




**WILLOWS
HIGH SCHOOL**



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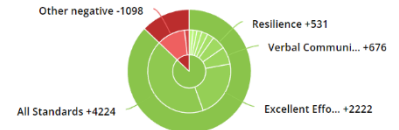
Weekly Newsletter – 10.06.22

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

Welcome back:

Welcome back to the last half-term of this academic year. We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please be aware the Year 10 and Year 11 should be continuing to revise at home for their remaining GCSE exams. Y7 – Y9 will soon be sitting their National Tests and there are ways you can support with these on our school website.

Breakdown of the Week
05/06/2022 - 09/06/2022



Merits – 06.06.22 – 09.05.22:

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, especially our new to English class who have performed brilliantly:

Year Group	Total	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	2315	7Goodall	Megan Grace Williams
Year 8	2228	8Edwards	Samuel Nicolau
Year 9	1516	9Cavendish	Arin Rahim and Mohammad Rasool
Year 10	2015	10Novello	Shaida Tufiq
Year 11	570	11Inness	Flora Hiiko

School News:

ITV News:

Fresh from our recent appearance on ITV News for our fantastic prom shop, we are making the headlines again for the hard work of our Social Enterprise Club. The item showcases our amazing workers and their skills. You can watch the full report on ITV Wales Evening News from 6pm on Monday 13th June. For those that miss it, we shall post the video on our social media.

This week we have been focusing on fulfilling orders of our Jucar Planters. There is only one week left to order yours at our introductory prices of small £25, medium £35 and large £45 as from Friday 17th June, we shall have to increase these (an extra £5 each) to accommodate a rise in the price of timber. To place orders, please e-mail SEC@willows.cardiff.sch.uk.

The club meets every week and makes sustainable products and gifts. See Mr. Batchelor if you are interested in joining and support your peers by tuning in to ITV News on Monday!



Willows staff visit the Czech Republic:

This week, Ms. Amos and Ms. Watt, along with staff from other local schools, participated in an educational visit to the Czech Republic. As well as visiting schools and an orphanage, they experienced the Czech-Roma culture by attending an immersive music night and the Romani museum.

Ms. Watt and Ms. Amos met many Czech-Roma role models and influential speakers. They have gained lots of ideas to share with our staff and they are holding a Roma breakfast next Friday to recount their trip to our pupils.



Change Champions:

Our change Champions continue their hard work on helping design our new school build. This week they have been using 'Sketch Up' software to create images of their ideal school layout. We are proud of our pupil voice and the creativity of their ideas. Da iawn!

Young Carers' Week:

Willows High School is recognising 'Carers Week' and, in particular, our young carers. A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring, unpaid, for a family member, or friend, who is mentally or physically unwell, frail, disabled or who misuses substances. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. Research suggests there are at least 800,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise they are a young carer. This means there could be 6 young carers in a class of 30.

Mr Sage is working towards the 'Young Carers in Schools Programme'. As well as raising awareness of the challenges faced by young carers, it is important that we know how to support them appropriately. Mr Sage will be sending a letter asking young carers to identify themselves to him so that the school can provide the best support possible.

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Carer [noun]

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[1] Cares (unpaid) for family or friends who have a disability, illness or who need support in later life:
Washing them. And their laundry. And their dishes.
Keeping appointments. And records. And tempers.
Giving medicine. And time. And hugs.
Filling forms. And fridges. And silences.
Dealing with doctors. And nurses. And pharmacists.
And social workers. And benefits agencies.
And care workers. And a lack of sleep.

[2] Needs support to manage a life of their own.



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“No one gets why my homework’s sometimes late. I wish they knew what it’s really like to be a carer.”

Unpaid carers can feel invisible to even the people closest to them. That’s why we must make caring Visible, Valued and Supported.



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Community:

The next PACT Meeting is on June 14th at the Oasis Centre on Burnaby Street at 5.30 pm.

Child Friendly Cardiff:

We want to hear from Cardiff’s young people on key local topics that matter to them! A Young Citizens Panel is being created for 11–25-year-olds and everyone who signs up is entered into a £50 voucher prize draw:

[Cardiff Young Citizens’ Panel : Child Friendly Cardiff](#)

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.

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.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER
PACT
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Your Neighbourhood Policing Officer(s) and Partners look forward to welcoming you at the next PACT meeting
Mae eich Swyddog (ion) Plismona Cymdogaeth a Phartneriaid yn edrych ymlaen at eich croesawu i'r cyfarfod PACT nesaf

Neighbourhood/ Cymdogaeth:
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Which will be held on/
A gynhelir ar:
Tuesday 14th June
At/Am:
Oasis Centre
(Burnaby Street Entrance)
Commencing/ I ddechrau am:
17:30 Hours

PACT meetings allow local people to identify the issues that they would like the police and partners to address.
Mae cyfarfoddydd PACT yn caniatáu i bobl leol nodi'r materion y byddent yn hoffi i'r heddlu a phartneriaid fynd i'r afael â hwy.

The regular PACT meetings generate three priorities that will be dealt with by the police and partners. Local people are then encouraged to become involved in providing the solution to the identified priorities.
Mae'r cyfarfoddydd PACT rheolidd yn dewis tair blaenoriaeth y bydd yr heddlu a phartneriaid yn ymdrin â hwy. Yna caiff pobl leol eu hannog i gymryd rhan mewn cynnig ateb i'r blaenoriaethau a ddynodwyd.

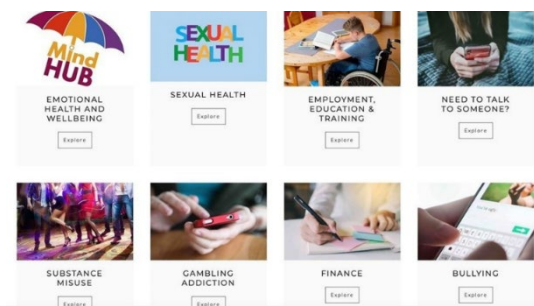


Cardiff Youth Service:

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:

Thank you for your support so far regarding our ban on energy drinks on the school site. A reminder that as a school we firmly believe that the negative aspects of energy drinks far outweigh any other reasons for their consumption. If they are seen they will be **confiscated and disposed of.**

We would be grateful if you would discuss this with your child and advise them to look for healthier options and to not waste their money on these drinks. Health compliant drinks are available to purchase in the school canteen and free drinking water is available before school, during breaktimes and lunchtimes and after school.

We would like to thank the parents of our Y11 pupils, in particular, for their support over the last five years. Y11 pupils will not be required in school after their Maths exam on Tuesday 14th June, unless they have a further exam. Please read the separate letter from Mr. Lo Celso detailing arrangements for their final days with us. We would encourage all parents (where possible) to donate their Y11 child’s blazer, tie and calculator to the school to benefit less fortunate families.

You will have received an announcement on Classcharts regarding the change of times to the start and end of the school day from September 2022, please get in touch if you have any questions.

As always, 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

Well done to Hope Allen, Kayden Allen and Noah Roberts for their correct answers to Halsho's general knowledge quiz. This week's quiz celebrates the Platinum Jubilee!

Remember to e-mail your answers to Mrs. Bubbins for a praise card and treat:

Jubilee Quiz:

1. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
2. What breed of dog is commonly associated with the Queen?
3. What year did Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get married?
4. What football team do Prince William and Prince George support?
5. What popular show was Meghan Markle in before she married Prince Harry?
6. Who is the Queen's oldest grandchild?
7. Who designed Princess Diana's wedding dress?
8. What foreign language does the Queen speak fluently?
9. What year did Princess Elizabeth marry the Duke of Edinburgh?
10. Who was the Prime Minister when the Queen was crowned in 1952?

