

Willow Academy

Newsletter March 2016

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March Willow participated in World Book Day. The day started with World Book Day breakfast for pupils and parents where they enjoyed activities together. Pupils and staff donated money to come into school dressed as a book character and had enormous fun guessing which characters were walking around school!! We raised a total of £398.15 which will be used to purchase new books across school. Thank you very much to all who took part.

Lunchtime

To reward positive behaviour at lunchtime, KS2 and KS1 Midday Supervisors have been running a weekly draw in each class. The winning child chooses a prize of their choice from a selection held in school. This is proving to be successful in rewarding children for positive behaviour. Photographs of the winners are put on display.

School Dinners

The children, through their class council representatives, have had an input into the choice of school dinners for the upcoming Summer menu by putting forward the children's likes, dislikes and suggestions.

Parental Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the parental consultations. It is always nice to see parents in school for such a mutually beneficial meeting. We look forward to meeting parents and carers of Key Stage 1 pupils next week.

YEAR 6 SATS 2016

Key Stage 2 SATS will be administered in the week commencing Monday 9th May 2016.

Parents should note that all Year 6 pupils must be in school during SATS week.

Under no circumstances should holidays be taken at this time.

New Staff at Willow

We are delighted to welcome Carol Bilby (Admin Assistant), Heidi Lindle (Parent Support Advisor) and Amy Wood Samways (Teaching Assistant) to the Willow Team. Heidi will be available to help with any queries on:

Mondays: 8.30 am – 12.00 pm

Wednesdays: 8.30 am – 12.00 pm

Fridays: 8.30 am – 1.30 pm

If you have any queries out of these hours Mrs Morley (Parent Liaison) will still be available in the office to support.

Attendance

Week ending 11.3.16

FS2C	94.8%
FS2H	98.1%
1C	99.3%
1F	91.6%
2O	100%
2V	96.7%
3G	97%
3S	95.7%
4R	98.6%
4S	95.7%
5N	98.2%
5P	97.2%
6C	99.3%
6R	95.3%

South Yorkshire School Winter Games

On Wednesday 9th March, Willow took three teams of children to represent Doncaster at the English Institute of Sport. They competed in:

Boccia - not losing a game

Basketball – finishing 5th

Gymnastics – claiming a bronze medal. Well done to everyone – you were amazing.

Highlights of the day were catching a glimpse of Jessica Ennis-Hill in training, going on a parade round the track like the Olympics and meeting a football freestyler and a giant panda!!

Years 3 and 4 Multi Skills

On Friday 11th March, all of Year 3 and 4 represented the school in a virtual multi skills competition. Braving the cold weather they competed in events such as speed bounce, javelin, 400m and 50m sprints. Well done!

For further information on Sports and general information about future sporting activities visit Sainsbury's school games website at yourschoolgames.com

Sports Relief

Friday 18th March is Sport Relief Day. We are hoping to raise money in several ways:

- Wristbands at £1
- A free fun activity at morning break time run by Matthew as follows:

Monday 14th March - FS2
Tuesday 15th March - Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 16th March - Years 3 & 4
Thursday 17th March - Years 5 & 6

- Wednesday 16th March - 'Move A Mile In Any Style' – 3.45 pm on the school field - £1 per family (all welcome)
- Thursday 17th March - A staff table tennis challenge at lunchtime - £1 to enter (staff names will be pulled out of a hat and paired).
- Friday 18th March - All children to come into school in a sporting outfit - £1.
- Friday 18th March – Coffee Morning organised by Friends of Willow.

Children's University

There will be holiday activities for Children's University members; please see the website below for details of times, costs and dates. Or alternatively see the school website at www.willowacademy.org

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk