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Weekly Newsletter – 13.01.23

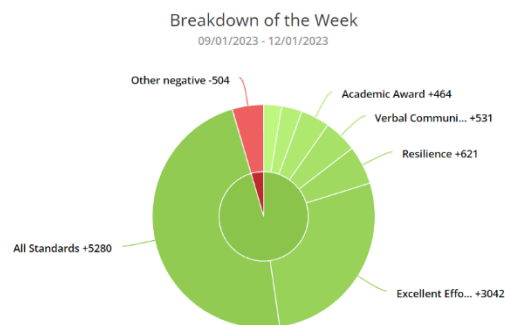
Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Salut! Hello!

Belong, Believe, Achieve:

This week we have enjoyed learning about growth mindset in our assemblies. We believe that all of our pupils should embrace all challenges and persevere in the face of failure. This way they will build their abilities and desire to learn. Please help us by instilling a positive attitude towards school and learning at home. Discuss barriers with your child and encourage them to seek help when needed.

Merits – 09.01.23 – 12.01.23:

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	2796	7Matisse	Chimamanda Obieze
Year 8	2387	8Curie	Michael Baker
Year 9	2267	9Farah	Nathan Mba-Aba
Year 10	1640	10Plato	Lily-Sue Davies and Jamie-Leigh Mathias-Dale
Year 11	1456	11Schumann	Pashew Rafiq

Dates for your Diary:

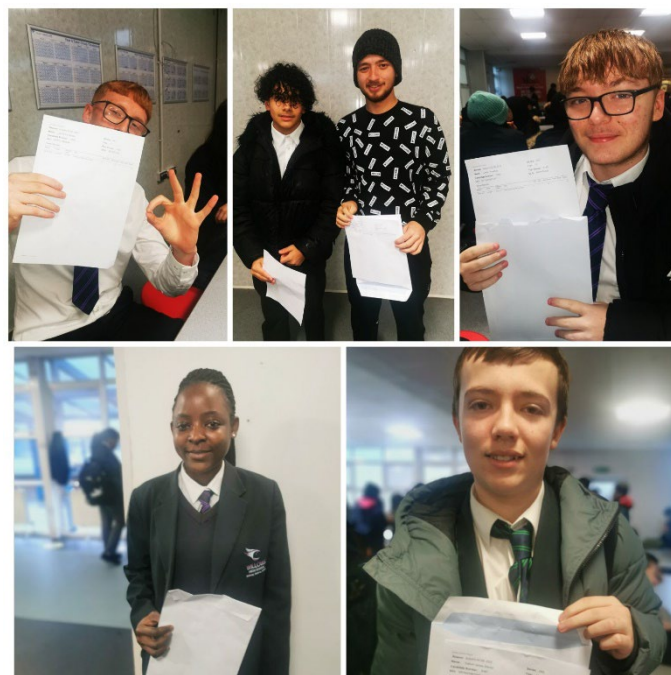
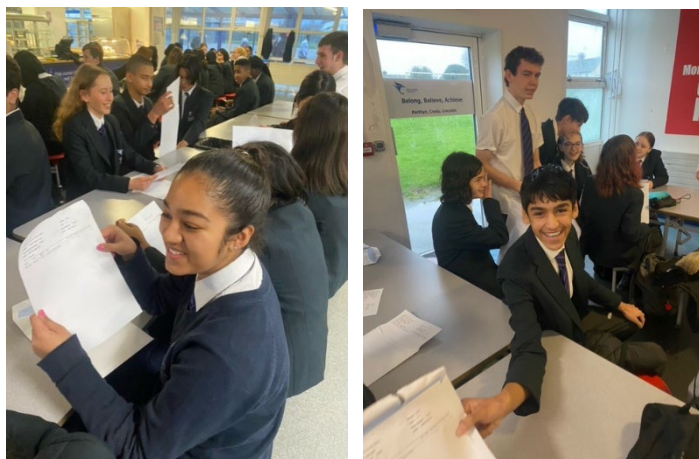
- 16.01.23 – INSET Day
- 18.01.23 – Y11 GCSE Support Evening for Parents at 4pm
- 23.03.23 – Y8 and Y9 Options Evening for Parents
- w/c 27.03.23 – Y11 GCSE Speaking and Listening Assessments



School News:

GCSE Numeracy Success:

We are all delighted with our pupils and teachers in the maths department for delivering the best results ever in Numeracy. We had 100 passes out of 137 with 65 Cs, 24 Bs, 9 As, and 2 A*s. At Willows, we always say that if you combine hard work with excellent manners you can go far. This Year 11 cohort's results today are testimony that our culture of hard work and politeness pays off. You made us incredibly proud. Thank you for the wonderful moments and messages from all our pupils.



PE Department - Wimbledon Trip:

The year 11 cohort who are on the second year of the 'Set for Success' programme were invited to visit the world famous All England Lawn Tennis Club in Wimbledon.

After an early start we arrived at the iconic stadium which is steeped in sporting history and is truly inspiring. The pupils completed some ice-breaker activities with other students from all over the UK including Liverpool, Southampton and Nottingham.

The morning session consisted of a question and answer session with four employees who work for the association – The Head Gardener, an I.T. Technician who is responsible for Hawkeye during the championships, the Head of Ticketing who explained how his role has changed over the years with the move from paper tickets to an electronic ticketing system and a Media and Events Manager. The pupils listened intently and asked many probing questions to gain a greater understanding of the job role.

The afternoon session included a tour of the famous centre court and an opportunity to visit the museum which had lots of visual and physical artefacts on the history of the tournament including the hall of fame, legends section and the iconic trophy and plate.

The final session was an opportunity to reflect upon the day, the course and how the transferable skills they have been developing such as time management, resilience, teamwork and self-belief can be adapted and used in many areas of their life including the world of work.



Community:

Maths course for Parents:

Starting Wednesday 18th January we are running a weekly maths class between 12pm and 2.30pm in the Learning Lounge for parents. You will learn Year 7, 8 and 9 maths skills and how best to support your child with their maths homework. If you would like to join please contact Rebecca Crnoja (pronounced sir-noya) at rebecca.crnoja@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or on 07592037937 or complete the register of interest form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/MBSrtXGCPi>

Citizens' Advice Bureau at Willows:

A reminder that members of our community can make appointments with staff from the Citizens' Advice Bureau at our Learning Lounge. They can provide advice of a range of topics such as housing, benefits and legal matters. To make an appointment, please e-mail Rebecca Crnoja on Rebecca.Crnoja@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

COMPAS Charity:

As a school we strongly support and advocate the work of the COMPAS charity. Some of our teachers visited the Czech Republic last year and witnessed the extreme poverty that the Roma children live under and the need for our help.

The charity has launched a new campaign, CAREGIVERS WITHOUT BORDERS. They aim to create strong links with the schools in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to help with very basic things such as fruit and drinks for children, basic clothing, stationary equipment and other useful items.

They are appealing for public donations that will be taken to Slovak schools at the end of this month and will provide more updates on the work upon our return from Slovakia.

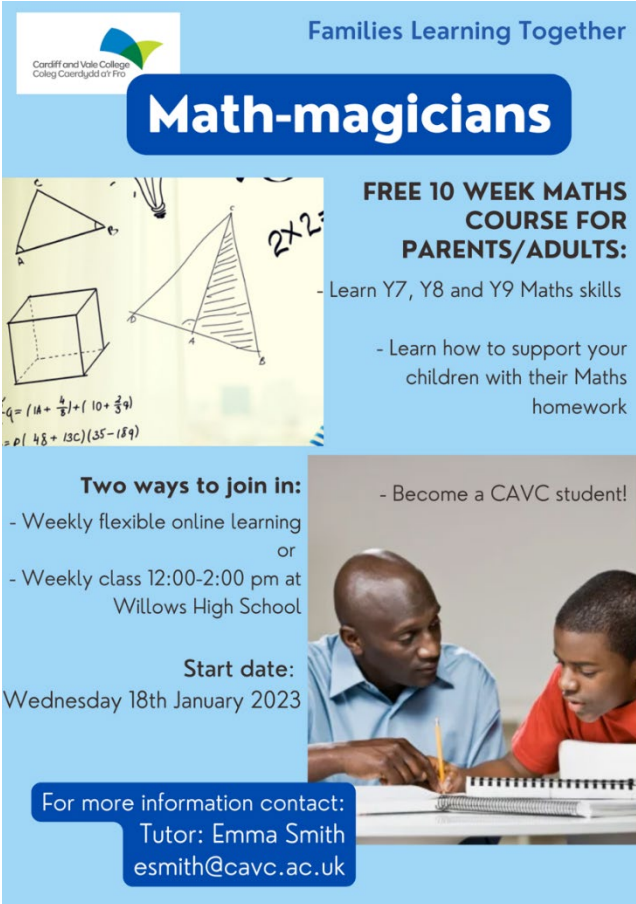
Thank you very much in advance for any support:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/caregivers-without-borders>

Health and Well-being:

Safeguarding:

A reminder that the school safeguarding lead is Danielle MacKintosh. If you are worried or concerned about a child and any time (including over the holidays) then please e-mail her on Danielle.MacKintosh@willows.cardiff.sch.uk. If you are a pupil that needs help, please also contact Danielle via this e-mail address.



The poster for 'Math-magicians' features a blue header with the text 'Families Learning Together' and the Cardiff and Vale College logo. The main title 'Math-magicians' is in a large, bold, white font on a dark blue background. Below the title, there are several images: a hand-drawn diagram of a pyramid with a cross-section, a 3D cube, and a mathematical equation. To the right, the text reads 'FREE 10 WEEK MATHS COURSE FOR PARENTS/ADULTS:' followed by bullet points: '- Learn Y7, Y8 and Y9 Maths skills', '- Learn how to support your children with their Maths homework', and '- Become a CAVC student!'. Below this, it says 'Two ways to join in:' with two options: '- Weekly flexible online learning or - Weekly class 12:00-2:00 pm at Willows High School'. The start date is 'Wednesday 18th January 2023'. At the bottom, it says 'For more information contact: Tutor: Emma Smith esmith@cavc.ac.uk' next to a photo of a man and a boy looking at a book.



The poster for the Chinese New Year & Lantern Festival celebration features a red and gold color scheme with traditional Chinese lanterns and a central image of a rabbit in a red square. The text reads: 'Cardiff Central Library Hub welcomes you to Chinese New Year & Lantern Festival celebration'. The event is on 'Saturday 21st January 2023, 12-3pm' at 'Cardiff Central Library Hub, CF10 1FL'. It lists 'Free activities and performances for all ages...' including 'Lion Dance', 'Tea Tasting', 'Calligraphy', 'Chinese Music & Dance', 'Traditional Chinese Medicine', and 'Traditional Dress Try-on and much more...'. A red box says 'No booking required'. At the bottom, it says 'Get in Touch: 029 2078 0962 @cdflibraries' and includes logos for 'hub', 'CARDIFF LIBRARIES', 'explore your Cardiff Library', and 'CARDIFF COUNCIL'.

Chat Health:

A reminder that all secondary school pupils can text the school nurse service for any medical support and advice. This may be useful if your child is too anxious or embarrassed to talk to a doctor in the first instance. Please chat about this with your child and make them aware of the service and number (below):

Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Rebecca Crnoja (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence at rebecca.crnoja@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or on 07592037937.

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.



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WALK-IN CLINIC NASAL SPRAY FLU VACCINE

We have arranged **walk-in** clinics for those children from **Reception to Year 11** that have missed their flu vaccination at school.

**Saturday 14th of January, [Holm View MVC](#)
Skomer Road Barry CF62 9DA 9am-1pm
11am-1pm**

**Saturday 21st January, [Woodlands House MVC](#)
Maes-y-coed Rd, Cardiff CF14 4HH
11am-1pm**

further information, please contact
vaccination Team on 02920 907661/664



Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives
Mae imiwneiddio'n bwysicach nag erioed yn ystod pandemig
Immunisations are more important than ever during a pandemic

Diolch:

Thank you for your support with uniform and punctuality this week. **A reminder that we have an INSET Day on Monday and that pupils should return to school on Tuesday 17th January at 9.00 am.**

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.

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

Team Willows

Competition:**School Sign Competition for Y7 and Y8:**

On the next page are details of the school sign competition for Y7 and Y8 pupils. Please encourage your budding artists to participate!



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Cystadleuaeth Arwyddion 20mya i Ysgolion

Ym mis Medi 2023 bydd y cyfyngiad cyflymder ar ffyrdd lle mae pobl yn byw, neu'n cerdded a beicio'n rheolaidd, yn newid. Bydd terfyn cyflymder diodyn newydd o 20mya (yn lle 30mya nawr) yn dod i mewn. Bydd y terfyn cyflymder newydd yn helpu i leihau gwrthdrawiadau ar ein ffyrdd, yn gwneud ein strydoedd yn fannau brafiach i fod ac yn annog mwy o bobl i gerdded a beicio.

Cymru yw'r wlad gyntaf yn y Deyrnas Unedig i wneud y newid i 20mya ac fe allwch chi fod yn rhan o'r newid. Rydym yn gofyn ichi ddefnyddio'ch sgiliau artistig i ddylunio arwydd a allai gael ei weld ledled Cymru! Mae angen i'r arwydd newydd yma, sydd i'w ddefnyddio tu allan i ysgolion, atgoffa gyrwyr mor bwysig yw gyrru o fewn y terfyn cyflymder o 20mya, gan helpu i leihau'r perygl i blant a theuluoedd sy'n defnyddio'r ffordd.

Gwobrau i'w hennill...

Bydd y dyluniad buddugol* yn ennill gwobr o £250 gan Ddiogelwch Ffyrdd Cymru a chaiff yr enillydd wahoddiad i dderbyn y wobr yn ystod ymweliad arbennig â'r Senedd ym Mae Caerdydd.**

Bydd ail wobr ar gael hefyd i bedwar cystadleuydd arall; dwy wobr o £100 i ddisgyblion ysgolion cynradd a dwy wobr o £100 i ddisgyblion ysgolion uwchradd.

Y rheolau

Dyma'r canllawiau i'ch helpu i greu'ch dyluniad:

- 20 I wneud i'ch dyluniad sefyll allan, defnyddiwch liwiau llachar a chyferbyniol.
- 20 Rhaid i'r gwaith celf fod yn A4 o ran ei faint a rhaid gosod y tudalen ar draws, nid ar i fyny.
- 20 Peidiwch â seilio'ch gwaith celf ar yr arwydd 20mya coch a gwyn presennol, ond mae croeso i chi gynnwys y rhif '20'.
- 20 Gall eich dyluniad gael ei greu drwy ddefnyddio fformatau digidol ond peidiwch â defnyddio unrhyw ddelweddau stoc na ffeiliau sydd wedi'u lawrlwytho o'r rhyngwyd. Rhowch rwydd hynt i'ch dychymyg a gofalwch fod eich dyluniad yn gwbl wreiddiol (fel nad yw'n dod o dan y deddfau hawlfraint!).
- 20 Cofiwch fod arwyddion ffyrdd wedi'u cynllunio i gael eu darllen gan yrrwr mewn cerbyd sy'n symud, felly bydd y beirniaid yn chwilio am y dyluniad cliraf, mwyaf creadigol y bydd gyrwyr yn gallu ei weld a'i ddeall heb dynnu eu sylw oddi ar y ffordd o'u blaenau.
- 20 Gall disgyblion yng Nghymru o Flwyddyn 5 i 6 (cynradd) a Blwyddyn 7 i 8 (uwchradd) gynnig yn y gystadleuaeth (ond dim ond un cynnig y gallwn ei dderbyn gan bob unigolyn).

Ble i anfon eich cynnig

Anfonwch eich cynnig i Diogelwch Ffyrdd Cymru, 2 Cwrt-y-Parc, Parc Tŷ Glas, Caerdydd, CF14 5GH neu communication@roadsafetywales.org.uk erbyn dydd Gwener 20 Ionawr 2023.

Edrychwn ymlaen at gael eich cynnig!

*Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn cadw'r hawl i wneud gwelliannau i'r dyluniad buddugol i'w wneud yn addas i'w ddefnyddio ar arwydd traffig. Trwy gystadlu yn y gystadleuaeth hon, byddwch yn aseinio i Lywodraeth Cymru yr hawl i ddefnyddio'ch dyluniad (gydag unrhyw addasiadau angenrheidiol) ar arwyddion traffig ac at ddibenion hyrwyddo eraill.

** Bydd costau teithio yn cael eu talu gan Ddiogelwch Ffyrdd Cymru



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School Sign Competition for 20mph

In September 2023 the speed limit on roads where people live, or regularly walk and cycle will change. A new default speed limit of 20mph (instead of 30mph now) will come in. The new speed limit will help reduce collisions on our roads, make our streets nicer places to be and encourage more people to walk and cycle.

Wales is the first nation in the UK to make the change to 20mph and you can be part of it. We are asking you to use your artistic skills to design a sign which could be seen all across Wales! This new sign, to be used outside schools, needs to remind drivers of the importance of driving within the 20mph speed limit, helping reduce the danger to children and families using the road.

Prizes to be won...

The winning design* will receive a prize of £250 from Road Safety Wales and the winner will be invited to receive their prize during a special visit to the Senedd, the home of the Welsh Government in Cardiff Bay.**

There will also be prizes for 4 runners up; 2 prizes of £100 for primary school pupils and 2 prizes of £100 for secondary school pupils.

The rules

Here are the guidelines to help you create your design:

- 20 To make your design stand out, please use bright and contrasting colours.
- 20 Artwork must be A4 in size and of landscape orientation.
- 20 Please don't base your artwork on the existing red and white 20mph sign - but you are welcome to include the number '20'.
- 20 Your design can be created using digital formats but please don't use any stock images or files downloaded from the internet. Let your imagination run wild and make sure your design is completely original (so that it is not subject to copyright laws!).
- 20 Just remember that road signs are designed to be read by a driver in a moving vehicle, so the judges will be looking for the clearest, most creative design that drivers will be able to see and understand without being distracted from the road ahead.
- 20 Pupils in Wales from Year 5 to 6 (primary) and Year 7 to 8 (secondary) can enter the competition (but we can only accept one entry per person).

Where to send your entry

Please send your entry to Road Safety Wales, 2 Cwrt-y-Parc, Parc Ty Glas, Cardiff, CF14 5GH or communication@roadsafetywales.org.uk by Friday 20th January 2023.

We look forward to receiving your entry!

*The Welsh Government reserves the right to make amendments to the winning design to make it suitable for use on a traffic sign. By entering this competition, you assign to Welsh Government the right to use your design (with any modifications we need to make) on traffic signs and for other promotional purposes.

** Travel expenses will be covered by Road Safety Wales