



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER Summer 1 Week 2: ending 27/4/18



OPAL: Many thanks to everyone who has brought in unwanted items for our new Outdoor Play and Learning venture. So far, we have had dolls, teddies, straw hats, sun glasses, handbags, dressing up costumes, a full-sized pushchair, plastic tea sets, a guitar and even a pair of flippers! This week, every class had a specific day to choose to play with whatever they wish. Every child who brings wellies into school is allowed access to the field every day (not just when it's their class's turn for OPAL equipment). Please keep bringing in any unwanted items (nothing glass or electrical, please). Please keep donating your unwanted items: 5 Dojo points for every donation! Later this term, we will be extending our equipment to include old tyres, ropes, wood, tarpaulins etc, for den-building etc, so don't throw anything away!

Year 2 Trip: This week, Year 2 visited the Locomotion Museum and had a fantastic day out. The weather was good and their behaviour was magnificent: so much so, that the whole class were Class of the Week instead of Pupil of the week! Well done, Y2.

Year 5 Bowes Museum: Another trip out to a museum, this time, Bowes Museum for Year 5. The children really enjoyed making clockwork toys and learning a great deal about the history of the museum. Thank to Julia from Bowes who worked with Year 5 to present an assembly to parents and the whole school on Thursday.

Year 5 Commonwealth Trip: Year 5 have also been to Durham Cathedral to participate in the Commonwealth Celebrations across Durham. Over 2000 school children enjoyed this event and the Cathedral service was a fantastic experience.

Skip2Bfit: All classes (and staff!) enjoyed a full day of Skip2BeFit this week with Dave, our school coach. This is a new programme we will be starting every day in school after half term which is a fantastic way to not only improve fitness but more importantly, to build resilience, develop confidence and achieve personal goals. Every child – and staff member - will be given their own special skipping rope with a counter to record progress every day and beat their own personal score. We can't wait to get started!

Play Ambassador Award: Our very first Play Ambassador award (chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors) is Tia Rowell. She has been noted as an excellent role model during our new OPAL play/ lunchtimes, helping younger children to share and tidying up properly. Well done, Tia: 10 Dojo points for you!

Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 5	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	98	93.3	10
Year 1	96.9	84.6	85
Year 2	99.3	96.6	7
Year 3	90.3	79.3	7
Year 4	95.5	86.2	22
Year 5	97	86.7	20
Year 6	94.3	82.1	110 ☹

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 95.9%: this is slightly above the expected average: well done!

Lateness: 261 minutes lost due to being late. This is disappointing: please get to school for 8.50am every day. Referrals to Durham County Council Enforcement Team have been made this week for those children persistently absent (ie. Attendance falling below 90%). This may result in a fine or even court prosecution. From this week, persistent absentees will be visited by Kirsty to ascertain reasons for persistent absence.



Unauthorised absence: 2.19%
Absence due to illness: 1.74%

Please make sure children have a cap, sun-cream applied before school and a water bottle when the warm weather re-appears please

Diary Dates:

Thursday 3rd May	Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 7th May	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 11th May	Y1 Lighthouse Trip
Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May	Year 6 SATs: NO ABSENCE THIS WEEK, PLEASE
Tuesday 22nd May	Y5 Class Assembly
Thursday 24th May	Photographer for all classes including EYFS
Friday 25th May	Photographer for Y6 Class Photo BREAK UP Half Term
Tuesday 5th June	Children return to school (School closed for Staff Training Monday 5th June)

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