

Willow Academy

Newsletter January 2016

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. We hope everybody is refreshed after the Christmas break and looking forward to the year ahead. The children have made a wonderful start.

WCAT Visit

On Tuesday 12th January we had a visit from Alan Yellup OBE, CEO of Wakefield City Academies Trust. We would like to share with you the letter that Mr Yellup sent after his visit.

"Thank you so much for showing me around your school on Monday.

I especially want you to thank staff and students for making my afternoon so special. I was welcomed into each classroom. The children, without exception were delightful, keen to show me how much they were learning and enjoyed their school.

The fantastic social environment was added to by the wonderful display. My wife, who was a former headteacher would have been extremely proud of the standards.

I wish you well on your journey to outstanding and will ensure that the whole weight of WCAT support will be provided to help you achieve this objective.

Please pass on my thanks to all your colleagues and students.

Kind regards

Alan G. Yellup
Alan Yellup OBE

CEO Wakefield City Academies Trust"

Pinocchio Pantomime

On Thursday 7th January children in Year One and FS2 were invited to the pantomime 'Pinocchio' by Friends of Willow and those that attended had a lovely time. The children and adults all got involved throughout the performance and had a fantastic time enjoying the singing, dancing and acting. Thank you to Friends of Willow and the teachers who supported the evening.



Attendance – Week ending 15.1.16

FS2C	95.8%
FS2H	96.6%
1C	97.1%
1F	96.6%
2O	98.1%
2V	91.1%
3G	97.3%
3S	96.5%
4R	96.7%
4S	97.2%
5N	96.3%
5P	96.2%
6C	95.7%
6R	96.7%

1C visit Toby Carvery

On Monday 11th January 1C walked up to the Toby Carvery restaurant to take part in their Chef School. The children had lots of fun playing the different games; enjoying the challenge of naming a variety of fruits and vegetables that are used in the restaurant. Children then had to describe and taste some vegetables before they were invited to choose their own dinner from the carvery deck. The children ate their dinners before having ice cream for pudding and walking back to school to share their experience with others.



FS2 Road Safety

On Wednesday the 13th of January Sarah the Road safety officer visited the FS2 children to tell them how to keep safe on and around the road, where to play safely and how to cross the road safely holding their grown up's hand. Sarah also told the children about the correct seat they should be using when travelling in the car.

Could we also ask parents to be safety conscious when dropping off and picking up children.

We are very lucky that we have a large car park next to the school, so if you could park there it would make crossing the road at the beginning and the end of the school day a lot safer. Also when the children are getting into, or out of the car, could you please use the pavement side. Thank you.

Sportability

On Wednesday ten of our pupils attended the Sportability competition at Balby Carr. The two disciplines were Boccia and Curling. Our children did very well, coming 1st in Boccia and 2nd in Curling. Well done!

Upcoming Sporting Events

We have two events coming up in the near future which are:

- Sainsburys Year 6 Hockey,
- Year 1 Multi Skills
- Years 3 and 4 Basketball

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