

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 19th October

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to Willoughby on Tuesday for Parents' Evening. For parents who have not made contact with the school to book an appointment an additional letter has been sent home today, with further details.

Introducing Alison Cavanagh – Food and Nutrition Teacher

I have been a Food Teacher for a long time and I still love being one now as much as I did when I first started teaching. My previous job was teaching Food and Nutrition in a SEND school in Peterborough. Being the Food and Nutrition teacher at Willoughby Academy is exciting as I get to see most of the classes every week. Teaching Food involves every subject of the curriculum which I love to incorporate into my teaching. Cooking is immediately gratifying, and I love to see pupils looking and feeling proud of what they have achieved in my lessons in whatever way they have achieved it. In my spare time I really enjoy being with my family including my pet Schnoodle called Dexter. I love swimming whether it be in the sea, a river or a lido, I love riding my bike, doing yoga, and keep fit as well as going to Brancaster which is my favourite beach to see the seals and for a long walk. Happy Cooking everyone!



Stay Safe Day

On Tuesday 12th October, Tulip, Snapdragon and Protea classes had a 'Stay Safe' Day. They all took part in creative and interactive workshops covering topics such as Healthy Relationships, Alcohol and Drugs, Anti-Social Behaviour, Road Safety and Online Safety. This was provided by Lincolnshire County Council as part of their 'Safer Communities' project. The day was hugely valuable to all and pupils learnt many skills which they will carry forward with them as they grow up. Pupil feedback was incredibly positive.

Update from Bluebell Class

We have had lots of fun this term exploring different textures from cold ice cubes to warm porridge. Our topic has been 'Marvellous Me'. We have explored and learnt about our bodies through our sensory story, body movement session, physiotherapy and performing arts with Hilary. Bluebell pupils have all enjoyed being out in our new sensory garden, they have explored the rustling leaves, rolled conkers and enjoyed stories under the tree.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day took place on Sunday 10th October, Willoughby Academy celebrated this important event today. This year, the 'Young Minds' theme is 'Hello Yellow' where everyone is encouraged to wear yellow to make the world as bright as possible to show all young people that they are not alone. Pupils were therefore invited to wear non-uniform for the day and encouraged to wear something yellow. Today pupils had the opportunity to explore different ways we can promote positive mental health, through fun and interactive classroom activities. At Willoughby Academy, we recognise the importance of all pupils' mental health.



Pictured are pupils and staff from Daffodil and Sunflower classes supporting World Mental Health Day.

Introducing Susan Burns – PA to Headteacher

I started working at Willoughby Academy as James Husbands' PA, at the end of August 2021. I previously worked as a secretary in Aviation Insurance for 12 years in London. I relocated with my family last year to Lincolnshire. My husband and I have two young boys and a dog, that we rescued from Battersea Dogs Home 10 years ago. When I am not working I enjoy cooking, baking and spending time with my family.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Cancer Support – Baking Event

Next week, Willoughby Academy are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support. Pupils in Tiger Lily class have been busy preparing individual class boxes, they have written letters and prepared order forms for classes to order cakes, biscuits and scones. Tiger Lily pupils have even had time to create Macmillan bunting. Classes will have time next week to enjoy their Macmillan baking event. If you would like to support this event please send £1 donation in with your child next week. All funds will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support, thank you.

Exploring Autumn - Jasmine Class

During the term, Jasmine class have been exploring signs of autumn during our forest school sessions. This week we explored squashes and other vegetables, then enjoyed sitting by the fire making some delicious pumpkin soup.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Alfie	Water Lily	For signing and vocalising body parts during a science lesson.
Zach	Sunflower	For fantastic engagement during cooking.
Noah	Poppy	For trying hard and following his sensory programme.
Cayson	Buttercup	For joining in with the 4D room session.
Freddie	Daffodil	For working really hard at self-regulating his emotions.
Breanna	Foxglove	For finding an alternative way of asking for something on her iPad.
Ariel	Blue Thistle	For brilliant work towards her SALT targets.
Noah	Tiger Lily	For a super week and for mastering his calculator skills.
Jack	Venus Flytrap	For developing his conversational skills with different adults.
Thomas	Tulip	For excellent answers in class discussions.
Zhi chen Wu	Protea	For his perseverance and excellent work on creating story settings in literacy.
Gabriella	Snapdragon	For demonstrating a good understanding of the key features of a fictional text.
Archie	Bluebell	For excellent switch work.
Deimante	Jasmine	For listening carefully and responding to environmental sounds.

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

Date	Event
Week Commencing 18 th October	Macmillan Cancer Support - Baking event in school for pupils. Please send £1 donation into school with your child next week.
Tuesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening 3.15pm – 6pm.
Friday 22 nd October	End of Term.
Monday 1 st November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Monday 22 nd November	Staff Training Day – Academy closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 th December	Surprise Santa visit to Willoughby Academy
Tuesday 14 th December	Ideal School Meals – Christmas Lunch
Friday 17 th December	End of Term