

# Woodburn News



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## Shared Learning – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018

A reminder that Primary 1-7 Shared Learning is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm**. This session has a Numeracy focus. Refreshments will be available in the dining hall at 3.15pm when the session ends.

## Woodburn Playground Planters

Thank you to parents Debbie Lawson and Robert Jeffords who have repaired the planters on our playground. They are yet to be painted but already look so much better. Our lunchtime gardeners have been busy too weeding them. Once they have tackled those planters they will be moving on to our Sensory Garden which looked beautiful when the daffodils were in bloom but now definitely need a Spring tidy!

## WOW - The Year-Round Walk To School Challenge

As you will be aware, across the school, the classes have begun tracking journeys to and from school using the WOW! Travel Tracker. This is an interactive SMART Board tool which is completed by each child on a daily basis. Pupils record how they get to school on the **WOW Travel Tracker** and those who walk at least once per week for a month are rewarded with a themed badge.

We understand that often children attend Breakfast Club and so are driving to school on a daily basis, but travel home either on foot or use 'park and stride'. This should be the option they choose when logging their mode of transport on the Travel Tracker.

In order to monitor and alleviate some of the parking and travel issues around our school campus, it is important that as a school we gather as much evidence as possible from a range of sources to try to improve congestion and promote safe travel. This is carried out both by adults in school as well as by our P7 Junior Road Safety officers, Jessica and Azaria.

A reminder - In order to help ensure the safety of our children please use Park and Stride designated places at Sainsburys and Cowden Pavillion and **do not drop-off or pick up within the Thornybank Estate**.



## Nursery and School Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on our children taking part in Sports Day. The weather was great and the children had a fantastic time competing!



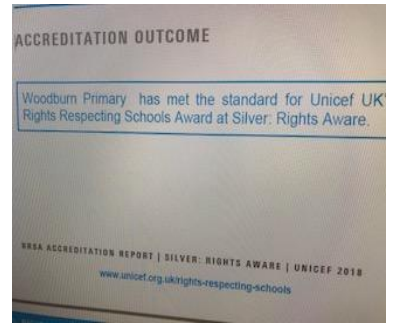
## **Rights Respecting School Silver Award**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Gerry McMurtrie visited our school to assess our school for our Rights Respecting School Silver Rights Aware Award.

He visited our Citizenship Gathering, he spoke with the Leadership Team and groups of children from P1-7, he was taken on a Learning Walk around the school with House Captains and our P6 and P7 RRSA Steering group members and then he met with a group of school staff and a group of parents to discuss and share the work and learning that we have been involved in.

After a busy morning, Gerry announced that Woodburn Primary had achieved their Silver Rights Aware Award. We are very proud of everyone for their hard work and commitment whilst on our RRSA journey.

Our next steps are to plan and begin our journey to achieve our Gold Award.



## **Alix's Friendship Benches**

Alix Renwick has unveiled her brand new 'friendship benches' produced by Scottish War Blinded Veterans.

Alix wanted the children at our school to have somewhere to go if they needed a friend to play with and speak to.

Alix began fundraising by selling slime, hot chocolate and biscuits to her friends and family and successfully fundraised over £400 for her friendship benches.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of May, the benches were unveiled to pupils, teachers and family members with a ribbon cutting. John Finlay and Ewan Bowie, attended along with Woodwork Instructor James Gregson.

John and Ewan produced the four benches along with fellow Scottish War Blinded veterans John Harling and Tom Hedges. Ewan described producing these benches as a "privilege". He said, "This was such a fantastic initiative from Alix and we were delighted to make them so her idea could become a reality. We love making things for people to enjoy in their gardens, we hope many children will benefit for years to come."



## **Woodburn Parent Partnership Summer Fair – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**

Please come along and enjoy the Summer Fair on Saturday, 10am – 12pm. There will be many stalls, games, activities, a football tournament and a performance from our Glee Choir!



