



News from Woodlawn

Number 2 - 2016/17

Re-Branding

What a fantastic event we had celebrating our new logo. Invited guests, including the elected Mayor Norma Redfearn as Guest of Honour, parents, Governors & the School Council all enjoyed the afternoon. The main hall looked fabulous which had been decorated by our own EY teacher Mhari. The WPFA were on hand serving refreshments. Following inspirational speeches from Gill & the Mayor everyone was entertained by a lovely performance by our Choir. We even made the local paper!



OpenUpMusic

Open Up Orchestra continues in school and some of the children are now working in small groups and started work on their composition based on Pachelbels "Canon in C."

We have been very kindly donated some additional equipment from The Sage in Newcastle which includes electric and bass. They have begun to explore music scapes and continue to listen and play together. After Christmas, we will be looking at the elements of our orchestra and establishing clear parts for each child to play.



WPFA

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.

WPFA Dates for your Diary –

Boxing Day - Monday 26th December 10.30am



The WPFA have packed 1000 puddings ready for the Woodlawn 31st Xmas Pudding Fun Run! Registration from 9.30am. Entry fee £7.00 adult & £3 child. A 3 mile run starting at the War memorial, The Links, Whitley Bay.

School Choir takes to the Stage



Hands Hearts Voices Choir

The choir is growing in size and confidence as they start to chalk up their public performances! They have performed in front of Mayor at school and also at Christ Church in North Shields as part of the LD:NE carol service on 2nd December. They got the loudest cheer after they sang and signed 'Rocking around the Christmas tree'. Well done Nichola for her reading. Next date for the diary is 20th March at The Playhouse in Whitley Bay.

What have Primary been up to?

Cara's class have been looking at the human body in Science focussing on the digestive system. The children have had great fun making a model! In art they have been practicing self-portraits using different methods and material, whilst looking at the work of Pablo Picasso.

Kimberley's class have been exploring a range of Julia Donaldson books this half term, working very hard on sentences and identifying key features of the books. The children have also been expanding their communication skills using the game 'Guess Who', which they made with their class photos. However, they are most excited about their Christmas treat which they have been working hard for. They are cooking Christmas cakes and biscuits then eating them whilst watching a Christmas movie to finish the half term!

Keely's class have been enjoying reading Mr Stink by David Walliams, in their English sessions. They have used the book to complete work on punctuating speech, writing character profiles, writing back stories for characters, making predictions and completing a book review. The whole class have thoroughly enjoyed the book and thought that it was very funny. They enjoyed watching the DVD of the book as a special treat to end the unit of work.

Ahoy there, Matey! In Amy's class this half term they have been learning all about pirates, including reading lots of pirate stories, with The Pirates Next Door and The Night Pirates being the favourites! The children threw a pirate party for Jim Lad, one of the pirates from the story, and made invitations for Cara's class to come along. They had such fun and loved the pirate hats and eye-patches!



Diane and Debbie's class have been working on the Great Fire of London. The children have created time lines of events, acting out roles of characters, creating diaries of events and comparing the fire service in the present day to in 1666, as well as looking at sensory aspects. Ask any of the children in the class and they should tell you that the Great Fire of London started in 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakers shop on Pudding Lane. Quiz them about how the fire was put out and where the water was collected from and prepare to be amazed!

Physical Education

The swimming sessions at school are progressing really well. The pupils are showing fantastic progression by developing water confidence skills, swimming strokes and techniques. Some of our pupils are swimming independently and some enjoy hydrotherapy sessions where they are supported on a 1:1 basis. Relaxation music is played whilst they do gentle stretches in the water.



Art Club

This term the children have been making festive treats such as cards, decorations and wrapping paper. They have enjoyed listening to music as they work. The children have had some lovely individual ideas that they have been able to share with their friends.



Cookery Club

The Children have made some flavoursome goodies during the past half term including Raspberry buns, cheese straws, biscuits, mini pizzas and adding a festive flair with Chocolate Reindeers!

Next half term's clubs are Splash, Art and Craft, Lego, Sensory Story, Sports and Cooking. Look out in book bags for Pupil allocation letters.

Secondary Department Update

Claire's class have been completing work based on the musical from BBC called 'I know me' - a story about 2 boys who find themselves in 'The land of Music'. Each week they have watched a section of the musical, discussed what the characters might have been feeling and why, and then thought about the performance of the show. They have made up new songs, designed costumes and discussed props they could use. Their favourite bit was making up the next bit to the musical. The class have brilliant imaginations and story endings included kangaroos, parties, sharks, monkeys, strawberry cakes and a spider called Eileen!

Work continues on making items to sell at our Christmas Enterprise afternoon on Wednesday 14th December. The pupils are looking forward to working on their stalls and selling their products to you. Please come along and support this event.

The students in Glen & Ben's class have continued their successful tuck-shop service on a Friday afternoon, selling Flapjacks, cakes, biscuits and pizzas.

This term the students helped raise money for Children in need by selling cookies and cakes and donating all of their profits to the charity.

Pupils in Post 16 have worked tremendously hard this term in their GCSE Photography lessons. This term they came up with the fantastic idea of creating a Christmas Photo Booth. The pupils have offered the opportunity for all pupils to have their photograph taken in the booth and Post 16 will make the image perfect for parents. Profits from the enterprise will go to help the CRISIS charity. A great effort for a great cause!



Where have we been?

Louise's class and Early Years children visited Marden Community Learning Centre on Tuesday 6th Dec to take part in a sensory Christmas experience. The children took part in activities involving lights, sounds and smells and enjoyed the sensory "12 days of Christmas"

On Friday 9th December Amy's class & Early Years children visited the Rising Sun Country Park to take part in Christmas crafts. They had lots of fun making reindeer food and had a special visit from Santa Claus.

Cara's class went to Star Bowl at the Royal Quays. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, taking turns and encouraging each other. Cara and the class team were very proud of them.

On Wednesday 30th November a group of secondary pupils had the pleasure of visiting the Northern Stage to see a performance of James And The Giant Peach. Everyone came away wowed by the fantastic performances and singing by the actors involved. Seeing a classic story come to life in front of us was a wonderful thing to see. The most exciting part was when we got the chance to put on our shark hats that were specially made for the show. We would like to thank Northern Stage and all those involved for our visit.

Charity Fundraising



Thank-you to all who sent in money to support the 2016 appeal.



We raised a fantastic £125.10



Our final fundraiser of 2016 is of course for Save the Children. Pupils can come in their Christmas jumpers for a £1.00 suggested donation.

Message from the Head



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came along to the parents open evening on 9th November - parental support is so important to us.

I thoroughly enjoyed showing off our school to invited guests at our logo launch. The School council representatives were fantastic and the Choir did us proud. It was also lovely to catch up with our 15/16 leavers on 2nd December.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you on 14th December for the enterprise afternoon. The pupils have worked so hard on getting their stalls ready. I can really feel the excitement building as all the Christmas trips and activities are happening.

Have a peaceful Christmas and if you can, please support 'The Pudding Run' on Boxing Day. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back in the New Year on **Wednesday 4th January 2017.**

Staff News

We said a fond farewell to Stephen Lehahan in October as he returned to Canada. We also say goodbye to Louise Wise at the end of this term.

Ian Saunders will also leave us during January for pastures new and Keely Crowther will start her maternity leave in the early part of the Spring Term.

A big welcome to Lucy Sprawling who joins our primary department as a teacher in January and Claire Taylor who joins Post 16 as a teacher.

Yvonne Cilleland & Emma Garratt join us as Supervisory Assistants from the Spring Term.

Playground Buddy Scheme

The Playground Buddy roles and responsibilities have been agreed and interested pupils put their names forward and went through a selection process.

The pupils have had their initial training session around skills and qualities required to be a Buddy. The pupils were fantastic and are very keen to contribute to the school community.

School Council

The reps have been working together to produce posters and a thought tree for Anti-Bullying week. They have also been thinking about fundraising for outdoor resources and have made Christmas gifts for the Enterprise Fair.

Diary Reminder

Wednesday 14 th December	Whole School Christmas Enterprise Fair – 1.30pm
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Fundraising Event)
Friday 16 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 26 th December 2016	Woodlawn 31 st Anniversary Xmas Pudding Run – 10.30am
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Pupils return to School for Spring Term
Friday 17 th February 2017	Break up for Spring Half Term
Monday 27 th February 2017	Pupils return to school



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