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Weekly Newsletter – 30.04.21

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

Congratulations!

We have enjoyed another successful week of learning at Willows High. We continue to be impressed with the commitment to learning and excellent effort displayed by the majority of our pupils.

A reminder of the importance of attendance – every day in school matters. If your child is absent, you can let us know by:

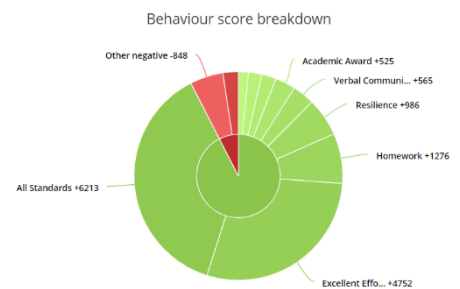
Ringling School Reception on 029 20414243

E-mailing us at firstday@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Or by ringing or texting our Attendance Officers on:

Attendance Officer - 07733889023

Assistant Attendance Officer – 07733889062

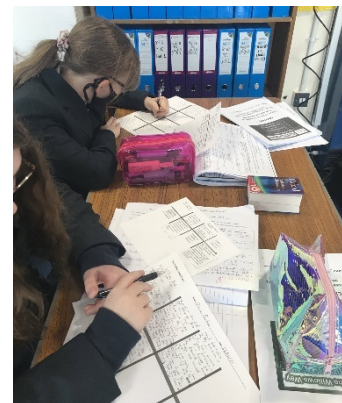


Please note that Year 11 pupils, in particular, should make every effort to attend school every day so that they are present and prepared for their qualification assessments.

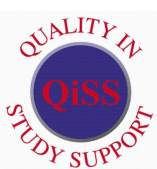
A wonderful Willows well done to all of this week’s merit winners and to those who have received Welfare Officer’s Award certificates and Amazon gift cards:

Merits – 23.04.21 – 29.04.21:

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champion
Year 7	3652	7Radcliffe	Chloe Edwards
Year 8	2929	8Attfield	Suhas Majjara and Rico James
Year 9	3647	9Beethoven	Christelle Talla
Year 10	3407	10Banksy	Mihai Patrascu and Che Abraham-Bazzard
Year 11	1650	11Josephson	Mohammed Rahimi Kesheh



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Awarded for excellence



School News:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Our fantastic Heads of Year continue to run their after-school clubs every Tuesday and Thursday. These clubs are within year group bubbles and based on ideas from pupil voice. We would like to encourage all members of our school community to join in with these activities. They provide good opportunities to learn new skills, make new friends and enjoy our facilities in a relaxed environment. Please see your Welfare Officer to secure your place and join in the fun!



PE Department:

The PE Department are now also able to run some after-school sports' clubs on a Wednesday:

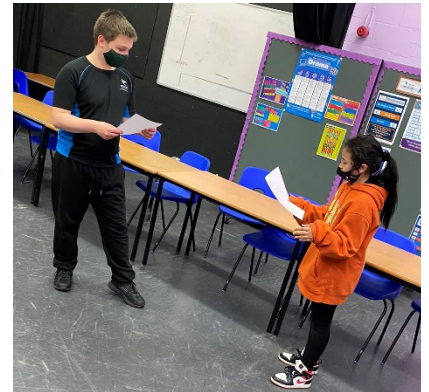
- Y7 Athletics with Miss. Moore
- Y9 Baseball with Mr. Sage
- Y10 Football with Mr. Roberts

All of the above are for both girls and boys - bring your kit, turn up and get active!

Performing Arts:

After being deprived of performance for almost a year, it was a joy to open year 7 drama club again- socially distanced of course!

The club has been meeting every Wednesday after school, full of energy and enthusiasm. Mrs Windmill-Lewis and Miss Davies started off by preparing some confidence building exercises, but this particular group are so confident that they have been able to move on to learning some skilled techniques. Improvisation, slapstick comedy and mime to name but a few. Watch this space for a performance in the summer term ...



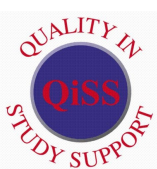
Music tuition has resumed after nearly a year of being bereft, our Performing Arts Centre has been alive with the sound of music. We have had drums to start our week off with a bang, through to amped up guitars on Wednesday, and to end the week on Thursday and Friday we hear the dulcet tones of Bluesy Suzie and the singing and piano students. We are now waiting for the government guidance to get our choir back up and running.

Reading Club:

Year 7 Reading Club is 3.30-4.00 pm, every Tuesday in rooms F1 (Mr Gill), F3 (Miss Davies), F4 (Miss Williams) and F5 (Miss Jones).

If children need to attend parents will have received a letter. Reading club comes before after school club and detention in terms of priority and parents will be contacted if their children do not attend. Those who do attend will be given merits and a prize for completing 5 Reading Clubs in a row 😊

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lucy.Williams@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk Miss. Williams is also happy to provide parents with advice regarding the supporting of reading at home.

Parents of Y8 and Y9 pupils need to look out for their reading club letters in the post next week. The reading club for these pupils will be on Thursdays from 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Any questions can be directed to Jane.Crawshaw@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk



English Department:

We are launching a reading competition with myON. This is for years 7-10.

What is myON? myON is a digital reading platform that provides students with 24/7 access to thousands of fiction and nonfiction digital books.

How does myON work? Once logged in, students can browse thousands of digital books and different genres. As students read on their favorite digital device they can mark-up pages, highlight words, listen to audio versions, and interact with the enhanced digital books.

PRIZES:

1st prize 'Kindle' and chocolate.

2nd and 3rd prize 'Scrabble' and chocolate.

The winner will be drawn on the 9th July 2021.

To enter the pupils must be reading 20 minutes every day and must complete the quiz at the end of every book they complete. The quiz is the entry! The more quizzes they complete the more entries they will have. Pupils must score over 80% on a quiz to have a valid entry.

Remember the more books you read, the more quizzes you can do, the more entries you will have! This competition has an added benefit in that it will also help improve pupils' literacy skills and reading ages. Remember myON is tailored to each pupil individually and it recommends books specific to their reading age to ensure progress.

Please continue to support your child with their reading and if you have any questions, please contact me at Jane.Crawshaw@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

Please follow the links below for additional support and guidance with Accelerated Reader, myON and quizzes.

Quizzing at home;

<https://p.widencdn.net/ltdaqu/Accelerated-Reader---Quizzing-at-Home-for-Parents>

Parent and Family guide;

<https://p.widencdn.net/6e5ryd/321722-myON-parent-and-family-Guide>

Family reading activities;

<https://p.widencdn.net/7dmxqg/380099-myON-At-home-family-activities-2>

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IT Department:

Over the course of our online learning, Technocamps chose our school to participate in an event called 'She inspires me.' Pupils were asked to create a profile on a woman they find inspirational. Technocamps generously awarded 38 pupils across all 5 year groups with prizes and certificates and 5 pupils' work was also chosen to be showcased in a summit on IWD, these pupils will also receive VIP access to a future Technocamps event. The selected pupils were:

- Rowan Williams Lord (Princess Diana)
- Kareena Kaur Taak (Zendaya)
- Daniel Salas (Jane Addams, Anna Freud, Hattie McDaniel)
- Christelle Talla (her Mum)
- Bilal Egeh (Marie Curie)

We are very proud of all our entrants and their inspirational choices!



School Council 'Senedd Willows:'



Do you want to help shape the future of Willows High School? Have you got what it takes to help your peers and stand up for the important things that matter to you? We are relaunching the Student Council by creating 'Senedd Willows' and you are the people that matter. Mr Sage is looking for volunteers from years 7-10 who want to make a difference and give pupil voice the platform it deserves.

Please send an email with the subject 'Senedd Willows' to joseph.sage@willows.cardiff.sch.uk and answer the following questions:

I would like to be a part of 'Senedd Willows' because...

The best thing about Willows is...

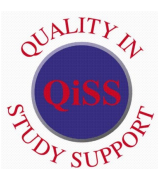
Something I would like to change about Willows is...

I would be a valuable member of 'Senedd Willows' because...

This is a fantastic opportunity to really make a difference. Please email your applications to Mr Sage by Friday 7th May. Thank you



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Community:

Fitness:

STAR Hub gym and pool are to re-open this Bank Holiday Monday. Sessions must be booked in advance via the @BetterSTARHub website or App.

Grow:

The Big Splo-Grow seedling swap and Giveaway event will be held on Wednesday 26th May. Meet them at the Splo-Down stall (Oasis Cardiff Courtyard) between 5pm and 7pm to swap and giveaway your seedlings! Any seedlings welcome!

Health and Well-being:

School Vaccinations:

The HPV vaccinations have been arranged with the school nurses for 21st June for all Year 8 pupils and the Year 9 pupils who didn't have it last year. Consent forms will be sent out early next week so please look out for them.

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.

A reminder that our school safeguarding leads can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child:

-Jan.Whittaker@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

-Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk



The NSPCC Sexual abuse Helpline number is 0800 136 663 for children to ring confidentially. More information can be found here:

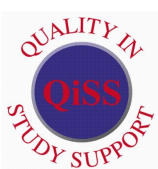
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-abuse/>

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Thank you, as always, for your support. A reminder that there is help available for eligible families regarding the cost of uniform. Information on this can be found here <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>. If you need help regarding the forms you can contact our Family and Community Engagement Officer: Samantha.Watt@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk or on 02922 672744 / 07592 037937. or your child's Head of Year with any individual problems. The uniform grant has been extended to all years for the current academic year. The closing date for applications is 30.06.21.

Pupils should now be revising Knowledge Organiser 5 for home-work as well as completing 10 minutes of Mathswatch and 20 minutes of reading on MyOn every evening.

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If you have any further pupil specific questions, your first point of contact should be 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.

We wish our Muslim families a continued peaceful Ramadan Mubarak.

Enjoy your weekend,

Team Willows

Competition:

Please see the details of an exciting Cardiff Youth Service Competiotion below. Write a poem, piece of non-fiction or fiction (100 – 1,000 words). The theme for the contest is expressing what you stand for:



Last Week's Kids General Knowledge Answers: 1.8 2.Andy 3.Berlin 4.7 5.Tennis 6.Nov 5th 7.Croseo 8.America 9.Pasta 10.29 11.Australia 12.Luigi 13. Ogre 14. Red, White and Blue 15. One Direction 16. Bamboo 17. Everest 18. Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends 19. Dog 20.1

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