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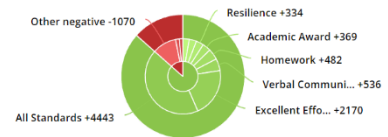
Weekly Newsletter – 08.04.22

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

Happy Holidays:

We would like to wish our whole community a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. We return on Monday 25th April for a productive summer term. We have added some ideas to keep you busy to this newsletter. As a school, we are entering an exciting chapter of our design phase for our brand-new building – please see the poster attached for ways that you can be involved in shaping our future.

Breakdown of the Week
03/04/2022 - 08/04/2022



Merits – 01.04.22 - 07.04.22:

We respect 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	1986	7Curie	Finley Murphy and Theo Reynolds
Year 8	1998	8McArthur	Mostafa Albilili and Lochlan Taylor
Year 9	1733	9Attfield	Saliu Susso
Year 10	1929	10Mozart	Shaيدا Tufiq and Roman Fagerlund
Year 11	1294	11Matisse	Marzoq Subhani

School News:

English Department:

Words Give Us Power!

We've held three Academic Vocabulary Bees this week and it was exciting to see how close the competition was. Hopefully, both competitors and audience members will have picked up some more great words to add to their armoury. We aim to send them all off to college and the world fully equipped with a vocabulary for any challenge. Huge congratulations to the returning champions who once again were victorious from 11DA and 10NO. 8MC were our other Willows-tastic winners after an exciting tie breaker with 8FA.



Partnership with BBC Studios:

On Tuesday Miss Davies took a group of Year 8 pupils to Penarth Pier, where Little Door Productions were filming Series 2 of BBC's The Pact. The pupils met a range of people working on the set, such as the producer, makeup artist and script supervisor! They also enjoyed a yummy ice cream on the pier and got to see the world of television in action!



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

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:

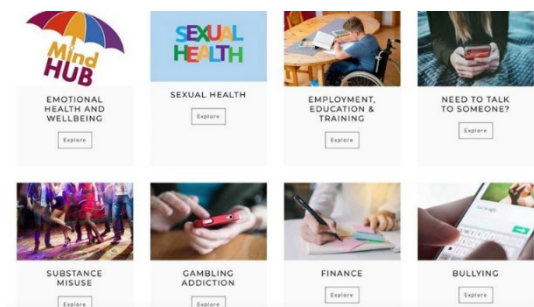
A reminder to donate any spare Willows uniform to our uniform exchange run by Ms. Watt in our Learning Lounge. We particularly need spare Willows PE tops. If you have any at home that have gone too small, please bring them in to benefit others. Likewise, if your child needs any pre-owned uniform, ask 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 if you need feminine hygiene products and we’ll do our best to help.

Citizens Advice Bureau:

Get free advice on all sorts of issues, such as benefits, housing, employment and more.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) are going to be holding Advice sessions in Willows High School every other Monday starting Monday May 9th 2022. If you would like to book an appointment please contact Sam on Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or 07592 037937.

Get into Housing Job Placement Opportunities

The 'Get into Housing' Project offers a 16 week paid placement in various Housing Associations. It's for people from ethnically diverse backgrounds who are over 25 and currently unemployed. There are a variety of roles currently available ranging from trades and repair assistants to income inclusion and green assistants. If you are interested in this scheme or know someone it would benefit, please contact Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Community:

International Roma Day:

Today is International Roma Day – we would like to join the members of our community celebrating this important event. Your culture and heritage is valued and we are determined to help raise awareness of the issues facing people from the Roma culture.



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



Quiz:

Last week's Spring Quiz Super-stars were; [Kayden Allen](#), [Hope Allen](#), [Noah Roberts](#), [Halsho Mohammed](#), [Aparajita Hota](#), [Megan Worthey](#), [Seren Davies](#) and [Youssef El Refaei](#) – Da iawn! Take part in this week's quiz for your praise card and prize!

Name: _____

Class: _____

Element Quiz

Write the correct element name after each symbol. Use the word box below. Be careful - Not all words will be used!

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| 1. He = _____ | 11. Fe = _____ |
| 2. K = _____ | 12. Al = _____ |
| 3. Cu = _____ | 13. Ag = _____ |
| 4. Au = _____ | 14. Sn = _____ |
| 5. Pb = _____ | 15. N = _____ |
| 6. Ca = _____ | 16. H = _____ |
| 7. O = _____ | 17. C = _____ |
| 8. Na = _____ | 18. Cl = _____ |
| 9. Mg = _____ | 19. S = _____ |
| 10. Ne = _____ | 20. Zn = _____ |

WORD BOX				
Aluminum	Copper	Iron	Nickel	Silicon
Argon	Fluorine	Lead	Nitrogen	Silver
Arsenic	Gold	Magnesium	Osmium	Sodium
Calcium	Helium	Manganese	Oxygen	Sulfur
Carbon	Hydrogen	Mercury	Phosphorus	Tin
Chlorine	Iodine	Neon	Potassium	Zinc



Things to do over Easter:

1. How many Snoopies can you find hiding around Cardiff? Check out the 'A Dog's Trail' website and the app for more information on this exciting spring challenge: [An adventure with Dogs Trust and Snoopy | A Dog's Trail : A Dog's Trail \(adogstrail.org.uk\)](http://An%20adventure%20with%20Dogs%20Trust%20and%20Snoopy%20|%20A%20Dog's%20Trail%20:%20A%20Dog's%20Trail%20(adogstrail.org.uk))
2. Cardiff libraries have various events going on over the Spring holiday. Pop to your local library to find out more!
3. Cardiff Leisure centres are back to running full programmes for children and teenagers. Log on to the website for updated classes and events and get active this holiday!





WE NEED YOU TO HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR SCHOOL



As a school we are entering an exciting chapter. Early design work has commenced with architects, and we want your views on these designs and other aspects of the school.

Your brand new school is proposed to open in September 2025.

The school will have access to:

- state of the art sports facilities
- classrooms and specialist classrooms
- a dedicated Specialist resource Base
- enhanced ALN provision and intervention areas
- dining and social space.

Laura Sampford who is the Area Commissioning Lead from Cardiff Council, is looking to form a **Change Champion** team who will lead and communicate on aspects of the project to the wider school community. Membership of the team will change as the project develops to ensure a variety of ideas and opinions from school pupils.

To kick off pupil engagement, the Governors are asking Change Champions to be involved in helping shape the future of the school with **providing feedback on different learning environments such as open plan learning spaces.**

When will the group meet?

The group would meet at 3.30 on Wednesdays on a weekly basis.

Group meet ups would then take place when they are needed in accordance with the project programme.

How to be become a change champion?

If you would like to have your voice heard, and have an interest in design of buildings and teaching, and enjoy learning new computer skills, then this is the role for you. You can also put your name forward for the different design areas below, this way, we will have a mix of ideas and opinions.

Please let Mr Sage know by sending an e-mail headed 'Change Champion' by Thursday 7th April.

Your feedback will be passed onto the designers and discussed with Senior Leadership Team, and real changes could be made to the design.

What other things will the Change champions review?

- Toilet designs
- Furniture designs
- School logo and uniforms
- Colour schemes
- IT provision

Helping your child with KS3 Maths

10 week course for adults

- Boost your KS3 maths skills so that you can help support your children.
- Learn how to support STEM development at home.
- Course available Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm.
- Lessons start on 02/05/2022

To register your interest in the course:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tDUXNhLZdW>

