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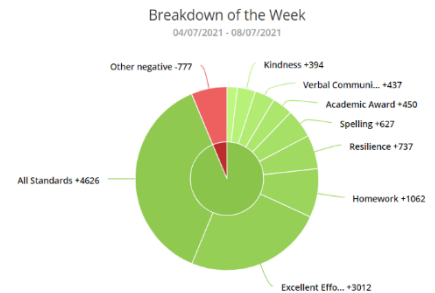
Weekly Newsletter – 09.07.21

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

Welcome Year 6:

This week we have been busy with our covid safe transition days. We have really enjoyed meeting lovely Year 6 pupils, giving them a tour of our school and letting them experience our unique Journey 7 curriculum. All pupils were well mannered and kind; a credit to their primary schools and families. Following this, we held a transition evening for parents online. We'd like to thank all families for attending this. If there are any more questions regarding transition, please do not hesitate to contact Ian.Whittaker@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk.

A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners including Hamudi Salih from Grey-Thompson and Annalise Marshall from Bronte who were the highest merit winners in their classes. We are very proud of you!



Merits – 01.07.21 – 09.07.21:

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	5031	7Radcliffe	Shalaw Tufiq
Year 8	3593	8Cavendish	Suhas Mujjara
Year 9	3343	9Novello	Oskars Vikis
Year 10	2738	10Banksy	Ethan Hewett

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

Or by ringing or texting our Attendance Officers on:
Ms. Short (Attendance Officer) - 07733889023

Ms. Davies (Assistant Attendance Officer) - 07733889062

A reminder of our school uniform exchange. Please contact Sam Watt to donate or request items: **07592037937**

**WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL
UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

- Pre-loved school uniforms wanted
- Swap your outgrown uniform items
- Just drop items off at school reception or tell your child to speak to their welfare officer
- Any questions, contact Sam Watt, 02922 672744, 07592037937

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. There are sports, art and craft and drama activities so why not see your Head of Year and join in the fun! Here are Year 9 creating and constructing mini picnic tables – there really is something for everyone!



PE:

Willows Inspiration Day (Sessions 4 and 5):

The year 10 'set for success' group have successfully completed sessions 4 and 5 with Olympic Swimmer Tom Haffield. In session 4 the pupils explored different types of teamwork and through guided discovery they were able to self-assess their roles in many 'teams' they are a part of including sports teams, their form groups, friendship groups and family.

In session 5 the group focussed upon the concept of self-management. Through very honest discussions the pupils were able to discuss factors that they can and cannot control in their life, look at planning for the future and goal setting.

The theme for this week's tutor time has been inspirational speeches and Tom kindly agreed to give an Inspirational speech to all pupils in year 7 and year 10. The speech outlined Tom's journey to become an Olympian, he highlighted his successes, his disappointments, the challenges and the commitment needed. The pupils were fully engaged and it will hopefully inspire them to aim high, be resilient and encourage them to chase their dreams.



English:

Star Readers and Reading competition winners!

A big congratulations to the following pupils for their amazing achievements this term with reading. Da iawn everyone! All pupils need to keep up the reading over the summer holidays and remember:

'Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.'
— Lemony Snicket

- 1st Prize: Shaida Tufiq (**9HT**) – Kindle Fire
- 2nd Prize: Mia Louise Evans-Marnell (**7FA**) – Scrabble
- 3rd Prize: Nathan Mba-aba (**7FA**) – Scrabble
- 4th Prize: Ashley Cossa (**8AT**) – Wordstax
- 5th Prize: Chloe Edwards (**7FA**) - Wordstax



This week's reading stars are:

Sadia Sadia (8PL)
Rhiana Jones (9NO)
Daniella Nakazzi (9SC)
Seren Dikici (9BE)
Raghad Alsmadi (8SO)
Paige Bancroft (8WO)
Nandana Sandip (7MC)
Tomas Slisko (7RA)
Xiao-Xie Zhang (7FA)



Health and Well-being:

Our School Police Officer, PC Chris Selby has asked us to remind parents of the age ratings of apps and games:

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13

- Roblox
- PopJam
- FaceTime

13+

- Twitter
- Facebook and Messenger
- Viber
- WeChat
- Monkey
- Yubo
- Dubsmash
- Instagram
- TikTok
- Skype
- Google Hangouts
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

16+

- WhatsApp
- Telegram Messenger
- Tumblr

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- Line
- Sarahah
- Tellonym

Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

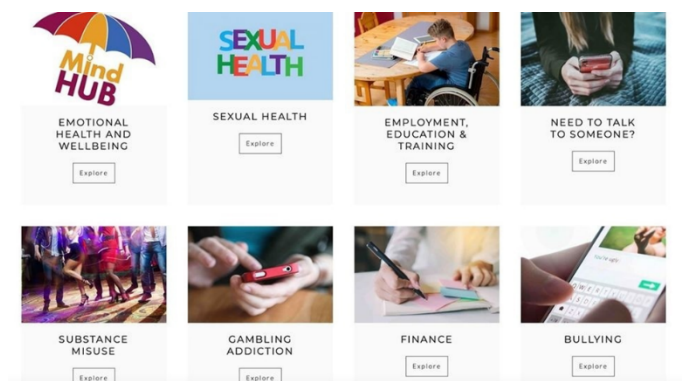
If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Sam Watt (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 02922 672744/07592 037937

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 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 to School:

A huge thankyou to Cardiff Council’s ‘Travel to School’ scheme for our bike fleet as part of their Active Transport Plan. We are really looking forward to putting these to good use!



Community:

Cardiff Council – New Willows High School Vision:

An exciting opportunity to help shape the future for Willows High School has been launched. Maybe you are a parent, pupil, local resident or just have lots of ideas? Help create a new curriculum and development of a new school building, before July 23rd by visiting:

https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/21st-Century-Schools/Keep-up-to-date-and-contact-us/Publications/willows-high-school/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Willows+Visioning

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A covid safe chance for you to have you say on the new school building will be held on Monday 12th July from 10 am – 12 mid-day at Butetown Hub on Plas Iona, Bute Street, Butetown. Pop along and share your ideas!

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Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to contact us directly on 029 20414243 or to e-mail your child's Welfare Officer if you need to tell us something or have any suggestions for improvement. We are always happy to listen!

Enjoy your weekend,

Team Willows

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Summer Reading Challenge 2021:

Cardiff Libraries are looking forward to young people throughout the city joining this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year the Reading Agency are teaming up with the World Wildlife Federation for a special nature themed challenge – 'Wild World Heroes.' Available online and in Cardiff Libraries from July 12th! We urge all pupils to become involved and continue to improve their reading by reading for pleasure over the summer.

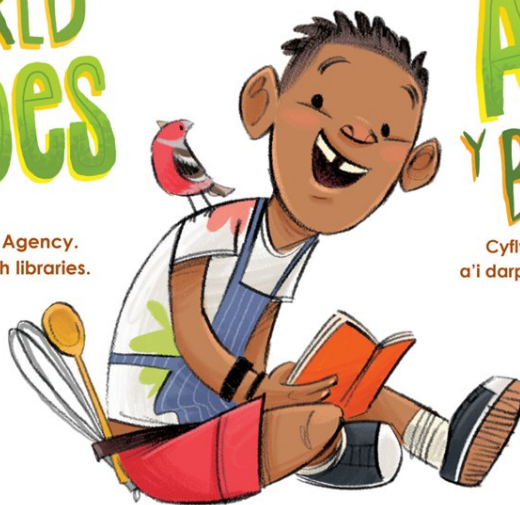
Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



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