

Willow Academy

Newsletter December 2015

Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th November, our school held a minutes silence. The children learnt about the sacrifice of all soldiers who have fought in war to create a better life and world for us today.

A minutes silence was also observed on Monday 16th November 2015 as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in the events which occurred in Paris.

Colder Weather

Now the cold weather is with us, could you please ensure that children are sent to school with appropriate clothing ie. hats, scarves, gloves. These must be clearly named. Many thanks.

Year 6 Athletics

A team of 20 children competed in an indoor athletics competition at Rossington. The team finished 2nd, just missing out by a few points. WELL DONE Year 6 !

Year 6 Handball

Our Year 6 went to the first ever Doncaster Handball Finals on Thursday and finished first; CHAMPIONS!! Amazing considering it's the first time we have competed.

Years 3 & 4 Girls

Our Years 3 and 4 girls competed in the South Yorkshire Finals on Monday finishing 4th out of 400 primary schools in South Yorkshire. Well done! The girls were: Clara Church, Grace Mullen, Isla Dawson, Olivia Mifsud, Rachel Rudd, Olivia Savage, Lizge Dalkilic and Anushka Arora.

Year 3 & 4 Boys

We also competed in the South Yorkshire Finals finishing 8th. Great effort and team spirit was utilised throughout. The boys were: Archie Hurd, Sam Wood, Harry Henshaw, Sam Woodcock, Kyran Foulstone, George Henshaw, Jamie Tomlinson, Luca Glaister and Noah Whiteman.

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yourschoolgames.com

Children In Need

On Friday 13th November we ran a number of events to raise money for Children In Need. We raised £601.70 through our breakfast, non-uniform day, a tuck shop run by a group of Year 6 children and our 'Guess Pudsey's Middle Name' competition.

Thank you to everyone who supported the day, including Neil and Donna who spent the day with us as volunteers from Lloyds Bank. Neil and Donna returned on Wednesday 18th November to draw out the middle names. He ended up being called:

Pudsey Ben Fraser Pearson Bear

Marley in 2V won the giant Pudsey Bear donated by Lloyds Bank as the first drawn name and Millie in 4R won the Pudsey money box.

The classes all had time in the day to design an eye patch for Pudsey or a bag for Blush and the winning entries were chosen by each class for our display.

Mrs Carroll

TAG RUGBY

On Friday 20th November a small group of fourteen Year 6 pupils participated in a their first ever Tag Rugby competition at Hill House. They played really well as a team, coming second to a very good Hatfield Travis team.

2015'S PANTO IN A DAY!!!!

Where: Ballroom, Mansion House, 45 High St,
Doncaster DN1 1DN

When: Wednesday 30th December 2015

Time: Arrive 9:45am for a prompt 10am start. Event will finish at 3pm (*parents/carers to arrive by 2.30pm to be seated to watch the play, latecomers may not be able to get in*)

What: The fantastic performers of Talegate Theatre will produce a pantomime, with your children in starring roles, in just one day!

Places: Limited to 30.

How: Parents/Carers of each child wishing to participate should contact Doncaster Book Award Schools and Home Ed Coordinator Lynne Coppendale directly to book their child's place. Please note you cannot book on behalf of friends. Contact 07716 583652 /dbaschoolscoordinator@gmail.com.

Travel: It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure punctual arrival and collection of their child.

Media/Image Recording: It will be assumed that booking of your child's place provides permission for recording of the activities for use by the DBA, Talegate Theatre, Press and Mansion House staff.

Anything else: Children will need a packed lunch and drink.

Attendance – Week ending 27.11.15

FS2C	92.8%
FS2H	98.5%
1C	97.3%
1F	94%
2O	99.3%
2V	96%
3G	99.7%
3S	97.9%
4R	92.2%
4S	96.4%
5N	97.2%
5P	97.1%
6C	95%
6R	98%

Cycle Training at Willow Academy

I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Mrs Rossall and all school staff for inviting us and helping with the cycle training at your school starting Tuesday 17/11/2015. Our Instructors very much enjoyed their time spent with you and would also like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the Year 6 pupils for their superb energy and enthusiasm throughout the course. We felt that they all really benefited from the experience and we hope they go on to put it all into practice (and of course pass on how good the course was to others!).

Please also pass on our sincere thanks to the parents who gave permission for their children to participate in the course.

Well done to all and thank you again from '**Cycle Experience**'.

We look forward to working with you all again in the future. With kind regards,

Paul Young, Regional Manager, South Yorkshire Cycle Experience Limited (Part of the TTC Group)

Upcoming Events at Willow

We have a busy half term coming up with Number Day on Thursday 3rd December and lots of festive activities planned for the children. On Friday 4th December Friends of Willow will be hosting a Christmas Fayre here at Willow (TaeKwon-Do/Girls Football will be cancelled) with lots of festive stalls and a visit from Santa. We have Christmas parties for all year groups, along with a Snowman Disco for Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 9th December. Key Stage 1 will be putting on performances for parents – Foundation Stage (9.12.15), Year 1 (10.12.15), Year 2 (11.12.15) and on the last day of term we will be having a Christmas dinner followed in the afternoon by Carols around the Christmas Tree.

Table Tennis

On Tuesday 24th November eight children from Years 5 and 6 went to Balby Carr to compete in the first ever Doncaster Table Tennis finals. The team performed amazingly well becoming Champions of Doncaster. The team was: Wewan Whittaker, Oliver Gregory, Cole Church, Lauren Weston, Yuvraj Singh, Henry Bambrough, Jamie Wilde and Ruby Hadley.

Volleyball

On Wednesday 25th November Mr Parkinson and Mrs Boyles took a group of Year 6 pupils to Rossington to participate in a seated volleyball competition. The children took part in coaching in the morning and a competition in the afternoon. They played supremely well, winning the competition, becoming DONCASTER CHAMPIONS.