

Newsletter January 2017

Year 5 visit Eureka

The children in Year 5 had a fantastic day at Eureka on 19th January. They took part in a workshop (Destination Space) where they carried out experiments and controlled a robotic arm to complete a task. The children also toured the rest of the Science Museum. Finally, a big thank you to the Year 5 children for their fantastic behaviour.



Year 6 Hockey at Hall Cross

Two teams from Year 6 walked to Hall Cross Lower this week for a hockey tournament. They all played extremely well with Team A coming 2nd, only losing out in the final on penalties. The pupils were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour.

Well done!



Parent Pay

If you have outstanding dinner money in excess of £10 you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is cleared.

The office is spending an increasing amount of time chasing money for dinners and school trips and would be grateful if parents could keep up to date with any money owing.

Please note any cash/ cheques paid into school must be in a named sealed envelope. Parent Pay is an easy secure system.

Thank you

Attendance – Week ending 27.1.17

FS2C	90.5 %
FS2S	86.1 %
IC	95.8 %
IO	94.6 %
2F	95.6 %
2V	93.7 %
3L	95.9 %
3M	99.3 %
4N	97.9 %
4S	95.5 %
5D	97.8 %
5P	95.4 %
6G	95 %
6R	88.6 %

Well done to 3M for winning the Attendance prize this week!

We are so proud of your efforts.



Friends of Willow Pantomime

On the evening of Thursday 12th January, M&M productions came to school to perform to some FS2, Y1, Y2 and Y3 children, as well as their families. Their performance of Aladdin was very much enjoyed by children, and their parents and carers, and the feedback received from parents showed their pleasure, including those who are already looking forwards to next year's production! **Thank you to Friends of Willow** for their support with the refreshments and to the staff who supported on the evening.

FS2 visit the Fire Museum

FS2 enjoyed their trip to the Fire Museum. We learnt about how to keep ourselves safe on the beach, what to do in a fire and got to try on different costumes!



Headteacher's message

Since the start of term there have been so many developments taking place both inside the classroom and beyond.

Our new ASPIRE reward cards have been received very well by the children who love to gain recognition for their efforts and positive behaviour. We can't wait to share our exciting plans for the end of year reward experiences with them, although some of the rewards are a surprise!! Each week we present over 30 certificates to children who have demonstrated our ASPIRE behaviours.

The children will have noticed a change in their Writing lessons and they have all just completed their very first piece of extended writing for the 2017. I have read some of their writing this week and I am very proud of their efforts.

We are putting the final touches to our plans for Family Dining at lunchtime after February half term, I know the children will enjoy the new experience, especially our Year 5 and 6 lunchtime ambassadors who will have the opportunity to show their leadership skills and become positive role models for the younger children.

Over the next term we will have a greater focus on uniform; if your child currently wears an item of clothing that is non-uniform, particularly a non-logo cardigan or jumper, please ensure that when you replace the item, it is with approved uniform with the school logo (bought from the school office). From September 2017 any item of non-uniform clothing worn by children will be removed.

I have received many messages of support from parents over the term, **thank you for your support**. I hope you will see that the changes taking place will have an impact on the children's' experience and progress. Please keep in contact through wearelistening@willowacademy.org.

You can now follow us on Twitter @AcademyWillow

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs D Sumner, Interim Headteacher