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Weekly Newsletter – 07.05.21

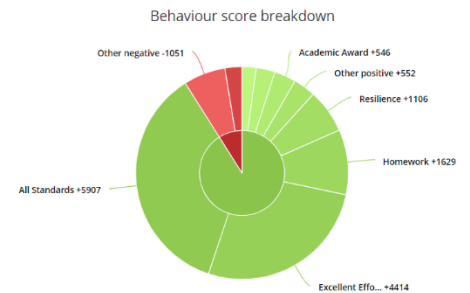
Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Salut! Helo!

Excellent Effort!

It's been a short but 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.

Thank you, as always, for your support with uniform. We strongly believe that a smart uniform instils a sense of belonging and confidence in all of our pupils. 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 Heads 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.

A wonderful Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners. We are proud of your commitment and kindness, especially Chloe Edwards in 7FA who racked up a whopping 87 merits in four days!



Merits – 29.04.21 – 06.05.21:

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champion
Year 7	4102	7Farah	Chloe Edwards
Year 8	2781	8Plato	Sama Al-Battat
Year 9	3751	9Holst	Faran Ahmad
Year 10	2750	10Matisse	Yassir Al-Idrisy
Year 11	1596	11Curie	Emma Albinus

School News:

Sponsor Mrs. Brace:

As many of you know Mrs. Brace has recently returned to work after successful treatment for breast cancer. On the 16th May she will be walking 18k to raise much needed funds for Velindre and the Breast Centre. If you are able to sponsor Mrs. Brace, the details can be found on her fundraising page here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=JoanneBrace2&pageUrl=2>



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. This week we've had football, bird-house making, Art and rounders! Please see your Welfare Officer to secure your place and join in the fun!



PE Department:

Set for Success Programme:

This week saw the third 'Set for Success' session run in conjunction with Cardiff Metropolitan University.

On Tuesday Tom and members of the group explored the personal attribute – Self-Belief. Pupils were asked to think about the qualities needed to build self-belief such as a positive attitude, high self-esteem, self-awareness, resilience and courage. They were asked to draw images to communicate their ideas.

Pupils were asked to share experiences of failure, how they dealt with it and what they learnt from it.

The group then went to the gym to complete a range of physical challenges aimed to build self-belief and continue to develop the skills already highlighted in the course such as communication, team work and problem solving.



Careers:

A reminder to all pupils (especially Y11) that Emma, our Careers Advisor is available if there are any questions regarding future careers or next steps. She can be contacted through Mr. Roberts or by e-mailing: emma.cornfield@careerswales.gov.wales

Community:

Repair Café Splott:

Repair Café Splott is re-opening, and we are super excited about it!

Repair Cafe Splott takes place at the Oasis Centre on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30-12:00.

Repair Cafe Wales is a community interest company which fixes household items for free at monthly events all over Wales. We created these events to achieve our vision of a society empowered to work together to reduce waste, share skills and strengthen our communities.

The organisation is made up of our incredible volunteers who get together at the Repair Café venue and fix items that the public bring in, at zero cost, so we even save people money in the process!

They already have a community of incredible volunteers, but we are always looking to welcome more. Of course, they welcome volunteers who have fixing skills, but they also need individuals that could help sustain events using a multitude of non-fixing skills. Other volunteer opportunities include marketing, social media, organising, hosting, volunteer management, customer engagement, and so much more...

If you know anyone that would be interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/602284849979276/posts/1640112236196527/?d=n> or directly repaircafesplott@gmail.com

Make a real difference to the environment and the community!

Health and Well-being:

Please see the opportunity below to join Newport County's Academy and Shadow Squad. If you are interested but need help with the forms, please see the PE Department:

NEWPORT COUNTY AFC

ACADEMY & SHADOW SQUAD

OPEN RECRUITMENT DAY

U7-U16 AGE GROUPS FOR THE 2021/2022 SEASON

FRIDAY 28th MAY 2021

LLISWERRY HIGH SCHOOL, NASH ROAD, NEWPORT, NP19 4RP

TO APPLY, FILL IN THE FORM USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<http://bit.ly/ncafcrecruit>

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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:

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

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

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Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school every day – every day in school matters. If your child is absent, you can let us know by:

Ringling School Reception on 029 20414243

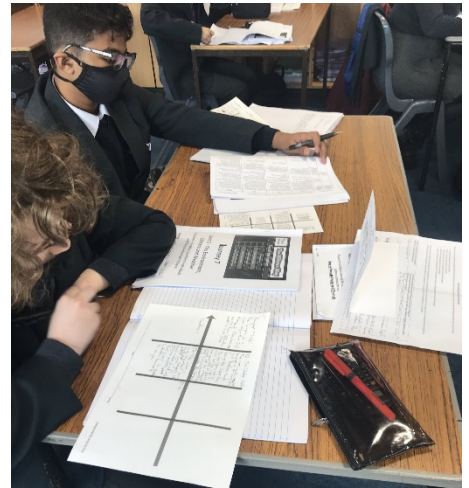
E-mailing us at firstday@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Or by ringing or texting our Attendance Officers on:

Ms. Short (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.



If you have any 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:

Calling creative young booklovers – could they win a £10/€10 National Book Token for each of their classmates?

This summer term, we're asking children to send us their own dazzling National Book Token designs. Whether it's your school crest doodled in ink, a pencil drawing of the entire class, or something completely different, we want to see it all!

Six weekly winners throughout May and June will get their artwork made into up to **35 gift cards**, each loaded with **£10/€10** to spend on brilliant books – that's one for you, and one for everyone else in your class!

For more information, please visit:

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=create&utm_campaign=20210506_schools

