



News from Woodlawn

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Summer Works



LOTTERY FUNDED

We have now allocated the £10,000 awarded by the National Lottery and works start in the Summer in the Early Years yard. We will share pictures in September!

£5000 awarded

The Whitley Bay lodge of the Freemasons of Northumberland have awarded us a fantastic amount to de-develop our Sensory Garden



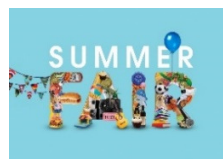
On 27th June the children who have been involved in the orchestra project went to The Sage, Gateshead to perform alongside 3 other North East SEN schools. The children performed beautifully for the audience of Open Up Orchestra staff, pupils and staff from other schools as well as various professionals from music education across the region.

The children performed two pieces, one was a conducted piece by Lucia McManus and the other was a summer piece entitled 'Sandcastles.' The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and were a credit to Woodlawn. Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support on the day.

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. The WPFA are currently raising funds towards a new mini-bus for school.



What a fantastic afternoon we had. 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 had some very tired committee members but well worth the effort – we raised a fantastic £1980.06 towards our mini-bus appeal.

Thanks again!

General Meeting -

Watch out for a date coming in the Autumn term - please come along and support with the planning of the Boxing Day Pudding Fun Run!



TV Fame

Brenda our WPFA Secretary has recently been on the 15:1 TV show!! (front row far right)

What have Primary been up to?

Special Visitor to Early Years

On 30th June, Early Years pupils were lucky enough to look after a rabbit named Peppa. The children enjoyed handling and stroking the rabbit as well as learning about the things rabbits like to eat and drink. The children spent their time watching Peppa in his cage as well as allowing him some time out in their classroom for the children to observe.

In Diane and Debbie's class the pupils have been learning about space. They have been making ice planets such as Neptune and exploring how the ice melts. They have also been acting out 'Alien's in Underpants Save the World' using the space ship they made for the role play area, a large planet earth and giant underpants to 'ping' the meteorite back into space! The pupils have also been on a planet hunt around the school using telescopes that they made and working on a song about the solar system, making up their own lyrics to perform. They have had lots of fun!

Amy's class has enjoyed learning all about the seaside and its key features such as the harbour, cliffs, rock pools and piers. The children have enjoyed being creative by turning CDs into fish and paper plates into crabs for our seaside display board!

The children have also enjoyed learning the song 'Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside'



Joe's class have enjoyed reading lots of Roald Dahl books. In one of their favourite lessons they created a 'disgusting' description of a character, taking inspiration from *The Twits*. They then created a

Quentin Blake style picture of their character using water colours.

This half term has finished with every pupil in the class being able to swim without armbands! All of the class staff are super proud of this achievement!

Kimberley's class have been working very hard this half term finishing their school year by looking at how much progress they have made. The children have been looking at their books from September and then comparing to what they are doing now and celebrating the hard work and progress made. They have been identifying why we are proud of our work. As a reward we are throwing a 'Minion Party' at the end of the summer term for which they are all very excited!



In Lucy's class they have been exploring their very own personalised picnic story in Literacy, which allowed the children to recognise themselves and their peers. They have been developing their communication skills through using their senses, exploring the different foods and materials used to create their picnic adventure.

In Maths they have focused on counting upwards and backwards to 10, carrying out activities finding amounts through songs, games and hands on learning.



The topic in Science has been mini beasts, exploring their habitats and understanding what they eat and the important jobs they do. For history lessons the children have been exploring the seaside and what they might see, smell, taste and hear. They have explored materials and pictures of what the seaside may have looked like during the Victorian times and what the Victorians wore and games they played.



In Cara's class they have been looking at Vikings and making different artefacts that the Vikings used. The children made their own longboat in the classroom and role played with helmets and shields that they created and then set out to sea! They practised handwriting skills using the 'Write Dance' programme.

Secondary Department Update

Geography visits - CJ Form class has been to a number of places exploring the local landmarks and attractions. This has included Tynemouth Priory, Plessy Woods, St Mary's Lighthouse and South Shields beach.

GW Form - For all the hard work this term and the accumulation of house points exceeding 1000 the group decided they would like to go to Beamish for the day last Thursday.

Secondary 'Move Up' day - This was a great success with all three secondary form classes competing against each other in a quiz, memory challenge and sporting activities.



After a great deal of hard work and effort form AB have got together all of their donations and money they have raised throughout the year for Newcastle Dog and Cat shelter. They have

fundraised through enterprise tasks and requesting donations from parents and carers. A big thank you goes out to all those who have donated. On top of all the food, blankets and toys they have managed to raise over £100 as well!

SAFE Week

Safeguarding Awareness For Everyone.

During week commencing 5th June teachers worked with pupils on this topic during registration, PSHE, Social Communication, ICT/Computing.



During this week, our nursing team led a sun safety assembly.

Here is the poster we have used in school – some pointers for all of us.

Please stay sun safe in the holidays.

James Cook Voyage

At the start of June five of our pupils teamed up with students from Epinay School and went on the James Cook boat voyage. The trip was an amazing success with all pupils thoroughly enjoying their time aboard the boat.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Also in June five Year 13 pupils went to Keswick for 2 nights, 3 days. Their performance and attitude during the expedition was fantastic and as a result all five have now achieved their Bronze Award Duke of Edinburgh – Well Done!

Physical Education

Swimming has gone from strength to strength this year and pupils have really excelled in their swimming skills.

Five pupils attended the Panathlon U12 Swim Gala at Hadrian Leisure Centre on Friday 23 June. Each of them gave an accomplished performance but more importantly, they all had great fun and demonstrated superb team work and sportsmanship on the day. They were delighted at coming 5th in the gala and took great joy in receiving medals and certificates. Well done to those pupils who attended. The school are so proud of your achievements.

In PE the pupils have focused on a carousel of activities including Trampolining, Badminton, Athletics, Tennis and Dance. They have used their creative minds to establish and build new skills in lessons. They have also followed a unit of Bollywood Dance, learning about the expression and different cultures of dance.

3 of our students qualified for the National Athletics finals in Coventry. We had a hugely successful day, all of our students qualified for the final in their heats and one student won 3 gold medals – well done to all.



What fantastic sporting events we had on Monday & Tuesday. Fortunately the weather held and we got on the field. 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.



In Cookery the pupils have made some lovely items this term including Fruit smoothies, Fairy cakes, Cheese straws and Fathers' Day biscuits.

In Art and Craft the pupils have been using a variety of painting styles making blossom trees with finger painting and using tissue paper to make a collage including themselves in the pictures.

In Sports Club the pupils have been doing a number of activities including trampolining, obstacle courses, athletics and badminton.

We are having a re-launch of our clubs in September. If you haven't already, please send back your request slip sent home a couple of weeks ago.

Staff News

Many Congratulations to.....

Georgie Hind has become a very proud Grandma to Florence Logan – Georgie has shared some lovely photos.

During the Summer Term we said a fond farewell to Michelle Yellop. Also leaving us at the end of this term are Diane Pringle, Amy Dunn, Cara McDonald, Stephen Dial, Shaun Storey, Kirstine Tarn-Gibson, Jim O'Neill & Chris MacDonald.

We thank each of them for their hard work and effort during their time at Woodlawn and wish them every success for the future.

We welcome back Vanya Kerr from her maternity leave.

We welcome to the Woodlawn team in September, Sara Craggs as Assistant Headteacher Primary Department, Rachel Thompson as Post 16 Tutor & our new Teaching Assistants: James Crowther, Colin Richardson, Isobel Johnstone, Emma Burt, Mike Leathead & Stephanie Hay.

Governor News

We have two new Governors Rev Peter Dobson from St Peters Church in Monkseaton and Susan Thompson, who is also volunteering in school doing reading with some of our pupils. Both are active members in the local community and look forward to working with the staff & pupils of Woodlawn.

Charity Fundraising



We participated in this wonderful event on Tuesday. Well done to everyone and the parents who came along to support and join in. You can still donate via the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephen-dial>



Thank-you for all the tokens – as always Angie Blanch is ordering our additional PE and cookery equipment with the tokens.

We received 4300 in total – thanks to everyone & Angie!

Angie has asked for donations of baking trays – so if you have any spare – please send them in!

A message from Catering Services

The price of school meals will increase from 7th September 2017 to **£2.15 per day** / £10.75 per week.

Message from the Head



As we bring another academic year to a close, it's always good to reflect on all our achievements.

We started off the year with our re-branding marking a new chapter for us and we will move into 2018 celebrating its 100th year in July – watch this space for

our programme of celebrations.

The pupils have been involving in some fantastic sports this year including trampolining & gymnastics programmes as well as attending a swimming gala and athletics events.

Years 11, 12 & 13 have completed their functional skills exams and we have planned an awards assembly in the Autumn term to celebrate their results.

I'm so pleased that our pupils have been able to participate in some fabulous opportunities including Duke of Edinburgh, Calvert Trust in Kielder residential and the James Cook Voyage. Due to the success of these we have already booked another visit to the Calvert Trust next year.

It was great to see so many of you at our parents evening, thank-you for your continued support and engagement. I had a fabulous evening last Thursday at our annual prom the hall looked fabulous as did all the pupils!

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. I was also amazed at the generosity from the Masonic Lodge for their £5000 donation – what a boost to our sensory garden re-development fundraising. The staff are leading on this project and are in the process of finalising the plans.

Have a fantastic Summer break and I look forward to hearing all about everything sunny from our pupils on their return! Please remember due to essential maintenance works we have had to move our Spring Term training day to September so we now re-open to pupils for the Autumn term on **Thursday 7th September**.

General Reminders



School Uniform

Please remember to label all new uniform for September!



Following amendments to DfE Attendance Regulations, since September 2013 Headteachers may NOT grant any leave of absence during term time (including family holidays) unless there are EXCEPTIONAL circumstances. 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 without permission from the Headteacher it will be marked as unauthorised. Under government guidelines any absence marked as unauthorised can lead to involvement of the Education Welfare Service in persistent cases of poor attendance.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school.

Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea. In the Public Health Agency document, 'Guidance on infection control in Schools and other Childcare Settings', the recommendation is that any child with diarrhoea and or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. 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.

Diary Reminder

Monday 4 th September	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
Tuesday 5 th September	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
Wednesday 6 th September	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
Thursday 7th September	Welcome back to pupils – start of 2017/18 academic year
Wed 20 th September	Governing Body meeting
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day – Fundraising Event
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – Fundraising Event
w/c Monday 2 nd October	Harvest Collection – in aid of Foodbank
Wednesday 4 th October	Harvest Festival – whole school with Rev Peter Dobson – 2.00pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 30 th October	Back to school



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