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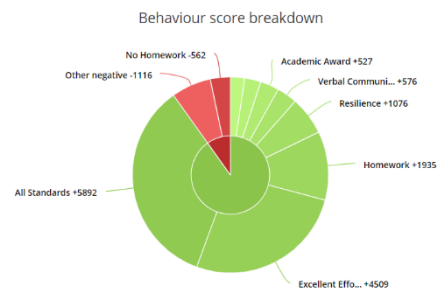
Weekly Newsletter – 21.05.21

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

Willows Well Done!

Another enjoyable week of learning at Willows High School. We continue to be impressed with the commitment to learning and excellent effort displayed by the majority of our pupils. Almost all of our pupils display good character demonstrating their manners, politeness and gratitude to staff. The calm corridors and classrooms are a pleasure to see and we would like to thank the majority of our pupils for ensuring that Willows High School continues to flourish.

A huge Willows well done to all of this week’s merit winners including Muzalfa Jamala from Grey-Thompson and Saliu Susso and Corey Smith from Bronte who were the highest merit winners in their classes!



Merits – 14.05.21 – 20.05.21:

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champion
Year 7	4629	7Farah	Chloe Edwards Samuel Nicolau
Year 8	3287	8De Beauvoir	Suhas Mujjara
Year 9	3416	9Schumann	Chinaza Okafor
Year 10	2526	10Hepworth	Bianca Criscestu
Year 11	1514	11Josephson	Emma Lia



Congratulations Mrs. Brace!

A huge well done to Mrs. Brace for completing an 18K charity walk last weekend raising over £600 for Velindre Cancer Care. We are very proud of this courageous member of staff and all she has done to raise money for this important cause over the last few years. Mrs. Brace would like to extend her thanks to all of the families and staff that supported her. Da iawn! You're our hero!

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, soft toy making, Art and craft! As you can see, from the photos above, Year 7 have had great fun creating with Ms. Williams this week. Please see your Head of Year to secure your place and join in the fun!

Miss. Riley says, 'Year 8 have been making soft toys in after school club after a brilliant suggestion by Sumaiya Maqbool. Year 8 pupils have been incredibly self-sufficient and creative when approaching the craft...we are really looking forward to sharing some of the results with you in a few weeks' time!'



English Department:

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A reminder of our reading competition for Years 7-10 linked to MyOn.

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 read for 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

Lastly, parents of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils, please look out for letters detailing your child's current reading age in the post. Please encourage them to read at home in line with school policy – 20 minutes every night and to attend reading intervention on a Thursday evening 3.30 – 4.00 pm after half-term if invited – as this will help them prepare for the level of reading required for exams in Year 10, 11 and life after school.

Community:

The Big Splo-Grow:

A reminder that 'The Big Splo-Grow' event takes place on Wednesday. Please attend to swap your seedlings or simply to pick some up. Miss. Treble from our Science Department is very excited and is going to trade some of her home-grown chilli seedlings at the event. The pupils have been learning about sustainability and environmental awareness during assembly and class reading this week. This event will give them the perfect opportunity to see this in action in their community! Why not get involved!

START GROWING YOUR SEEDLINGS

SPLO-DOWN FOOD COOP is organising a **Free Seedling Swap & Giveaway Event**

THE BIG SPLO-GROW

Wednesday 26th May 5-7pm
Oasis Cardiff courtyard, Splott Road

Join us to swap vegetable and flower seedlings

Don't worry if you don't have any seedlings to bring and swap, we have grown extra to share around!

Find out more about growing from seed, exchange gardening tips, try new varieties and connect with people from your community!

Share pictures of your growing seedlings and tag us on social media **#SploGrow**

Free online learning exploring black and brown history from the renowned Professor of Black History, Abu-Bakr Madden Al-Shabazz

ROUTED ALTER-NATIVE
Supplementary Saturday School

SESSION DATES: 15.05.2021-05.06.2021 (EVERY SATURDAY). ONLINE VIA ZOOM.

SESSION TIMES: 11:00AM-12:00PM. AGES: 8-16- YEAR OLDS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: HELLO@ITSMANDATORY.CO.UK

Saturday School:

Mr. Konten, from our Technology Department, would like to draw pupils' attention to this free opportunity running every Saturday via Zoom. Professor Abu-Bakr Madden Al-Shabazz will be running sessions to raise further awareness of black and brown history online. If you are interested, you can e-mail the address on the flyer attached to register and you will be sent a link. We hope that many of our community seize this opportunity and look forward to hearing the ideas and feedback generated.

Keep Tremorfa Tidy:

The group are looking for charitable donations in order to continue keeping our area tidy especially Tremorfa Park. If you are able to donate, please visit their 'Go-Fund Me' page here:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-tremorfa-park-tidy?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Health and Well-being:

Contact:

CONTACT is a charity that supports families with a disabled child.

There is a telephone Helpline **0808 8083555** and a Live chat service on their website.

As well as providing local advice, CONTACT regional teams organise coffee mornings, family fun days and outings, bringing families together for friendship and support.

If you would like a copy of 'The Helpful Guide for Families with a Disabled Child', please contact Sam Watt – Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk / 02922 672744/ 07592 037937.

Oasis:

OASIS Cardiff help Refugees and Asylum Seekers Integrate within their local community.

A message from Oasis:

"We have started a football session for ages 11-15 in Splott Park on Tuesdays 4-5pm (meeting on the side next to the STAR centre).

We are also starting outdoor sessions for families on Saturdays at Bryn Gobiath (we have a forest area on a hill just outside of Mountain Ash). We meet at Oasis at 12.30 to sign forms etc., then leave at 1pm in the minibus.

It is about 45 mins drive there and we have some spare wellies/waterproofs if you don't have these already. The sessions are a mixture of outdoor forest school style activities and we return to Oasis by 5pm. For both of these sessions, parents would need to come along too".

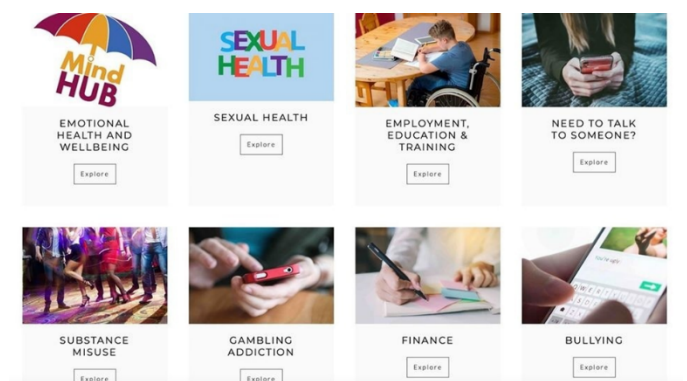
Cardiff Foodbank:

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

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,





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

Travel Survey:

Cardiff Council want to know how you feel about the school run. Do you find it a stressful start to the day or is it a walk in the park? Perhaps the way you travel to school has changed since the start of the pandemic? Please share your school run experiences by completing our short survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/my4M1LmGfb>



Congratulations:

Congratulations to our talented past pupil, Bianca Moreira who has had her first audio play, ‘A Colour-Filled World,’ performed by the Sherman Theatre. The link will be live on the Sherman website today and we urge our community to have a listen and support this upcoming talent!

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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:

Ring School Reception on [029 20414243](tel:02920414243)

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

Or by ringing or texting our Attendance Officers on:

Ms. Short (Attendance Officer) - [07733889023](tel:07733889023)

Ms. Davies (Assistant Attendance Officer) – [07733889062](tel:07733889062)

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](tel:02922672744) / [07592 037937](tel:07592037937). 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.

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](tel:02920414243) who can put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.



Our Year 11 pupils will leave us on Friday 28th May if they have completed all of their qualifications and assessments. We are asking if Year 11 pupils and parents would kindly donate us their blazers and ties on Wednesday 26th May in return for them wearing non-school uniform for their last two days. Whilst we appreciate that some pupils may need to keep this for younger relatives, where possible a donation would really help us help other families in our community. There will be further details regarding Year 11 in letters from Mr. Norman and Mr. Lo Celso.

Enjoy your weekend,

Team Willows

