Willoughby Academy

Willoughby Weekly, Spring Term 2

Thursday 1st April 2021

Attendance

Regular academy attendance is an important part of giving children and young people the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. We understand many of our pupils need to attend appointments to meet their diverse needs. However, research shows children and young people who miss school frequently can fail to thrive and reach their potential.

As an academy we request that parents and carers provide copies of all appointment letters or a photo/screenshot of an appointment text message if it is during the day and send them to <u>attendance@willoughbyschool.com</u>

If you child is unwell, please email <u>attendance@willoughbyschool.com</u> or phone 01778 425203 by 08:30 on each day of their absence. Please do not email the class teacher directly or ask transport to let the academy know.

Many Congratulations to Pamela

Pamela started her career at Willoughby volunteering with the Rainbow Group in 2014 and interviewed for an academy position in April 2015. Initially working as a Teaching Assistant across the academy whist completing her level 3 TA course. She started her foundation degree in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in 2016 at Bishop Grosseteste University and completed her top up degree in education with SEND in 2019 at Nottingham Trent University. We would like to congratulate Pamela for her success in completing the assessment route to become a QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). Well done Pamela for your hard work, determination and for your continued dedication to Orange Class and the Academy.



Willoughby Minibus

We have some exciting news to share. On Monday Willoughby took delivery of a brand-new minibus. Willoughby Academy received funding from Lord's Taverners charity, in addition to this we raised £18,000 as a self-help donation. Parent and fundraiser Micky Stokes raised money from various events including Christmas fayres, discos and cake sales. We have received generous parent donations and had huge support from the following local companies/charities - Ballast Phoenix/Bakkavor/Bourne Lions/Bourne United Charities/Golding Young & Mawer/JJ Mac/Len Pick Trust/RAOB/RAF/Rotary Club of St Peter/Warners Midlands. We hope to invite those who have generously supported us in this project to a presentation when restrictions have eased.

Blue Class

This term pupils in Blue class have been busy making crowns and sceptres for their theme 'By Royal Appointment'. Pupils took it in turns to be crowned in a coronation ceremony.







Building Blog

This week the crane and building modules have arrived onto site. There is lots of site activity as the modules are lifted into place. Work will continue over the Easter break.

Willoughby Thank You Cards

Pupils have been busy creating thank you cards to Waterside Garden Centre for the donation of seeds and M&S Bourne for their generous Mother's Day flowers. Pictured are a selection of the colourful hand-made cards.



Indigo Class

In Indigo this term we have been learning all about Government and how laws are made. Pupils wrote their own manifestos and hit the



campaign trail around academy. The whole academy got involved voting for their favourite manifesto. Votes were counted and in a very close contest, our winner was Robbie. He has promised McDonald's for lunch every day, gardening lessons with Alan Titchmarsh and longer break times!

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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Madison	Purple	For the fantastic learning she has been doing at home.
Joseph	Lilac	For completing the shape sorter independently.
Charlotte	Orange	For reacting positively to our Easter sensory story.
Arya	Amber	For pressing a switch to indicate she wants more of an activity.
Anit	Gold	For accurate and careful recording in maths.
Alex	Yellow	For participating well with all our activities.
Riley	Aqua	For excellent communication skills and being so engaged in his learning.
Matthew	Turquoise	For using his voice to express a sense of like during our massage session.
Jessica	Jade	For helping a younger Willoughby pupil transition to a new bus route.
Eva	Red	For listening to instructions well.
Ariel Jakub	Blue	For fantastic communication. For being calm and engaging well with his work.
Ben	Indigo	For a positive attitude throughout the week.

Diary Dates - Please make a note of the following academy 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 Willoughby – Summer Term 1.
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – Willoughby closed.
Friday 28 th May	End of Term.