



News from Woodlawn

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Children in school have regular lessons relating to e-safety and the safe use of all technology. The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre are offering advice to parents regarding internet safety.

To find out more, information is available at:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/>

which has a range of activities for younger children to get involved in with their parents.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide> provides advice and guidance to parents on using devices,

such as smart phones and gaming devices safely and responsibly. The NSPCC website has information on the 'Share Aware' campaign which gives information on social networks and tips on how to speak with young people.

The campaign targets parents and carers of children aged 8-12 and aims to encourage them to understand online safety and to have conversations with their children about keeping safe online.

A copy of our E-Safety policy can be found on our school website.

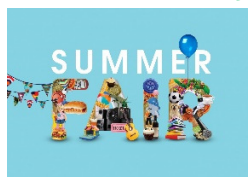
WPFA



Has also re-branded! The committee members agreed on the new logo at the last meeting.

The team are always looking for new members – if you can support in any way, please contact the school for more information/come along to a meeting. The WPFA are currently raising funds towards a new mini-bus for school.

WPFA Dates for your Diary –



Saturday 24th June 2017

12noon – 3.00pm

There will be lots of stalls – Silent Auction, BBQ, an Ice-cream van and tombolas, including bottle, chocolate

and cosmetics..... plus lots more! Please come along and support on the day.

Reminder - Summer Fair Donation Days

5th May – Fragrance Friday

9th June – Chocolate Friday

23rd June – Fill-a-bag Friday

General Meeting – Monday 8th May at 10am

Please come along and support with the planning of the Annual Summer Fair.



LOTTERY FUNDED

£10,000 Awarded!

Fantastic news that our bid submitted just before Christmas to the National Lottery has been granted.

We have £10,000 to

spend on making improvements to our Early Years outdoor area.

What have Primary been up to?

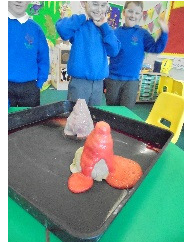
In Early Years this half term, the pupils have been learning all about plants and growing. They have planted cress seeds, cucumber plants, daffodils and ivy. The children take turns to water the seeds and have enjoyed watching them grow. We are currently building a garden centre role play in our outdoor area and we would be grateful for donations of gardening equipment, please - small trowels, watering cans, plants..... Many thanks from the EY team!

Kimberley's class have thoroughly enjoyed Science this half term! As part of Science week we worked outside looking at how different objects move, if we can speed them up, slow them down, timing their speed and sorting them appropriately. The children worked very hard throughout this and as a reward we are having an end of term Easter egg hunt and egg rolling competition! We look forward to seeing who can make their egg roll the quickest.

In Amy's the topic has been transport. The pupils have enjoyed role-playing road safety outside in the yard using the road and zebra crossing. They all took turns being the lollipop person, pedestrians and car drivers, practicing their stop, look and listen. They looked the part in their high visibility jackets!

In Joe's class this half term the pupils have been looking at changing materials in Science. They have completed lots of experiments focusing on the processes of changing materials. The most popular experiments were making non-Newtonian liquid (corn flour slime) and putting coke in Mentos!

In maths they have been looking at fractions in both shape and number, using this as an excuse to make pizzas, both the paper Mache type and the edible type! The end results were brilliant and are proudly displayed outside their classroom.



Debbie & Diane's class topic has been 'Stones and Bones'. The children have learnt about features of rocks, including making volcanoes and geysers. They loved it and had great success. They have also studied Dinosaurs, learning some of their long names and looking at their features. In Maths, they have been comparing sizes, tallying and comparing amounts. The children really enjoy their Read, Write, Inc. sessions and in ICT they have been investigating new and old technology e.g. cassette recorders!

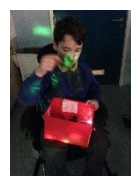
In Cara's class they have been looking at the rainforest and the different animals that live there. The children used laptops to find images and made a fact file booklet. They tried different fruits such as coconuts and avocados, even making snakes that they could eat! They have worked together to create a display in the classroom and labelled the four different layers of the rainforest.

Lucy's class have become the Wizard and Witches Academy practicing making spells and potions!



In holistic maths they have been looking at

numbers to 10 through rhymes and songs. The children have been encouraged to count 1:1 using Numicon and counting bears along with exchanging pennies with current buns.



They have been reading the sensory story Dragon's Lair. The children have been exploring the dark cave and finding the buried treasure before the dragon wakes up.

Secondary Department Update



March 10th to 19th was National Science and Engineering Week. All classes took part in 2 activities looking at irreversible reactions.

Firstly, they made their own lava lamps!! They added water, food colouring and oil to a water bottle, then added Alka-seltzer. The contents began to fizz turning the bottle into a lava lamp!! The pupils learnt about the bubbles from the dissolving Alka-Seltzer rising up through the oil and taking a little water with them and the coloured water falling again once the bubbles burst.

In the second activity they added Mentos mints to Diet Coke Cola to make a fizzy fountain!! Always a favourite!

Some of the Primary classes did it too.....

See some photos of our experiments on facebook.

In Enterprise sessions the pupils in Andy's form have been creating Spring bunting and glass painting. They have really enjoyed the creative aspects of Enterprise this term and are looking forward to sharing their craft items with staff and parents.



James Cook Voyage planned

This will take place over the weekend of the 9th, 10th and 11th June with 5 pupils from Woodlawn

A successful Post 16 Residential

16 pupils travelled to the Calvert Trust in Kielder from 8th to 10th March. Activities ranged from climbing, Zip-wire, King Swing, orienteering, golf buggies and laser clay shooting!

There was a great team spirit with all the pupils supporting each other and overcoming some



barriers along the way i.e. fear of heights.

Well done everyone and a big thank-you to the staff who supported this field trip. Check out more photos on facebook.

Physical Education



There was lots of fun on Red Nose Day in the pool..... Pupils could wear their red noses (and try to keep them on!). They played lots of team games involving their Red Nose friends!

All pupils are showing

amazing progress this term with their swimming skills. They are growing in confidence and the effort and determination from each and every swimmer is absolutely fantastic.

We are following the STA Rockhopper Swimming Programme that is a national swimming initiative for people with disabilities and we hope to be awarding badges and certificates to pupils for their achievements later in the academic year.

If any parent/carer would like any advice on how to support your child with swimming outside of school please do not hesitate to contact school.

In PE sessions all students have concentrated on Gymnastic skills. They have worked on partner balances, individual balances, focussing on agility, balance and co-ordination. Students have progressed to vaulting through objects with varying heights to floor work. Well done everyone!

After School Club



In art and craft this half term, the children have been making lots of different Easter treats. They have made cards, decorated hats, made masks and painted eggs.

They have listened to various music while they explore, experiment and create their art.

In cookery club, the pupils have made pancakes with various toppings, St Patrick fairy cakes, mouse themed baked potatoes and Rocky Road biscuits. They have worked well together, allocating specific roles with impressive outcomes.

In Sports Club, the children have supported each other whilst working on gymnastics skills, a combination of rolls, jumps and balances. This has been achieved through the use of single, partner and group balances.

Staff News



Many Congratulations to.....

Keely Crowther and her husband James on the birth of their daughter Rosie.

Vanya Kerr and her partner Colin on the birth of their son Zac.

Get well wishes to Michelle Yellop one of our Teaching Assistants following her recent operation.

We welcome back Claire Harrison-Hoggarth from her maternity leave after the Easter break.

OpenUpMusic

At the end of last half term we said farewell to Jane Lindenberg who had been our orchestra musical lead and we welcomed Finlay McDaid to take over. Finlay works as a music therapist and has enjoyed getting to know our children. Our first few sessions have been useful for Finlay as our children have been playing the role of 'teacher' to show Finlay what they have been doing including how to create and edit music using the Clarion app on an iPad. We have moved our orchestra sessions from Wednesday to Monday. The children continue to develop their musical knowledge and Open Up Orchestra are planning a sharing session at The Sage in June to showcase the work the children have been doing since September.

School Council



The Reps have been working with the school nurses and the catering team to highlight the importance eating at least five portions of fruit and vegetables every day.

They delivered an assembly, where the reps dressed up and Ann the school cook provided some tasty samples of fruit and vegetables that may not have been tried before! Pupils who have school lunch are encouraged to use the salad bar. They have also ran a competition for pupils to design a healthy fruit muffin and 2 winning entries will go on the lunch menu next term. Fruit and vegetables are packed full of vitamins and minerals which can help children to be healthy and fight common illnesses.

Charity Fundraising



24 March
2017

We had lots of activities going on in school including a red snack time, a 'sponsored silence' and a dance-athon - we raised a fantastic £133.00.



Active Kids

Reminder – please send your vouchers in from your Sainsburys shop! Vouchers are being given out until 30th June –and support the purchase of new equipment for school – Thanks!

Message from the Head



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came along to our Easter Celebration earlier this week.

It was fabulous to get the whole school together and the Choir were lovely and reacted well to such an appreciative audience.

I hope you have had the chance to view the pictures on-line from our Post 16 students visit to Kielder. I know from chatting with them that they had a fantastic learning experience.

There is lots to look forward to in the Summer Term, including our Summer Fair on 24th June – please do support the event and the donation days leading up to it. The committee members and helpers do such a fantastic job with their fundraising efforts.

Also in the diary is Parents Evening and our Annual Prom.

Check out the North Tyneside Council website for the new school lunch menu that has just been launched. A summary will come out in book bags. Please take the time to go through with your child to help them make healthy choices. If your child currently doesn't have a school meal – then why not give it a try! If you need more information, please contact school.

I'm looking forward to the works starting on the Early Years playground during the Summer Holidays, what a difference it will make in enriching our outdoor learning space. I am so thankful to the National Lottery for their grant. We have also received £500 from Coty which we are using to buy some new dining-room chairs.

Have a fantastic Easter break and don't forget to send in some pictures of everything chocolate! We have a teacher training day on Monday 24th April, so look forward to welcoming the pupils back on **Tuesday 25th April**.

General Reminders

Illness at school



If your child has sickness or diarrhoea he or she should not return to school until 48 hours after they were last ill. This reduces the spread of infection to other children and staff.

Pupil Absence



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

Contact Details



If you have changed your mobile phone number or moved house please notify the school office of your new contact details.

Mother's Day Spring Plants

These were kindly supplied by Sarah Ramsay from The Garden Shop Florist in Whitley Bay. Many thanks to Sarah for supporting us with this project. We raised £65 and this is going towards the sensory garden re-development project.

Unfortunately not everyone was able to purchase a plant as were inundated with requests and sold out within a couple of days! We are looking at further opportunities of this nature and will keep you informed. Thanks for your continued support.

Diary Reminder

Friday 7 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 24 th April	Staff training day (school closed)
Tuesday 25 th April	Pupils return to school for Summer Term
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 4 th May	After school clubs start
Friday 5 th May	Fragrance Friday – Donation Day
Friday 26 th May	School Breaks up for half term
Monday 5 th June	Pupils return to school



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