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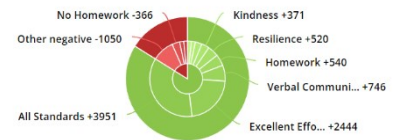
Weekly Newsletter – 13.05.22

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

Achieve:

We would like to wish our Y10 and Y11 pupils well as they start their GCSE exams on Monday. Please remember to that pupils sitting morning exams need to enter school through the front entrance by **8.50 am**. Afternoon exams will start at **1.40 pm** so there may be some occasions where pupils leave school later than usual. It is vital that Y10 and Y11 pupils attend school everyday as a comprehensive revision time-table has been put in place for them between exams. Please help your child at home by ensuring that they are revising in a quiet area. If you need further advice or help with this, please get in touch, also have a look at this video of tips and techniques for preparing for examinations that we have shared with our Year 10 and 11 pupils: <https://vimeo.com/708807621>

Breakdown of the Week
08/05/2022 - 12/05/2022



Merits – 06.05.22 – 12.05.22:

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	2263	7Franklin	Noah Roberts
Year 8	2549	8McArthur	Lochlan Taylor
Year 9	1915	9Plato	Sahand Mohammed
Year 10	1803	10Schumann	Bassam Saleh
Year 11	734	11Matisse	Daniel Salas and Mackenzie Wall

School News:

English Department:

Debate Club:

This week the Debate club welcomed Maria Howland from the financial company Deloitte. Maria came to see our great Debate teams preparing for their first league next week and was really impressed to see our pupils articulate themselves so professionally, oozing sophistication.

We are thrilled to announce that Willows will be entering three teams into the Debate Mate Urban League which is taking place on 18th May. We are also thrilled to be hosting the league and cannot wait to see some of the great debaters of Wales. Debate Club has grown week on week and doors are always open to those wanting to join!



Welsh Department:

This week we were joined by First Campus, who held workshops for us. The workshop aimed to improve students understanding of the Welsh Language through music.



Both staff and pupils were excited to see what the workshop had to offer.

We were certainly not disappointed! We were joined by Lily and Anita for two sessions with Years 8 and 9. Lily is a talented singer and established actress who stars in many Welsh language programmes and films. Lily sang with the students, played games and instilled pride in the students towards the Welsh language, culture and heritage. Anita's energy and enthusiasm allowed the students to feel confident and comfortable, which allowed them to fully immerse themselves into the musical activities. The students had a great time and felt that the workshop did indeed improve their understanding and also made them feel proud of their ability to use the Welsh language. The students were given a glowing report for their behaviour and participation during the workshops. A great time was had by all! We will also be placing more music activities within the Willows Welsh Curriculum now we've seen the responses from students and the benefits that can be had.



Drama Department:

Screens4Schools Workshop:

Thank you to the team at Screens4Schools for their Special FX make-up workshop for Y7 this week! I'm sure you'll agree that their work was frighteningly realistic!



Change Champions:

New School build:

This week our change champions have been using the power of Minecraft to help plan our new school building. We have been blown away by their passion and creativity:



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

Health and Wellbeing:

HPV Vaccinations:

A reminder that the first dose of HPV vaccinations will take place on May 25th for Y8 pupils AND for those pupils in Y9 – Y11 who might have missed their vaccination in Y8. If you wish for your child to have this injection, please read and follow the instructions attached below.

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

'Too Good To Go' App:

Many of us may find the 'Too Good to Go' App useful. You can use the app to find popular restaurants and retailers that sell good quality food at a vastly reduced price, instead of throwing it away. This not only helps with the cost of living crisis that many are facing but also is a good way to help promote sustainability.



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.

Prom Shop:

Our prom shop contains many pre-loved dresses, shoes, handbags and suits. If you are attending the prom but would like to save some money on these, please see Miss. Cherrett or your form tutor.

Citizen's Advice Bureau at Willows:

A reminder that the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) is in Willows every other Monday. CAB can help with all sorts of issues such as benefit claims/checks, PIP claims, housing, employment issues, debt advice, divorce and other problems.

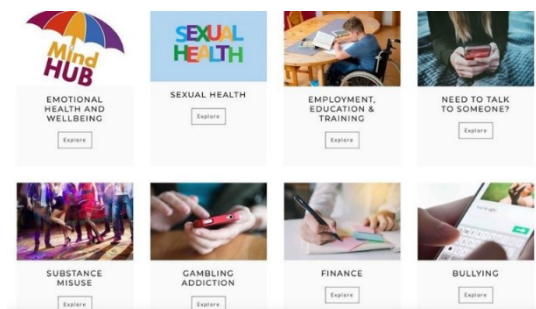
To make an appointment, please contact Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or 07592 037937.

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.

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

This week's quiz has been written by regular super-star quizzers **Hope and Kayden Allen** and is based on Roald Dahl. Thank you both! Remember to e-mail your answers to Mrs. Bubbins for a praise card and treat:

The Giraffe the Pelly and Me

1. What is the first thing thrown out of the Grubber?
2. What was the Grubber?
3. What was the sweet shop turned into?
4. Who was the first customer?

The Twits

5. What does Mrs Twit have in place of a real eye?
6. What did Mrs Twit put in Mr Twits spaghetti?
7. What did the Twits have for dinner every Wednesday Night?
8. How many children did the mugglewump have?

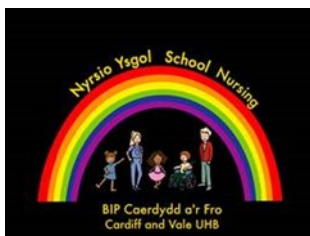
The BFG

9. What does the BFG catch and store in jars?
10. Which country won't the giants ever visit?
11. What is the name of the little girl in the BFG?
12. What does BFG stand for?

Bonus:

13. What was Charlie's surname?
14. What was Matilda's surname?
15. What was James' surname?





Dear Parent /Guardian,

The School Nursing Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school on.....25/05/2022.....to administer the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

Our records show that your child has not received the 1st dose of the HPV vaccine in school.

We are offering the 1st dose of the HPV vaccine to all pupils in Years 9 & 10 and girls only in Year 11 and above* who may have missed this due to the pandemic or absence from school. Currently the 2nd dose will be given during the next academic year.

The vaccine helps to protect a person from being infected by the Human Papillomavirus. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital area, it also helps protect against genital warts. The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

If you would like your child to receive the HPV vaccine please provide consent by completing an E-consent form.

To access the E-consent form please use the link below, or scan the QR code (by holding your mobile phone over the QR code with your camera app open). Links to further information regarding HPV and the vaccine are available on the E-consent form. If you wish to complete the E -consent form in Welsh, there is an option to access this once you have opened the E-consent by clicking on the top right-hand corner tab.

Please complete the form even if you do not wish you child to receive the vaccination. Deadline for submission of consent is18/05/2022

It is essential that you provide a valid email address when completing the E-consent form to receive correspondence and a confirmation receipt from the immunisation team.

Please provide your child's NHS number on the consent form, this can be found in their personal child health record book (Red Book) any NHS appointment letters or by contacting their GP practice.

If you have any difficulties accessing or completing the electronic consent form or need any further advice please contact the immunisation team.

<https://forms.office.com/r/M8zCW46n4e>

Kind Regards

School Nursing Immunisation Team
Tel 02920 907675

Immunisation.CAVUHBschoolnursing@wales.nhs.uk



*Boys are only eligible for HPV vaccination in the school-based programme if born on or after September 2006.