

Willow Academy

Newsletter November 2016

Year 3 visit Yorkshire Museum

We had a lovely time learning about the Stone Age at the Yorkshire Museum. Thank you to all parents who came.

Miss Myers & Mrs Laing Year 3 Teachers

Year 2 Visit Fire Museum

Year 2 had an exciting visit to the Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield this week. Despite the dreadful weather the children enjoyed looking at emergency vehicles, learning first aid and learning more about the fire of London.

Many thanks to parents who helped.

Year 1 Toy Day

On Thursday 3rd November, Year 1 were very pleased to welcome Catherine on their 'Toy Day'. We enjoyed learning about toys from the past, exploring materials and having a chance to investigate how the toys work. We also learnt how to play some of the games children would have enjoyed playing at home and school. A big thank you to the parents who were able to come in and support us and well done to all the children who behaved so well and had such a great day.

Mrs Carroll and Mrs Ostle

Gardening Club

Well done to all our gardeners for all their hard work last term. They have worked well together weeding the beds and producing decorations to keep the area bright over winter. I hope that their own seeds that they have planted grow well at home and they can enjoy the results with their families.

Gardening Club will resume in the Spring and I look forward to seeing new and old faces then.

Mrs Carroll

Safeguarding

Once again we feel the need to advise parents about the safety of our pupils. We are seeing children being dropped off in the morning and getting out of the car on the road side. Could you please insist that children **always** alight from the car on the pavement side. A couple of extra steps may prevent a serious accident.

School Uniform

If you have any school uniform that you no longer need we would appreciate if you could send it into school as we are wanting to replenish our spare stock.

Thank you

Attendance

Week ending 21.10.16

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| FS2C | 100% |
| FS2S | 97.1% |
| 1C | 96.2% |
| 1O | 98.6% |
| 2F | 93.5% |
| 2V | 84.5% |
| 3L | 98.3% |
| 3M | 96.8% |
| 4N | 96.1% |
| 4S | 94.8% |
| 5D | 95.2% |
| 5P | 93.3% |
| 6G | 91.4% |
| 6R | 98.9% |

Morning Changes in KS1

A big thank you to the parents of pupils in Key Stage 1 for their support this week whilst we have been making changes to the morning entry into school. Just a reminder that the Year 1 classes enter school via their classroom's outer doors and Years 2 and Foundation Stage 2 enter via the main school door.

School Council

Our School Council members have been very busy getting ideas for the year from their class mates and sharing these in our meetings.

Their current focuses for the next half term are supporting others who are less fortunate than so many of us. We had a successful day on Friday 18th November, starting with a very well attended breakfast, tuck shops and our name the bear competition. The giant Pudsey Bear was won by Nikola Grigane, with our little Pudsey Bears for 2nd and 3rd place going to Calum Heritage and Keelan West – the winning names were Pudsey Victor Adam Greg Bear. Including our spotty non-uniform day, we raised a total of raised £656.36 and Lloyds Bank are adding an extra £102 to this donation. Thank you to Mr Gethin and Councilor Khan who both supported us through the day and the staff and pupils who supported the events.

We are now collecting to give others a better Christmas by supporting Hallam FM's 'Mission Christmas'. We really hope you can support us in this by sending in a new toy for a child (any age and gender) to add to our collection. Donations will be collected by the end of term so if you would like to support us in this please send in your unwrapped gift by Wednesday 14th December. Thank you

As part of our decorating for Christmas, we would love to have a collection of paper 'baubles'. If your child would like to design their own bauble (approximately the size of their hand) please send these in as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mrs Carroll and Willow Academy's School Council

Individual Photographs

The school photographer was in school on Tuesday 18th October. The children were very well behaved and co-operative and I am sure this will be confirmed by the photos that will be sent out to yourselves in the next few weeks.

Phonics Workshops

Thank you to the parents who attended the FS2, Year1 or Year2 Phonics Workshops. Feedback received stated it was very useful. Enjoy the resources!

Mrs Ostle

Disability Awareness Day

On Thursday 24th November we welcomed John McCorkell to talk to everyone in school about disabilities and how he succeeds in his daily life, using a wheelchair and crutches to get around. Children across school had workshops to try some sign language and see how his wheelchair works. They also thought about different disabilities including how it feels to not be able to see or hear. The response from children was fantastic and we hope they all took something away from the experience.

Mrs Carroll