

Mother's Day Coffee Morning

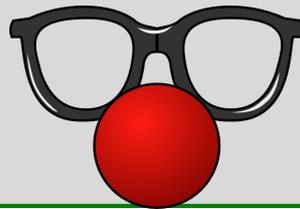
We would like to say a huge well done to our Friends of Willow group for the running of the coffee morning on Thursday 23rd March. The event was extremely well attended and they created a brilliant atmosphere in the hall – it looked fantastic! Thank you to everyone who attended and the feedback that you provided – we will be looking at a way to split the session for future events like this and look forward to the continued support from our Friends of Willow members. A total of £122.50 was raised.

We really enjoyed seeing mums and grandmas spending extra time with their children.



Comic Relief

This week we have been selling Red Noses in support of Comic Relief and have sold all of the 280 noses we originally ordered, as well as selling 160 extra noses in one day on Thursday! This means we have already raised £440 for the charity, with more funds being raised on the day. We also had our Comic Relief breakfast and run a tuck shop at playtimes. Thank you to those who donated items for us to sell as well as those who supported the events. From this, and other donations received, we have raised a further £146.96, allowing us to send in a donation of £586.96 to the charity. Thank you to you all for supporting us in this and allowing us to help make a difference to the lives of others and helping to develop such responsible citizens



The Big Pedal

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during our Big Pedal challenge. We have been collecting information each day to see how many children come to school on their bikes or scooters. Can we please remind you that we do have some bike racks on the school grounds to store your bikes or scooters but we recommend that they are locked up while they are there. Helmets are also encouraged when riding bikes and scooters for safety reasons and can we please ask that you do not ride your bikes or scooters in the school grounds – it is very busy and we do not want any accidents. Thank you.



School Uniform

Following the feedback from parents about the school uniform we have recently signed up with **Tesco as an additional**

supplier for school uniform.

This now means that you can order and purchase items over the internet on the following website www.tesco.com/ues Please check the website out by entering the school name, this will then show you which items we have for sale which now includes Rucksacks, PE bags and Book Bags as well as clothing.

You can earn Clubcard points on your order and the school will receive a 5% cash donation on every purchase which will be used to purchase outdoor play equipment. We do still have a stock of Gooddies uniform in the office if you need anything and if you don't have access to the internet just call in the office and we will order them for you.

Please refer to the school website for details of the uniform. All children must be in logo uniform by September 2017.

Easter Egg Raffle

Next week our **School Council** will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds for more equipment for our dinnertime play. It is hoped that by raffling off these chocolate treats we can get more equipment to keep us happy and healthy in school, encouraging exercise and allowing us to play with our friends. If you are able to donate a prize, big or small, to our raffle please send it in to the office by Tuesday 4th April. If you put your child's name on the item we will give your child a strip of tickets as a thank you. Tickets will also be available to buy at £1 a strip from Monday 3rd April until Thursday 6th April by sending money in a clearly marked envelope to the office (Easter Egg Raffle, child's name and class) Tickets will then be sent to your child by the end of the day, we will name the strip of tickets we keep so do not worry if the tickets go missing!



It is great to see so many children using mathletics at home and in school. Many children are improving their maths skills through a range of fun, engaging and interactive activities. Don't forget that mathletics allows parents to track your child's progress and provide instant feedback, which in turn can encourage independent learning. If you are having difficulties in accessing mathletics at home, please visit www.mathletics.com and click on the help button at the top of the page.



A Special mention to:

Uchechukwu Agwuh; Zachary Shepherd; Ishaan Sidhardh; Toby Randall; Luca Glaister; Hamza Khan; Charlie Roberts and Arjun Dhaliwhal for achieving a silver certificate:

Friends' of Willow

Monday 3rd April, 6pm, Staff Room (KSI entrance).

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in finding out more about our Friends of Willow group to attend the next meeting. We would appreciate any offers of support – you can help as much or as little as you are able to – with ideas for events, organisation of events or support in running the events always appreciated. If you are interested in supporting please see Mrs Carroll or leave a message at the office and we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.



The change of lunchtime service to Family Dinig has been met with positive feedback from Please be aware that the deadline for informing us

of **any changes** to your child's meal option—dinner, vegetarian or packed lunch—for the Summer term is Wednesday 5th April. Please look out for our new Summer Menu coming soon to the school website.

Polite Notice: Please keep up to date with dinner money payments.

Note to Year 6 parents

If you haven't already done so, please send in consent forms and payments for our



Currently at Willow, we have an Interim Executive Committee however we are looking to move over to a Local Governing Body in the

near future. In order to do this, we need to recruit some new governors. If you would be interested in becoming a governor yourself or if you know of anyone from local businesses that may be interested then please come and talk to us about what the role entails.

We would love you to join us on Willow's journey to good and beyond

World Book Day 2nd March

On Thursday 2nd March, we had a brilliant day dressing up as book characters and sharing our opinions on favourite books. The day started well with a great turn out for the Breakfast, thank you to all who attended!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Sponsored Scavenger Hunt, pairing up with another class and searching for words they could read and record. During assembly, the children and staff paraded down our catwalk and the 'best dressed' children were chosen to receive a book.

In the afternoon, some Year 1 children visited Woodlea Care Home and shared a story with the residents- I'm not quite sure who enjoyed this the most!

Finally, a HUGE thank you to all the children and parents/carers who completed the half-term reading challenge. 85 children received their prizes!

Mrs Ostle and Mrs Newton



Girls Football

Our year 6 girls represented Willow in a tournament at Hall Cross. They did a fantastic job, with one team coming 4th and the other 3rd. Well done!



Be Safe on the Internet

March has been our Safer Internet Month, the children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe, making good choices and understanding the dangers of the internet and their online profile.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and WhatsApp all have age limits of 13 or 16 so primary school age children should not have access to these forms of social media through their own account.

More information can be found on www.safetynetkids.org.uk

Keeping You Informed - School Improvement

Last half term was a busy one so we wanted to update you with the progress we have made. The following is a brief list of our key successes last half term:

- A new writing teaching sequence was introduced and children now have more opportunities to write at length.
- New maths teaching sequences have been introduced and children are developing and applying their mathematical skills.
- Imaginative Learning Projects were introduced and the children are now more engaged in their cross curricular learning.
- Teaching and learning expertise is being shared across school as part of teachers' professional development.
- Our new ASPIRE values were introduced and the children are all working hard to demonstrate them.
- Our new behaviour policy was introduced and children are rising to our raised expectations.
- Bug Club was relaunched and every child has in school has a Bug Club login.
- Athletics was introduced and each

Year 2 were warmly welcomed when they went to visit our local church St Francis. We heard about all of the activities for the community which take place there and look around the church. The children also got a chance to try on the Vicar's special clothes and perform a pretend baptism on a doll!

They learned a lot about a special place of worship and were extremely well behaved. Thank you to Reverend Richard and his volunteers for the enjoyable visit.

Mrs Van Oorschot and Mr Fisher