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**BELONG, believe, ACHIEVE**  
**PERTHYN, CREDU, LLWYDDO**

**Weekly Newsletter – 29.01.21**

Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Bon Jour! Hello!

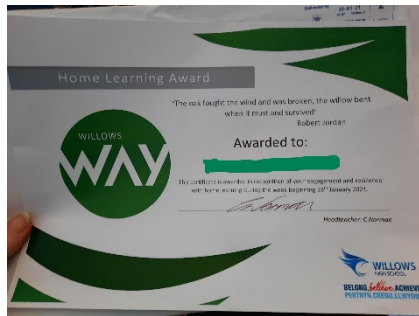
**Belong, Believe, Achieve:**

As you are aware, at Willows, we follow three rules:

1. Work Hard
2. Be ready to Learn
3. Be Kind

We believe that these principles will help our pupils in all aspects of their life. We are, therefore, delighted that so many of our pupils have displayed these values whilst they are away from the school building.

Many of our pupils have been working hard producing high quality pieces across a range of subjects. Our pupils have watched live Science practicals, written their coursework essays and have fine tuned their artistic skills. We are really pleased with the amount of 'excellent effort' merits handed out. A special mention to our top merit earners (see table).



This week, many of our pupils received certificates for being ready to learn and engaging in every lesson of home learning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children with this and to those who have taken the time to thank the school via e-mail or social media. A special mention to a few of our families who are joining our lessons from around the globe. Here is a link to an article about the wonderful Sharieff family praising the work of Baden Powell Primary and our school:

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/education/welsh-schoolchildren-stuck-5000-miles-19720872>

We are also aware of others who are situated around the world but keeping up with their studies – da iawn!

Date	Top Merits in Year Group
<b>Friday – 22.01.21</b>	Jaspreet Taak Kaur Caitlin Tovey Suhas Majjara Nisha Kaur David Pruteanu Kaylem Allen
<b>Monday – 25.01.21</b>	Seren Kilgallon Iestyn Britten Dylan Evans Chomchanok Donsamak Madison Morris
<b>Tuesday – 26.01.21</b>	Amal Hersi Aaron Healan Christelle Tala Hoda Albilili Mohammed Rahimi Kesheh
<b>Wednesday – 27.01.21</b>	Amal Hersi Sienna Heath Christelle Talla Lataya Marden Jasmine Kirby Cerys Williams
<b>Thursday – 28.01.21</b>	Lisa Inganda Eloise Atkinson Alex Jordan Mohammed Alsamadi Sophie Jaafar Chomchanok Donsamak Jasmine Kirby Sajida Benmbarek Basil Ahmad

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Kindness continues throughout the Willows community. You may have seen a number of the messages sent at the end of lessons to our teachers and Welfare Officers, thanking them for their lessons and phone calls. As well as this, pupils are helping each other (and teachers!) solve technical problems during lessons and we are aware that many are also helping out with younger siblings at home.

A special mention to both Adamsdown and Stacey Primary for receiving their 'Schools of Sanctuary' award this week.



At a time when everyone needs a little kindness in their lives, we are glad that we are part of such a good-hearted and supportive community.

### **Ethnic Minority Recruitment in Schools:**

A member of our teaching staff, Mr Konten, who is Head of Design and Technology has been working with Cardiff Met University on research into Ethnic Minority Recruitment to Initial Teacher Education (ITE). He was an influential figure in securing a research contract from the Welsh Government to evaluate 'Ethnic Minority Recruitment to Initial Teacher Education and the Teaching Profession in Wales'.

The important project, which will run until the end of March 2021, will also establish perceptions of serving ethnic minority teachers about their ongoing career progression and will engage learners aged 14+ to gain an understanding of their views of teaching as a possible career thus informing changes required to increase the recruitment of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students to the teaching profession.

To further add to this, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Konten has also taken on the role of Community Governor at one of our feeder schools, Mount Stuart Primary School. As a past pupil, he is extremely honoured and proud of the opportunity to have an input on the future of children's lives, where he lives and resides. Da iawn, Mr. Konten – we are proud of your work in this important area.

### **Health and Well-being:**

Next week pupils will be receiving an assembly on the importance of being safe online and some guidance on how to protect themselves from phishing scams and other forms of cyber harassment. Whilst we understand, that it is difficult to monitor children's activity online, please ensure that you have spoken to your child about the potential dangers and consequences of engaging with unsafe websites and strangers on social media.

In particular, we have been asked to draw your attention to the potential danger of grooming posed by the 'Avakin Life' 3D world game. The full report can be found here:

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We have also e-mailed the link to the following survey by the Children’s Commissioner for Wales to all pupils regarding their experience during the times of Corona Virus. This is a useful tool to use whilst sitting with your child to discuss their answers, fears and concerns. Hurry though, as the deadline is tonight:

<http://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirusandme>

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

- **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](mailto:Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) if you need feminine hygiene products and we’ll do our best to help.

**Community:**

Cardiff Schools Rugby have nearly completed their challenge in memory of our lovely ex-pupil, Lewis Isaac and Ysgol Glantaf pupil, Sion. On behalf of the school, we would like to thank and praise them for all of their efforts.

Splott Albion are looking to raise funds to safeguard Splott Park from any further damage. The link to their ‘Go Fund Me’ page can be found here:

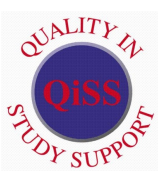
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Splott Community Volunteers are running a Community Takeaway Breakfast Club. It is open at the Old Splott Library on Thursday morning 8.00 - 10.30am. There are lots of goodies on offer - pop by for a takeaway breakfast, hot drink and a bag of food for only £2pp.

Lastly, we know our friends at Railway Gardens have some exciting developments coming up over the next few months – we will keep you posted!

The image contains a diagram of the human nervous system with the following components: Receptor (eye), Sensory neurone, CNS (brain), Motor neurone, and Effector (muscle). Below the diagram is a student sitting at a desk with a computer, and a large apple graphic.

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### **Competition Time:**

Please find attached a crossword – the answers to which are all names of our Willows Tutor Groups. They are all inspirational rolemodels in the fields of Art, Science, Philosophy, Sport and Music. We hope that you enjoy completing it. If possible, send a picture of the correct answers [Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) for the chance to win a prize. Answers can be in the grid or on a separate piece of paper (if easier). All members of our community are permitted to enter!

### **Parent Power:**

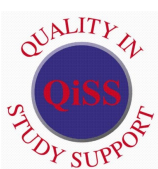
Thank you for all of your support with our online learning. Please do not underestimate your power as a parent (now more than ever) to make a difference to your child's education. A number of recent studies have found that parental support is key to educational success so we are very grateful for your input. We will be hosting some 'Parent Power' virtual sessions so that we can hear your perspective on a number of aspects of school life. In the meantime, if you have any ideas for discussion topics or to feedback any suggestions, please contact: [Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk)

We remain very grateful to those have passed on their kind comments to our teachers and Welfare Officers. If you have any further pupil specific questions, your first point of contact should be [contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) or you can ring the school reception on 029 20414243 who can put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.

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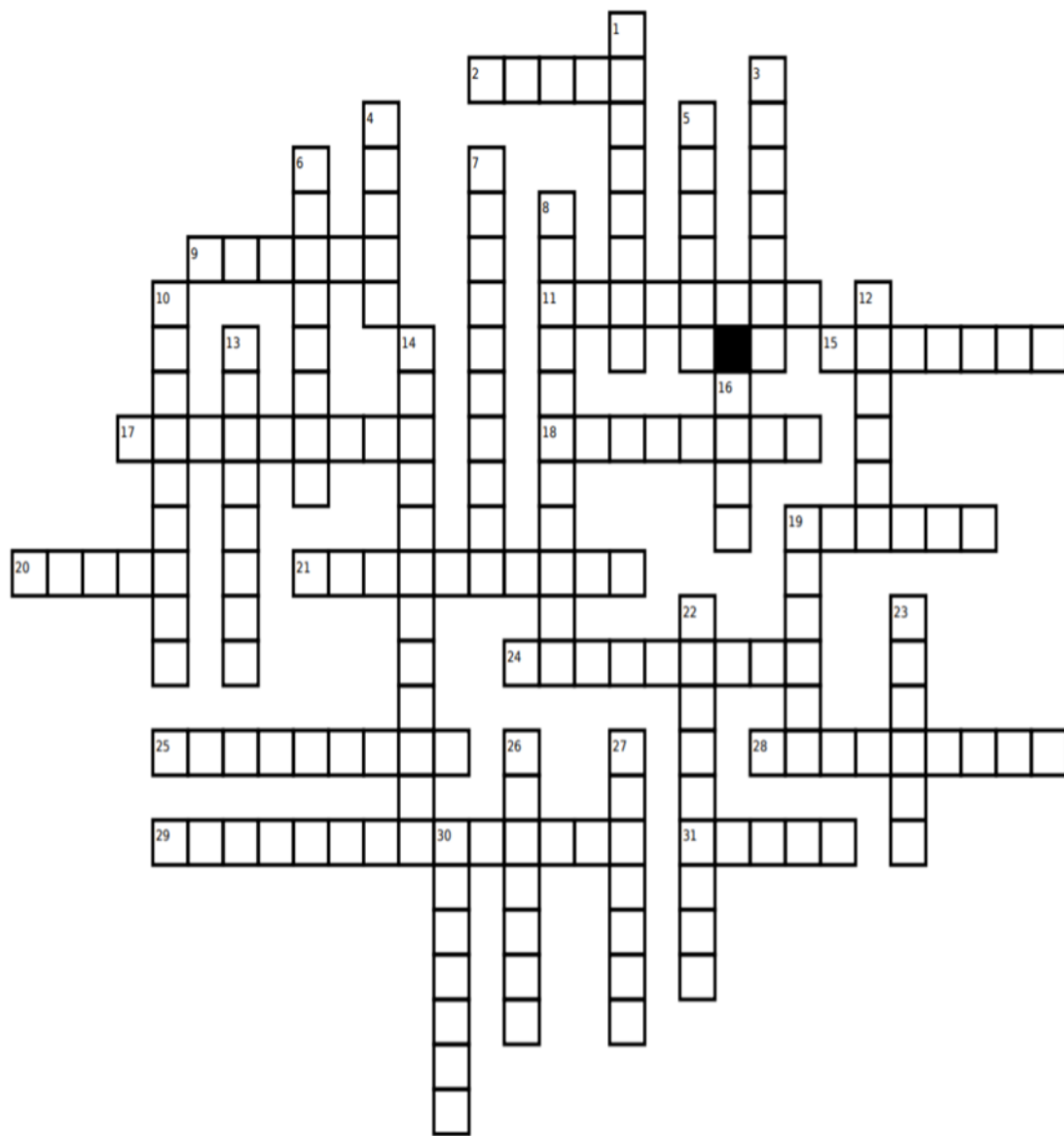


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# The Willows Way



## **Willows Role Models**

### **Across:**

2. Polish physicist and chemist - only person to win two Nobel prizes for science
9. Popular composer of many works including 'The Magic Flute'
11. Welsh professor of environmental philosophy
15. British biologist famous for her work with primates
17. British marathon runner - world record holder for fifteen years
18. Musician and composer - the first to perform works by Brahms
19. British political graffiti artist
20. The most successful British track athlete in the modern Olympics
21. Australian composer, known for 'Five Songs'
24. Popular composer who wrote over 32 piano sonatas despite suffering hearing loss
25. Seventeenth century female philosopher, poet, scientist and playwright
28. Russian chemist who formulated the Periodic Law
29. British founding feminist philosopher
31. Composer best known for her work at Dartington Hall in the 1940s

### **Down:**

1. British artist - famous for modernist sculpture
3. Welsh composer of 'Keep the Homes Fires Burning'
4. Classical Greek philosopher founder of the Academy at Athens
5. English naturalist famous for 'On the Origin of Species'
6. British chemist famous for her work on DNA
7. French existentialist philosopher
8. The world's best-selling playwright
10. English sailor - youngest woman to be made a Dame Commander
12. One of Wales' greatest rugby players who found fame at the Wigan Warriors
13. Classical Greek philosopher famous for his questioning technique
14. Welsh wheelchair racer, one of the most successful athletes of all time
16. Spanish surrealist artist - famous for rich symbolism
19. English novelist and poet - author of 'Jane Eyre'
22. Welsh theoretical physicist awarded the Nobel prize in 1973
23. American landscape painter - the master of light and colour
26. British ballerina and founder of Rambert Dance Company
27. French artist - famous for the 'Cut-Outs.'
30. Welsh former rugby union player regarded as the greatest of all time