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Weekly Newsletter – 07.01.22

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

Happy New Year!

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda to all members of our Willows community! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing break. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils return to school happy and ready to learn. We look forward to working with you, once again, to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

Health and Well-being:

We understand that there may be some anxiety surrounding covid transmission in schools but please be assured that we are working firmly within Welsh Government guidelines to minimise risk. Please continue to help us with the following:

Mask / Face Coverings: All pupils and members of staff are required to wear a face covering in all areas of the school building and on school transport, unless they are medically exempt. This means all pupils **MUST** bring a mask / face covering to school each day and wear it appropriately. Face coverings have been supplied to all pupils but if your child requires a new one, please make sure their form tutor is aware.

Hand Sanitising: Pupils will be asked to sanitise their hands regularly, especially in the school canteen. Please continue to explain the importance of hygiene to your child.

Lateral Flow Tests: We kindly ask all students to take three lateral flow tests every week. The tests should be taken on Mon / Wed / Fri morning each week. The tests can be easily picked up, free of charge, from most pharmacies or several outlets around Cardiff or you can order online for home delivery. We will also distribute testing kits as and when we are supplied with them. Please click on this link if you would like us to provide your child with a supply of Lateral Flow Devices <https://forms.office.com/r/44qLAJ1hBr>



Here is a link to the NHS video with self-testing instructions. Please notes that the rules around self-isolation have recently changed and differ from the end of this video (see below):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo04nV3HBEQ>

If a member of your household tests positive, then other members of the same household may continue to attend school if they have a negative test. However, they should undertake daily testing (for 7 days) using the LFD tests provided.

Canteen: Year groups will continue to have separate breaks and lunches to minimise risks.

Fresh air: All classrooms will have open windows / doors in order to ensure a fresh flow of air through the building. Pupils will be allowed to wear coats in class depending on temperature and conditions.

Communication: In order to minimise disruption and to keep infection rates as low as possible, we kindly ask you to remain vigilant, to test regularly and keep your child at home if he/she receives a positive test or has Covid symptoms. As always, you can contact us by e-mail or phone to inform us of any absence.

Currently we do not envisage a return to distance learning, however we will clearly face challenges and will keep you informed of any changes to this.

Safeguarding:

A reminder that our school safeguarding can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child: Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

A new service has been launched by the Cardiff Youth Service support young people to flourish and thrive, building on their individual talents, skills and abilities. You can watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuUfKKWVV6Q>

Cardiff Family Help Team are an early intervention service offering high quality information, advice and assistance to children and young people aged 0 – 18 (and to 25 for vulnerable adults) and their families living in Cardiff.

Cardiff Foodbank:

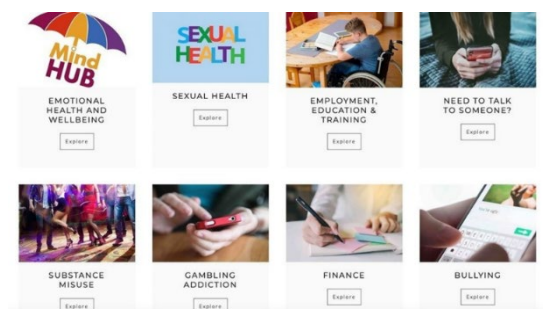
Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

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.

Social Enterprise Club:

SECWillows would like wish all of our supporters a happy and prosperous New Year. Thanks to your support, the pupils managed to sell the majority of their products before Christmas resulting in 16 students sharing a total profit of £1000!

The top-selling pupil, took home £120 plus individual profits from copper products. The majority of students took home over £50 each so a huge thank you again for supporting our business.



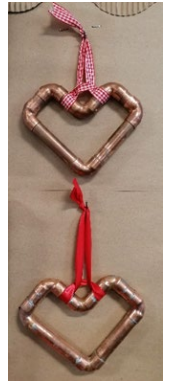
When asked, all of the students said that they would be spend most of their money earned on presents for their family. What a Willowstatic bunch of workers we have!

We have now released phase 1 of our Spring products. They are all ready for Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday, or to add something that little bit special to the house, we would like to introduce:

Love/Home copper wall sign - **£15**

Copper Heart - **£8**

Personalised framed button portrait - **£10**



To order one of these products you can email us: sec@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or check out our SECWillows Facebook group. As always, these are discounted prices for people within our catchment area. If you would like to order products for further afield, please visit us at www.secwillows.co.uk

Home STEM challenge:

The winners of Mr. Hanif's home STEM challenge were Kayden and Hope Allen who made these magical crystal Christmas trees over the holidays. We are very impressed with their Scientific skills!

Competition Winners:

Congratulations to Kane Williams and Chinaza Okafor for guessing the titles in our last Children's book newsletter quiz.

Remember to enter this week's competition for a praise card and a treat!

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As always, thank you for your support. If there are any problems, we would appreciate that you contact the relevant person in school straight away rather than using social media platforms. We will always try our best to reach a solution and this will ensure your concern is seen and avoid any misinformation and miscommunication.



A polite reminder that our teachers and Welfare Officers are very busy working with children throughout the day. To avoid disappointment, please ring or e-mail school to book an appointment with the relevant person rather than turning up at school reception.

By working together we can ensure your child's success.

Team Willows

Competition:

Capital Cities Quiz

Picture Round

Capital City Landmarks

Name the landmark (1 point) and the capital city it is located in (1 point)



Flags Of The World

Name the country (1 point) and the capital city (1 point)

