

### Science Week 5<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> July

We have had an amazing Science Week! It has been a fun filled week of experiments, guest visitors and a truly fabulous journey through time during our 4D experience. On Tuesday Zoolab came for a visit. Chris brought with him Jarvis the cockroach, a corn snake, a millipede and a gecko. It was a marvellous hands-on experience that everyone enjoyed.

Bourne Grammar school teachers and students joined us on Wednesday for a Science Fest. We experienced mixing goo, creating fizzes and exploring electricity whilst experiencing a plasma ball. These were just a few highlights from the event. We are very grateful for the support from the Grammar School pupils who made the day extra special. On Thursday and Friday we created our own 'Journey Through Time' in our 4D suite. We explored space, discovered fossils, investigated gravity and created our own musical instruments whilst exploring - making sounds. A big thank you to Turquoise Class teacher Gemma Richards for organising Science Week and to Bourne Grammar staff and students for their help and support.



## Work Experience Update

Pictured are Jade Class pupils Jessica and Amelia busy on their work experience placement, cleaning the school windows. Both Jessica and Amelia prepare their window cleaning equipment and methodically clean the school windows. Thank you both for our gleaming windows!



## Wilmott Dixon – Exploring job roles

Zoe and Simone from Wilmott Dixon visited school on Tuesday to encourage pupils to consider the different job roles within the company. Pupils from Yellow and Aqua classes completed a bridge building challenge working as architects, builders and electricians to design and make a model bridge. We also investigated how we can support local animal habitats and become recycling champions.

## Physio/OT equipment

If your child has Physio/OT equipment in school and you would like this to be used at home over the summer holidays please can you communicate with your child's class teacher and arrange collection during the final few days of this term. Any parent/carer struggling to arrange transport to collect equipment please email [Nina nprowting@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:nprowting@prioryacademies.co.uk)



## Peterborough Museum

Purple Class Trip Purple class had a wonderful trip to Peterborough museum on Tuesday, which included a fossil handling session and a look around the Jurassic Gallery. The class loved looking at the plesiosaur skeletons and feeling the ammonite shells, but couldn't quite believe that Peterborough had once been under the sea!

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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Sophie	Purple	For her amazing engagement with all the special science activities.
Whole Class	Lilac	For touching the animals at Zoolab and being incredibly brave!
Oscar	Orange	For responding to different smells and tastes at Forest School.
Ajay	Amber	For good participation during the science experiments.
Leah	Gold	For understanding the feelings of others and initiating appropriate interaction.
Vinnie	Yellow	For great participation during science week.
Charlie	Aqua	For being brave and touching the animals at Zoolab.
Matthew	Turquoise	For being very engaged whilst experiencing Science Fest experiments.
Luke	Jade	For excellent participation in work experience.
Eva	Red	For good manners and taking part in all the science activities.
Kai	Blue	For being very brave and exploring all the different animals during the Zoolab.
Jakub		For focusing well on his work and not stimming or twiddling.
Katie	Indigo	For fantastic participation throughout the science week activities



## Willoughby Apprentices

We are Jade and Victoria, we are currently studying the level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at Willoughby. We both came across the apprenticeship in very different ways.

Jade - I'm an older apprentice, after originally being in a TA role I left my last position to start and raise my family. I originally looked at online courses to gain my TA qualification as I had left my last role before I could pursue the course. Being flummoxed by the array of different courses I decided to use my initiative and speak to Willoughby directly, getting direction on which course was the correct choice. I was given an abundance of helpful advice and also told about the current apprentice positions available. Following this discussion I chose the apprenticeship route and I haven't looked back.

Victoria - I wanted to pursue a career in education, however, having just graduated from University in an unrelated subject I was unsure about how to bridge that gap. I found the apprenticeship advertised online and saw it as the perfect opportunity to learn from experienced colleagues whilst also gaining a further qualification. Being located in a school has meant I have been able to apply the techniques and knowledge I learn during our e-learning sessions within the classroom.



We have thoroughly enjoyed our first year as apprentices at Willoughby. We are fortunate to have a fantastic support system behind us ready to share knowledge and advice when needed. This support not only comes from fellow colleagues and SLT but also from our tutor Cleo, alongside fellow Priory apprentices and guest speakers during our e-learning sessions. The e-learning sessions are a great way to get together with apprentices from other schools to share experiences and knowledge gained along the way, as our school settings all differ. We are looking forward to building on our knowledge already gained in the new academic year and also to our future as qualified Teaching Assistants.

## Term Dates 2021 – 2022

As you may be aware, the government has created an additional Bank Holiday next year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As a result, both Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 will be Bank Holidays. As both of these dates fall within May half-term 2022, the government has asked all schools to adjust their calendars accordingly in order to provide one additional day's holiday at an alternative time. Therefore, the last day of our summer term will now be **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022** (rather than the previously stated Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July). Our term dates on the Willoughby website have been amended to reflect this change.

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

Date	Event
Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports and class confirmation for Sept 2021 to be sent out.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Scouts - canoeing and last meeting of the academic year.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Last after school football club.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of academic year.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Teacher/Staff training days.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Teacher/Staff training days.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of the new academic year.