have introduced.

We have focused on group dynamics and listening to each other. They are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

World of Work Day

Another wonderful event across school where valuable employment information was provided. Our sincere thanks to the providers who visited school including :

Northumbria Police, Newcastle Cat & Dog Shelter, The Blood Bikes, Orange Bus, Donna's Cheer Dance Academy, Brad Osborne - Infrastructure Manager, Catherine Shield - Photographer, Paul Barrett - Stone Mason & Rachael Barrett - Gardener

SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer web pages contain all the information, advice and support that children, young people and their families might need to use. 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.

Please go to www.northtyneside.gov.uk and search for 'Local Offer'.

Family Support

To view activity suggestions, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/my-activity-passport>

Solihull online provides information on free online courses for all North Tyneside residents. These are courses for parents based on the Solihull Approach and they aim to improve emotional health and wellbeing by supporting relationships in families. www.inourplace.co.uk - password QUADRANT



Beat the Heat

Keep in touch



Look after yourself, older people and the young



Listen to the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat

Keep well



Drink plenty of water, cut back on alcohol & caffeinated drinks



Dress appropriately for the weather



Slow down when it is hot

Find somewhere cool



Know how to keep your home cool



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Cars get hot, avoid closed spaces

Watch out



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Cool your skin with water, slow down and drink water



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/heatwave

PHE publications gateway number: 2016071

Message from the Head



Here we are at the end of another successful and busy academic year. I am very proud of all the work our pupils have completed and the progress made over the year. I am delighted that so many pupils have been nominated and received 'Headteacher Core Value Awards' each half term. This scheme will continue into the new academic year as the enthusiasm and commitment is tremendous.

We have launched our See-Saw IT system enabling parents and carers to view photographic and video evidence of their child's learning. We are thrilled with the positive feedback and how this evidence can be discussed at home with your child to further enhance understanding.

Thank-you to everyone who completed the parent & carer satisfaction questionnaire. The results were fantastic and gave a positive account of school life with 100% stating they would recommend Woodlawn School to another parent. Well done to everyone who has sat exams, I know everyone prepared well and did their very best.

Our Post 16 café has expanded and it's fabulous to see parents from Post 16 now joining us each week. The dining hall is full by the time break-times are upon us each Friday morning!

As always, thank-you to the many parents and carers who came along to our Summer Fair, parents evening and Sports Day - your support is extremely valuable.

Our sporting achievements have again been outstanding. I was very proud to go to Derby with our pupils for the National Disability Athletics. It was tremendous to watch our young people participating and receiving medals in what was a very strong competitive field with teams from across the UK.

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 seeing our pupils when they return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2019**.

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 school if your child is absent so that we 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.



We are required to keep and process certain information about pupils in accordance with the legal obligations under GDPR. It is imperative we have up to date contact details – please keep us informed of any changes.

Diary Reminder

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
Friday 20 th September	Jeans for Genes Day – Fundraising Event
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – Fundraising Event
Tuesday 8 th October	School photographs by Phototronics
Week commencing 21 st October	Harvest collection – in aid of the Foodbank
Wednesday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival - whole school with Rev Peter Dobson – 2.00pm
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4th November	Back to school
Wednesday 6 th November	Parents Evening
TBC	Children in Need – Fundraising Event
Friday 6 th December	Secondary & Leavers Awards Assembly – 2.00pm
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – Fundraising Event
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Performances & Enterprise events
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 26 th December	34 th Woodlawn Boxing Day Fun Run
Monday 6 th January 2020	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Welcome back to pupils for Spring Term 2018



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