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HIGH SCHOOL**



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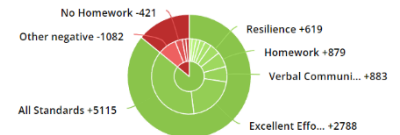
**Weekly Newsletter – 04.02.22**

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

**Achieve:**

We are very proud of our pupils again this week. They have made an excellent impression on visits, in the school building and to external visitors. Please continue to support us in ensuring that smart uniform is maintained and that they use the manners they are practising in school at home and in the community. A reminder that attendance at school equates to better results. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends every day unless there is a valid reason.

Breakdown of the Week  
30/01/2022 - 04/02/2022



**Merits – 28.01.22 – 03.02.22:**

We are incredibly proud of the effort that our pupils are putting into their character and studies. A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners:

Year Group	Total	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	2707	7Curie	Noah Roberts
Year 8	3142	8Farah	Kezia Kimiti
Year 9	1717	9Plato	Musa Argin
Year 10	2252	10Schumann	Bassam Saleh
Year 11	1780	11Matisse	Aleesha Scott

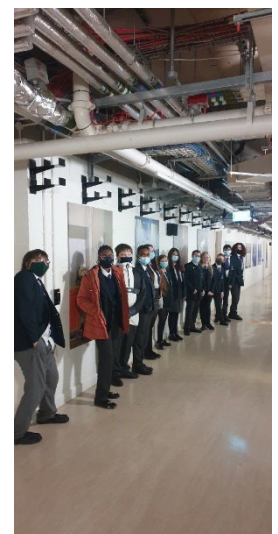
**School News:**

**Performing Arts Department:**

With the help of Careers Wales and Mr Roberts, the Performing Arts Department has been given a fantastic opportunity from the Wales Millennium Centre. Over a period of three weeks a group from year 7, 8 and 9 attended workshops at the WMC to gain insight into the Performing Arts Industry and to try out first-hand the vast array of jobs that the centre has to offer.



The first week was all about building a team, much like the many behind the scenes departments that operate the arts venue. Our pupils, built spaghetti towers, challenged their strength of character in a number of fun activities, learned all about the security team that operate the theatre and even budgeted their own production.



Week two saw our talented pupils operating their own radio shows. They learned how to fill 'dead air', some found this task quite easy to fulfil...

Our Willows Waves radio team certainly gained a lot from the experience, so stay tuned for some new shows on the Willows Waves app very soon.

Their 'techy' week also gave them the experience to work with some music producers to create and mix their own tracks. They called it 'spitting bars' and they all rose to the challenge brilliantly, despite their tracks being about pizza and chicken nuggets!

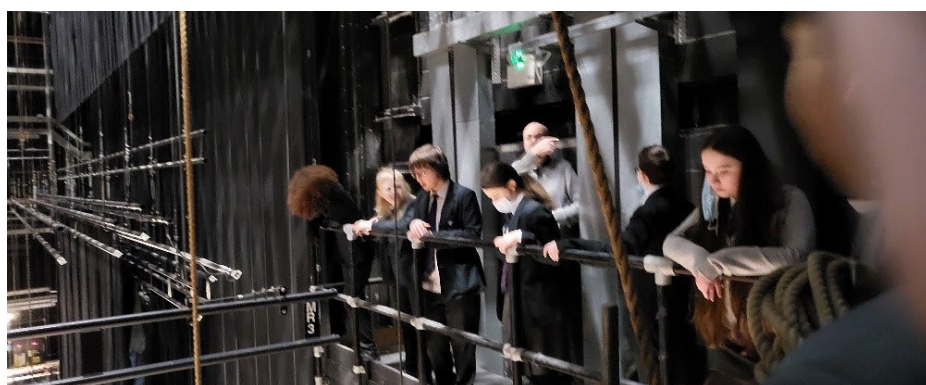
One of our pupils impressed the producers with her vocals (not about chicken nuggets!) and is now currently in discussions about producing and promoting her in the music industry. Super exciting!



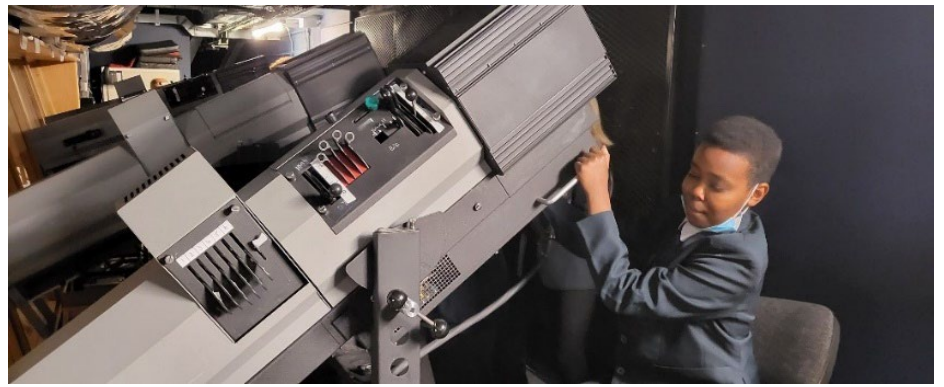
The Pièce de résistance was most definitely the final week. A backstage tour that saw the pupils scaling heights that quite frankly made their teacher turn green.

At one point, one of them shouted, “Look at Miss, walking like Bambi on ice.” They were not wrong! While pictures were taken from the safety of solid ground, the brave group walked across the mesh ceiling floor while waving down to the WNO orchestra sat underneath them in the theatre. From this great height, they were able to rig lighting without the use of a ladder.

In preparation for the show 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks' the pupils got to see a glimpse of the set being built, listen to the cast rehearsing and even design and light the foyer for the anticipated audience to arrive. In fact, if you were to visit the centre this weekend, you would see a giant art installation tree that has been cleverly lit by one of our very own year 7 pupils - Afaak.







Their hard work and enthusiasm over the three weeks did not go unnoticed by the staff. They were praised for how well they conducted themselves and were rewarded by receiving free tickets for the show 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks.'

It was an amazing production, which finished off their experience perfectly.

**Technology Department:**  
**Thunder, Bolts and Lightening!**

A huge thank you to local company CELSA steel for their kind donation of a new state of the art Laser Cutter.

The company is committed to ensuring they actively engage and support the community in whatever capacity they can. This also means having an invested interested in the future employees of the company.



The new Thunder Laser will ensure pupils can utilise the latest technology to help develop their Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) skills to help maximise their achievements and employability in the future. These skills that are vital as we move more and more into a world of digital technology.

The arrival of the new machine instantly had an impact, due to its size. But, with the help of our fantastic estates team, they successfully dismantled the door frame allowing the machine to be easily manoeuvred into its new home.

To celebrate the arrival of the Laser Cuter, CELSA Steel is keen to instantly engage the pupils with a whole school competition. Global climate change is having a huge impact on the environment. CELSA Steel, have set the challenge for our pupils to design and make a product that promotes recycling and sustainability. Look out for the results of the competition in future newsletters.



## The Young Entrepreneurs Club:

The Young Entrepreneurs are back this time with A Valentine's Raffle (Part of proceeds will be going to charity). Next week is the last week to buy your raffle tickets. AND THEY'RE ONLY 50p EACH. There are about 20 different prizes to be won, including Amazon/PS/XBOX gift cards, sweet hampers, Valentine chocolates and even a hamper worth £60. If you want to buy any tickets or would like to see all the prizes available, The Young Entrepreneurs will be coming round your classroom. GOOD LUCK!



## Health and Well-being:

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

## Safer Internet Day:

We would like to remind parents to be extremely vigilant when their child is online.

Mobile phones have to be switched off in school and kept in bags. This is to reduce distractions but also for your child's own safety. Many bullying incidents that we deal with in school derive from messages sent to group on Whatsapp or Tiktok outside of school.

Recently, we have become aware of anonymous videos being sent through air dropping. We have strongly reminded pupils not to accept anything from anyone they don't know and that their phones are on flight mode in large public spaces.

Lastly, please remember there are age ratings for all social media sites and online games. These are there for a reason and it could harm your child's mental health to be exposed to some of the content available if these are not adhered to. Again, we would ask parents to be vigilant if your child uses TikTok, Discord and other popular teenage networking sites.

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TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

### APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+	16+
Facebook	WhatsApp
Instagram	Twitter
TikTok	Kik
YouNow	Yubo
House Party	Monkey
	Sarahah
	YOLO
	MeetMe
	LiveMe

## Community:

### 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

### **Willows Uniform Exchange:**

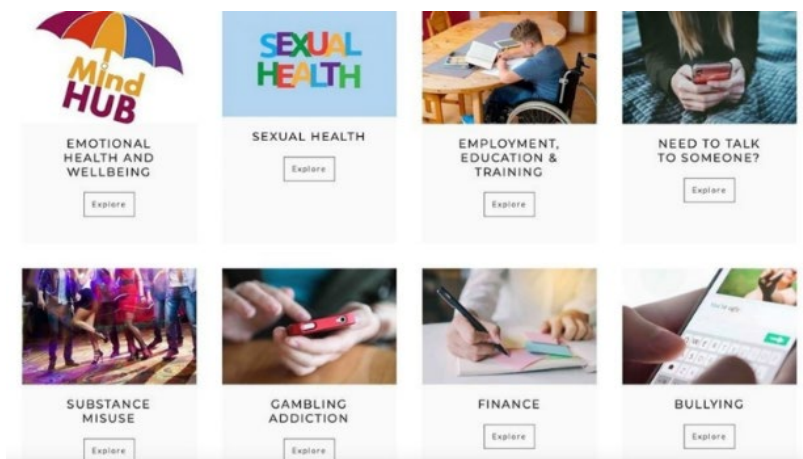
A reminder to donate any spare Willows uniform to our uniform exchange run by Ms. Watt in our Learning Lounge. We particularly need spare Willows PE tops. If you have any at home that have gone too small, please bring them in to benefit others. Likewise, if your child needs any pre-owned uniform, ask them to speak to their Welfare Officer and we will arrange this for them.

### **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.

### **Diolch:**

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**



# TREMORFA PARK PLANTING DAY

**10AM-2PM 12TH FEBRUARY 2022**

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF TREE PLANTING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARDIFF COUNCIL AND THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY, TO HELP INCREASE LOCAL CANOPY COVER AND SUPPORT HABITATS AND FOOD FOR WILDLIFE. COME AND GET STUCK IN AND PLANT A TREE WITH US!



A HOT LUNCH AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY WILL BE PROVIDED



PLEASE SIGN UP TO THE FREE EVENT BY VISITING

**[WWW.TREESFORCITIES.ORG/TREMORFAPARK](http://WWW.TREESFORCITIES.ORG/TREMORFAPARK)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HETTY AT [HETTY@TREESFORCITIES.ORG](mailto:HETTY@TREESFORCITIES.ORG)

OR ON 07920720917



Trees for Cities is assessing all risks around COVID-19. The safety of our staff and volunteers is our top priority

**Fantastic Fruit and Vegetables:**

**Solve the anagrams below and e-mail your answers to Mrs. Bubbins. Praise card and prize for every correct entry:**

### Food Anagrams

**Objective:** Solve these anagrams to reveal fruits and vegetables:

1. aanbna

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2. animgo

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3. pleap

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4. eacph

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5. ryechr

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6. apgesr

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7. igf

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8. imle

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9. babcgea

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