

Odd Sock Day

As part of Anti-Bullying week on Monday, Willoughby pupils and staff wore odd socks for the day. The aim was to celebrate our uniqueness and be proud of our diversity. Thank you to everyone who wore their odd socks and took part in the many class based anti-bullying activities.



Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) for Lauren Darragh

Many congratulations to staff member Lauren who has been awarded her Higher Level Teaching Assistant status. HLTA's are an extremely valuable part of the Willoughby teaching team, bringing a vast range of skills and talents to our school. Congratulations Lauren on your achievement.



Diary Dates

Please make a note of the following school dates.

Date	Event
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch - Pupils and staff are invited to wear their festive jumpers.
Friday 18 th December	End of term.
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Start of Spring Term 1.

Scientific Exploration

Students in Jade class are studying electricity this term and have been making fruit and vegetable batteries. They tested different fruit and vegetables in order to discover which produced the most electricity, measuring the output with multi-meters. They were amazed at the results.

Meanwhile, students in Indigo class have been studying changing materials and have turned chocolate milk into ice cream without using a freezer. It was hard work shaking the bags but they loved eating the product of their labour.



Diwali Festival

This year the Diwali Festival week was 12-16th November. Yellow Class pupils participated in a traditional dance called the Indian Waale and then made their own rangoli patterns using glitter glue on CDs. Pictured are Alex, Finlay and Vinnie creating their individual rangoli designs.



Willoughby Academy 2021 Calendar

Willoughby Academy are delighted to have received sponsorship from Cummins Generator Technologies, for the printing of our 2021 – 2022 calendar. The calendar will be printed and distributed to parents, pupils and stakeholders. The calendar will include a collection of artwork from each class. Employees from Cummins judged the artwork and the overall winner was Yellow Class, who produced the picture for the month of August. As their prize pupils from Yellow class will be treated to a summer trip to Burghley Park and Burghley Water Gardens, all paid for by Cummins. We are extremely grateful to Cummins Generator Technologies for their continued support.



Star of the Week - Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Star of the Week.

Pupil	Class	Reason
Sidney	Purple	For excellent engagement all week.
Lewi, Joe, Roman, NJ, Noah, Freddie and Joseph.	Lilac	For working so hard in everything they have done this week, including super teamwork.
Esmae	Orange	For having more of a settled week at school.
Shihan	Amber	For working hard to pronounce the first eight phonics sounds.
Leah	Gold	For looking out for her friends and being a great helper.
Jacob Tommy	Yellow	For his brilliant Maths work and reading. For an excellent session at Forest School and working well with his partner.
Sky and Liam	Aqua	For working so hard and completing all the work set whilst at home.
Sabine and Jay	Turquoise	For superb exploring of natural materials during a home learning autumn hunt.
Amelia	Jade	For independent work for the majority of the week.
Breanna	Red	For walking to and from the Wellhead Park – we are all very proud of her.
Kuba	Blue	For working so well when he is tired.
Anna	Indigo	For her fantastic contribution to discussions throughout the week.

Parental Feedback

Twice a year Parental Feedback is sought. The questions asked are based upon the Ofsted Parent View questions. Below is the most recent parental feedback from October 2020. Thank you to all who gave feedback.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1 My child is happy at this school	79%	19%	-	-	2%
2 My child feels safe at this school	69%	26%	-	-	5%
3 The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	60%	35%	-	-	5%
4 The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	43%	48%	-	2%	7%
5 When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	48%	43%	2%	-	7%
6 My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	62%	36%	2%	-	-
7 The school has high expectations for my child.	38%	53%	2%	-	7%
8 My child does well at this school.	55%	38%	-	-	7%
9 The school lets me know how my child is doing.	52%	46%	2%	-	-
10 There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	57%	33%	-	-	10%
11 My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	36%	31%	7%	-	26%
12 The school supports my child's wider personal development.	50%	46%	2%	-	2%
13 My child has been bullied? (If yes complete question 14)	Yes – 10%		No – 90%		
14 The school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively?	Yes – 75%		No – 25%		
15 I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes – 98%		No – 2%		

Below are a series of comments received from parents/carers as part of the questionnaire

“We are so thankful for all the Feedback, our child comes home happy and settled. We look forward in seeing him progress.”

“We are very happy with the Willoughby school. Our child is thriving and happy.”

“All the staff are really lovely and friendly and a joy to converse with.”

“I have no problems at all. Fantastic school.”

“The progress our son has achieved so far and good relationship with his teacher and staff is outstanding.”

“Our son is very happy at school and we can't thank you all enough for the great work that you all do.”

“Our son is so happy to go to school now and is like a different child at home. So thank you.”