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Weekly Newsletter – 29.04.22

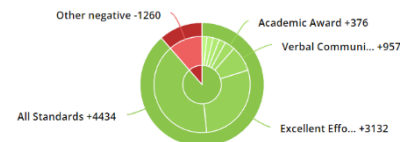
Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Salut! Hello!

Summer Term:

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year. We would like to thank you all for your continued efforts. By working together, we can achieve a smart, safe and supportive community inside and outside of school.

A reminder that you can help at home by ensuring that your child is completing one hour of homework each evening – 20 minutes reading, 10 minutes 'Mathswatch' and 30 minutes revising their Knowledge Organisers. Revision is currently particularly important for our KS4 pupils whose exams are fast approaching. If you need any help with this, please contact your child's Welfare Officer who will liaise with the relevant staff member for you.

Breakdown of the Week
24/04/2022 - 28/04/2022



Merits – 25.04.22 - 28.04.22:

We respect the effort that our pupils are putting into their character and studies. A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners:

| Year Group | Total | Excellent Effort | Merit Champions |
|------------|-------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Year 7 | 2308 | 7Curie | Layla Ouldzemirli |
| Year 8 | 2552 | 8McArthur | Julieann Probert |
| Year 9 | 1454 | 9Plato | Rico James |
| Year 10 | 1969 | 10Schumann | Annalise Gwilym and Shaida Tufiq |
| Year 11 | 1513 | 11Matisse | Carys Jones and Marzooq Subhani |

School News:

EAL Department:

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Osman Solaiman and Saja Abulaid from our Cyrraedd class (new arrivals to Wales)! Both pupils have worked really hard on their English and have graduated to mainstream classes. We wish them every success as they continue their journey through Willows High School.

English Department:

Words Give Us Power!

We've held our final two Academic Vocabulary Bees this week! Both the competitors and audience participated enthusiastically! Huge congratulations to the champions 9Plato and 7Curie We are proud of your effort, resilience and achievement!



Genius Hour:

Deloitte Visit:

This week, our Year 8 pupils were introduced to an exciting project, hosted by the company Deloitte.

Deloitte are a leading global provider of financial services. They are running a project for our pupils to create a video on the topic of equality and diversity. Deloitte have asked that our pupils speak from the heart in regards to a situation where they have experienced inequality, or have felt under represented. The completed videos will educate others to be more inclusive and diverse. The project is an excellent opportunity for pupils to gain skills in storytelling, writing, directing, filming and editing.

Deloitte joined us in school to introduce themselves and to outline the requirements of the project. The pupils were fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed their time with Deloitte. What an exciting opportunity for our pupils, especially for those with an interest of working in media! We'd like to thank Mr. Roberts for organising this opportunity and Miss. Rees for over-seeing this.



More Able and Talented Opportunities:

Year 10 Residential Trip - Oxford University:

In March, Year 10 pupils of black heritage were given the opportunity to apply for a residential course at Oxford University called 'EMPower Oxford'. It was for pupils considering studying Engineering, Materials or Physics at University. Daniella Nakazzi was one of hundreds of pupils from across the UK who applied, and she was successful in gaining one of the 30 places. She and her Mum travelled by train to Oxford where she was treated like a university student for three days, even living in the university accommodation. She said about her experience:

"It was an incredible opportunity as I got a chance to discuss with some of the current Oxford students about what life is like as an Oxford student and how much effort you must put to get into the university. I also did Engineering, Material Science and Physics workshops that gave me a bit more detail about what these subjects are and whether they might be right for me to do in the future. During the workshop, I visited some of the University's amazing laboratories where I did some practicals and got introduced to some amazing ideas from the world's leading research. I also went for a tour to ISIS Neutron and Muon source, one of the world's leading science research laboratories and here I learnt about neutrons and muons and how they help to detect dangerous nuclear materials. Those are just some of the activities we did and there are still more."

Daniella encourages other pupils to apply for the opportunities sent out by the school, as you just don't know where they may lead.

Year 11 MAT Residential - Aberystwyth University:

All Year 11 MAT pupils have been sent details of a summer residential course that is fully funded, taking place in July after the GCSE exams. Please check your emails for details and for a link to apply.

Cardiff and the Vale College Visits for Y11:

We were, again, delighted to welcome Joanne Tanner from Cardiff and the Vale College to school this week for an informative assembly and to spend time chatting to individuals about their college courses. Here is a message about their upcoming Open Evenings:

If you're thinking about College, visiting us at an Open Evening is a great way to find out more. At an Open Evening you can speak to tutors about your course of interest, take a tour of the facilities on site, get advice and guidance and learn about support and opportunities offered by the College. You can also visit the Application Zone and apply on the night.

May Open Evenings

- **Tuesday 10th May, 4.30pm-7.30pm:**
 - Barry Campus (all courses)
 - Cardiff International Sport Campus (Public Services & Sport courses and Sports Academies)
- **Wednesday 11th May, 4.30pm-7.30pm:**
 - International Centre of Aerospace Training (ICAT - Aerospace & Aircraft Engineering courses)
 - Creative Arts Academy (Creative Higher Education courses & WJEC Foundation Diploma)
- **Thursday 12th May, 4.30pm-7.30pm:**
 - City Centre Campus (all courses)

June Open Evenings

- **Wednesday 29th June, 4.30pm-7.30pm:**
 - City Centre Campus (all courses)
- **Thursday 30th June, 4.30pm-7.30pm:**
 - Barry Campus (all courses)



Y8 HPV Injections:

Y8 parents should have received a message on Classcharts containing a HPV vaccination consent form. The form is also attached to this newsletter and should be returned as soon as possible.

Safeguarding:

A reminder that our school safeguarding can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child: Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Sam Watt (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 02922 672744/07592 037937

Willows Uniform Exchange:

A reminder to donate any spare Willows uniform to our uniform exchange run by Ms. Watt in our Learning Lounge. We particularly need spare Willows PE tops. If you have any at home that have gone too small, please bring them in to benefit others. Likewise, if your child needs any pre-owned uniform, ask them to speak to their Welfare Officer and we will arrange this for them.

Prom Shop:

Our prom shop contains many pre-loved dresses, shoes, handbags and suits. If you are attending the prom but would like to save some money on these, please see Miss. Cherrett or your form tutor.

Citizen's Advice Bureau at Willows:

We've been lucky enough to secure the services of an Advisor from Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) in Willows every other Monday starting Monday May 9th. CAB can help with all sorts of issues such as benefit claims/checks, PIP claims, housing, employment issues, debt advice, divorce and other problems.

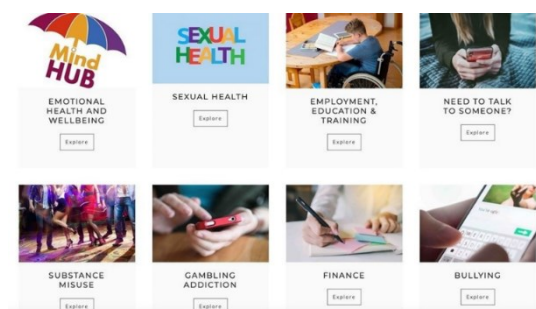
To make an appointment, please contact Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or 07592 037937.

Cardiff Youth Service:

Cardiff Youth Service can support young people on a variety of topics such as emotional health, housing, finance and help lines. More information can be found on their website:

<http://cardiffyouthservices.wales/>

Here is a reminder of some of the key services available for young people and their families:



- **School nurse** – pupils can text 07520615718 or 'chat' on 'Chathealth.NHS.UK' for confidential advice and support.
- **Family Gateway** – 03000133133 – provides advice for families no matter how big or small the problem.
- **Food Bank*** - our nearest food bank can be found at St. Saviours Church on Splott Road. For dates and times, go to <https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **Period Poverty** – Please e-mail Mrs. Bubbins at Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk if you need feminine hygiene products and we'll do our best to help.

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As always, thank you for your support. If there are any problems, we would appreciate that you contact the relevant person in school straight away rather than using social media platforms. We will always try our best to reach a solution and this will ensure your concern is seen and avoid any misinformation and miscommunication.

A polite reminder that our teachers and Welfare Officers are very busy working with children throughout the day. To avoid disappointment, please ring or e-mail school to book an appointment with the relevant person rather than turning up at school reception.

By working together we can ensure your child's success.



Team Willows

Quiz:

Last week's Spring Quiz Super-stars were; [Kayden Allen](#), [Hope Allen](#) and [Noah Roberts](#) – Da iawn! Take part in this week's quiz for your praise card and prize!

Dynamic Dinosaurs!

1. True or false? The name dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'.
2. Which came first, the Jurassic or Triassic Period?
3. Was Diplodocus a carnivore or herbivore?
4. Which dinosaur is thought to have the largest bite of them all?
5. What name do we give to the study of fossils?
6. True or false. The dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago?
7. What animal alive today is even bigger than a dinosaur?
8. What dinosaur themed book was turned into a blockbuster movie in 1993?
9. What is the name of the big dinosaur which used to stand in the entrance hall of the Natural History Museum in London?
10. Which dinosaur had three horns on its head?





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Join us for a cuppa & a slice of cake
as part of Cake & Tea for CP 2022!

Saturday 14th May | 11am - 2pm

CAKE & TEA DROP IN

Drop into our new children's centre in Llanishen, Cardiff,
and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake to help us raise
funds for our Cake & Tea for CP campaign.

Date: Saturday 14th May 2022

Time: Drop in any time between 11am - 2pm

Location: Cerebral Palsy Cymru, 1 The Courtyard, 73 Ty Glas
Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5DX

www.cerebralpalsycymru.org Charity number: 1010183



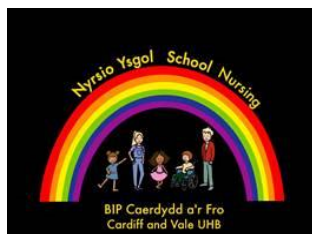
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Dear Parent /Guardian,

The School Nursing Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school on.....25/05/2022.....to administer the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. All pupils in Year 8 will be offered their first dose and will receive their second dose in Year 9.

The vaccine helps to protect a person from being infected by the Human Papillomavirus. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital area, it also helps protect against genital warts. The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

If you would like your child to receive the HPV vaccine please provide consent by completing the E-consent form.

To access the E-consent form please use the link below, or scan the QR code (by holding your mobile phone over the QR code with your camera app open). Links to further information regarding HPV and the vaccine are available on the E-consent form. If you wish to complete the E -consent form in Welsh, there is an option to access this once you have opened the E-consent by clicking on the top right-hand corner tab.

Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination. Deadline for submission of consent is18/05/2022.....

It is essential that you provide a valid email address when completing the E-consent form to receive correspondence and a confirmation receipt from the immunisation team.

Please provide your child's NHS number on the consent form, this can be found in their personal child health record book (Red Book) any NHS appointment letters or by contacting their GP practice.

If you have any difficulties accessing or completing the electronic consent form or need any further advice please contact the immunisation team.

<https://forms.office.com/r/M8zCW46n4e>

Kind Regards

School Nursing Immunisation Team

Tel 02920 907675

Immunisation.CAVUHBschoolnursing@wales.nhs.uk



*Boys are only eligible for HPV vaccination in the school-based programme if born on or after 1st Sept 2006