Willoughby Academy

Willoughby Weekly, Spring Term 2

Friday 19th March 2021



Parents Evening

Many thanks to all parents who engaged with parents evening this week. We were delighted to discuss pupil progress by Teams or telephone with 94% of our parents. If you, unfortunately, missed parents evening, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Coronavirus testing of staff and pupils during the Easter holidays

It is important for staff and pupils to keep testing throughout the Easter holidays in order to monitor the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Please ensure you continue to test at home every 3-4 days (twice a week) and report the result to the NHS and Priory as usual. Test and Trace will be supplying sufficient test kits and these will be sent home at the end of term.

Mother's Day Flowers

Willoughby would like to thank M&S for their amazing support by donating а beautiful selection of flowers for pupils to take home for Mother's Day. Shani (Blue Class Teacher) would also like to thank Pat, Danielle and Esther for collecting the flowers from M&S in Bourne.



Purple Class Update

During this term Purple class have been learning nursery rhymes with a royal theme. This week it was the turn of Pussycat, Pussycat, where have you been? Pupils have used puppets and crowns to act out the rhyme and have spotted the Queen's face on coins and stamps. Purple class pupils have



made their own stamps and decided the price for their individual stamps. Pupils have been busy creating a collage of a soft, fluffy cat to add to the classroom display, which is being built up with each new nursery rhyme the children learn. Pictured is King Alfie on his individually designed Royal stamp.

Comic Relief – Superhero Day

Today has been super!!! We have seen Batman, Spiderman, Superman, Cat Woman, Wonder Woman, X-Men and The Incredibles, you name the hero and we can guarantee they have been at Willoughby today. Pupils from across the school have taken part in a variety of activities including; obstacle courses, quizzes, mask making, talent shows, superhero picnics and much more. Thank you to everyone who took part and for your generous donations to Comic Relief, an update on the amount raised will be shared in next week's newsletter. Below are pictures of our school superheroes!



Comic Relief Superhero Picture Gallery

Pictured below: The Incredibles (members of Indigo teaching team), Ben as Superman, Savannah and Shihan from Amber class, preparing and eating their picnic sandwiches and Gold class pupils: Tallulah, Leah, Eva, Aiden and Anit showing their superhero powers.



A big thank you to pupils, staff, and parents/carers for supporting this year's Comic Relief.

Building Blog

The school building site has been a hub of activity in recent weeks. The big black tubes that pupils can see will be manholes and are part of the drainage system. They are kept very tall to avoid rubble and dirt entering them. The bricklayers have been working hard to create small brick plinths on the foundations that the new building will sit on top of. Thirty units (cabins) will soon be arriving from Yorkshire and when put together will make up our new school building. On the 29th March, a 450-tonne mobile crane will be on site, this will aid lifting the sections of the building into place. Last week we said goodbye to Val who has been working on site and liaising closely with Indigo class.

Pupil	Class	Reason
Sophie	Purple	For engaging in lots of learning activities.
Lewi Riley	Lilac	For super writing. For completing the shape sorter independently.
Chloe	Orange	For returning to school really well.
Lottie	Amber	For making choices when working on her Person Centred Plan.
Scarlett	Gold	For wonderful communication both verbally and using the Tech Talk.
Lexi	Yellow	For working really hard with her writing this week.
James	Aqua	For following instructions well all week.
Sabine Dylan	Turquoise	For exploring warm items and holding them to her face to feel on her cheek. For being very engaged during the class communication and sensory story sessions.
Luke	Jade	For excellent teamwork throughout the week.
Matthew	Red	For working hard and listening to instructions.
Olivia Ariel	Blue	For engaging well in her work and working with different staff. For working so well and staying calm.
Alexander	Indigo	For asking a friend if they were ok (when the friend was upset).

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

Diary Dates - Please make a note of the following school dates.

Date	Event
Thursday 1 st April	End of Term.
Friday 2 nd April – Friday 16 th April	Easter Holidays.
Monday 19 th April	Return to school – Summer Term 1.
Tuesday 20 th April	AJM Wheelchair Clinic (taking place in school).
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed.
Tuesday 25 th May	AJM Wheelchair Clinic (taking place in school).
Friday 28 th May	End of Term.