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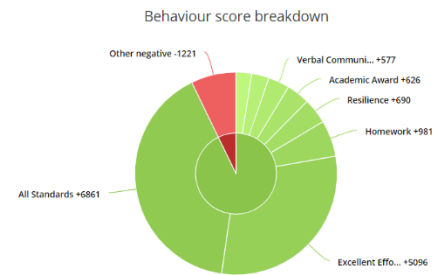
**Weekly Newsletter – 11.06.21**

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

**Successful Start!**

We've had a successful start back to this half-term. We continue to be impressed with the commitment to learning and excellent effort displayed by the majority of our pupils. Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives to school on time (before 9.25 am) in the correct uniform (including their face covering) and with a bag and equipment. This ensures a smooth start to their day and helps us maximise learning time.

A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners including Isa Ishag from Grey-Thompson and Corey Smith from Bronte who were the highest merit winners in their classes. Da iawn Chloe Edwards, in Year 7, who received a whopping 106 merits over the course of a week!



**Merits – 28.05.21 – 10.06.21:**

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champion
Year 7	5248	7Farah	Chloe Edwards
Year 8	4037	8Socrates	Jack Osborne
Year 9	3087	9Schumann	Lataya Marden
Year 10	3262	10Hepworth	Nyah Davies

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**

E-mailing us at [firstday@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:firstday@willows.cardiff.sch.uk)

Or by ringing or texting our Attendance Officers on:

Ms. Short (Attendance Officer) - **07733889023**

Ms. Davies (Assistant Attendance Officer) – **07733889062**

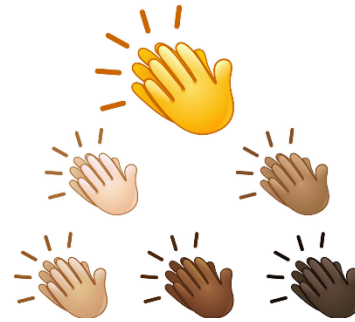
Thank you, as always, for your support with uniform. We strongly believe that a smart uniform instils a sense of belonging and confidence in all of our pupils. A reminder that there is help available for eligible families regarding the cost of uniform. Information on this can be found here <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>. If you need help regarding the forms you can contact our Family and Community Engagement Officer: [Samantha.Watt@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk](mailto: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.

## School News:

### Highest Achievers:

We are incredibly proud of the following pupils for achieving their Willows badges for being the highest performers in their year group last half-term. Congratulations to all of you!

<b>Year 7</b>	Lochlan Taylor
<b>Year 8</b>	Aidan Barratt
<b>Year 9</b>	Chloe Walter
<b>Year 10</b>	Marzooq Subhani
<b>Year 11</b>	James Qian



### English:

Introducing this week's star readers:

<b>Star Readers</b>
Sadia Sadia 8PL
Abdul Ketter 8CA
Dylan Evans 9NO
Shaida Tufiq 9HT
Julio Mendoca 8AT
Tomas Slisko 7RA
Mercy Agunbiade 7FA
Joseph Ashton 9MO
Laiba Ismail 9MO
Chloe Edwards 7FA
Summer Brown 8WO
Jack Osborne 8SO
Aparajita Hota 9BE
Hollie-Mai McMullen 7RA

The English department are very proud of all of these pupils. They have been working really hard on improving their reading whether this be reading at home, reading in lessons or on myON. A special shout out to:



**Myon reading star** - Mercy Agunbiade (7FA) for logging 1,171 minutes read since we started using Myon.

**Reading club star** - Tomas Slisko (7RA) for being really enthusiastic, attending all reading club sessions and showing an improvement in his reading.

Well done everyone on this amazing effort! Looking forward to seeing more star readers next week!

### 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. There are sports, art and craft and drama activities so why not see your Head of Year and join in the fun!

### HPV Vaccinations:

A reminder that our HPV vaccinations will take place for Y8 (and those who missed it in Y9) on **21.06.21**. If you haven't returned your child's permission form, please send this in to the school office as soon as possible. Please be aware that the School Nurse may contact you on the day by telephone if there is any further information required. It is, therefore, vitally important that home and mobile numbers are up to date on the school system.



## Grand Community Council:



On Tuesday morning, our year 7 members of the Student Council took part in the latest STAR Grand Community Council meeting. They discussed the progress of the proposed rebuild of Willows High School and shared ideas with pupils from feeder primary schools about what they wanted the new school to look like. Other items on the agenda included using sport to raise awareness of important current affairs and promoting equality. They also discussed the label 'Covid Generation' and looked at how this can be turned in to a positive by highlighting the many positives and opportunities that have come from it. All pupils involved were a credit to their schools and shared some thoughtful ideas. We look forward to seeing how this project develops!

## The Willow Girl at Willows:

We are delighted to introduce you to the latest addition to our well-being garden, the Willow Girl – 'Girl who wouldn't give Up' sculpture. In conjunction with our Friends at Railway Gardens and Green Squirrel, local artist Sarah, attended school and constructed the sculpture using willow weaving techniques with our industrious Year 10 pupils. The statue symbolizes celebrating young people and communities taking action so is a perfect fit for us at Willows! We would like to thank Sarah for her creativity and Hannah for her amazing community work on this project. We hope that this collaboration sparks many more ideas for community well-being and artistic projects for our school.



## New – Courses for Parents:

Cardiff and Vale College and Willows High are working together to provide courses for parents, such as:

- **Family Learning** – Supporting your child with English
- **Family Learning** – Supporting your child with Maths
- **Family Learning** – English as an Additional Language
- **Essential Skills** – English
- **Essential Skills** – Maths

If you are interested, please click on the link below and complete this form to help us provide the courses that would benefit you and your family most.

Your opinion is very important:

[familylearning@cavc](mailto:familylearning@cavc)



## Health and Well-being:

### Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

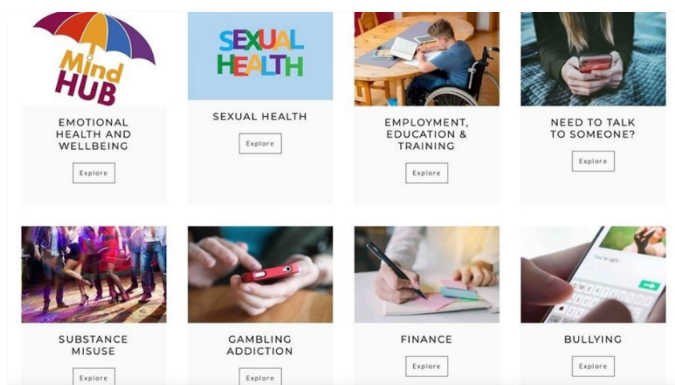
If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Sam Watt (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 02922 672744/07592 037937

### 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:

<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](mailto: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](mailto:-Jan.Whittaker@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk)

[-Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:-Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk)

## Community:

### Railway Gardens and Keep Splott Tidy:

Could you lend a hand on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June?

Keep Splott Tidy will be hosting their next litter pick at 10.00 am at Railway Gardens before the big celebration event in the afternoon. In addition to this, Railway Gardens needs a few more volunteer stewards for the celebration between 12.00 and 3.30 pm. These are great opportunities to become involved in community projects. For some of our older pupils, past pupils and other adults – why not make a worthwhile contribution to the community whilst adding to your CV’s?

Help make the event a success! For further information, e-mail: [railwaygardens@greensquirrel.co.uk](mailto:railwaygardens@greensquirrel.co.uk)

Also, remember to keep track of Keep Splott Tidy and Keep Tremorfa Park Tidy through their Facebook groups. Love where you Live!

## Cardiff Bus:

You may have seen that the new 'Island Flyer' bus service will run from Tremorfa to Barry Island throughout the summer (July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>). See here for more information:

<https://www.cardiffbus.com/summer-days-out>

Thank you again for your support and for sharing in our successes with your child and the community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further support or guidance.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend!

**Team Willows**



## WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL - MYON READING COMPETITION

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 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 **Jane.Crawshaw@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk**