

Please Note - Willoughby Academy is closed on Monday 22nd November due to a Staff Training Day

Foxglove Class Update

In PSHE, in Foxglove class, we have been looking at things that worry them. We read a story all about worry monsters and met with three! We then made our own worry monsters and fed them our worries. The pupils really enjoyed the activity. As part of maths week, Foxglove's trip to the woods became a number hunt. The pupils had to run and find the numbers as they were shouted out. It was great fun and we all did lots of counting.



Macmillan Cancer Support Update

Last term Willoughby Academy raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The donations have been counted and we raised a total of £106.35. Thank you for your kind donations.

Carers Rights Day – 25th November

Carers UK holds a Carers Rights Day to bring organisations across the UK together to help carers know their rights, and find out how to get the help and support they are entitled to. This year Carers Rights Day is Thursday 25th November. Please see the attached guide to help you understand your rights as a Carer and the support available.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 14th November representatives from Willoughby Academy attended the annual Remembrance parade held in Bourne. Thank you to all who attended, for your time and for representing the academy. Thank you to all parents/carers and staff members for your generous donations to The Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. We will update you once we hear back from The Royal British Legion with the final amount raised.



Willoughby Foundation Donations

We have received very generous donations to Willoughby Foundation over the last week. Local resident Anne Hughes has donated £1,500 to be used for sound equipment. We are liaising with Hilary Hull, who is our Performing Arts teacher, on which equipment to purchase. Dave Conlon's parents have donated £500 to purchase hoodies for the Scout Group and Bakkavor Bourne have transferred £585. This is from money raised by their employees. Thank you to everyone who has made such generous donations to the Willoughby Foundation.

Introducing Oliver Sunderland

A warm Willoughby welcome to Oliver Sunderland who has joined the office team this week. "Hello my name is Oliver Sunderland, I am the new Business Admin Apprentice. I have lived in the area for the majority of my life, attending Bourne Grammar school, Stamford College and Lincoln College. I started working at Willoughby Academy on the 15th November and I'm really excited for this new challenge. Previously I was working at the Deepings Medical Practice in Market Deeping. When I am not at work I love spending time with my family and partner, going to restaurants, watching films at the cinema and walking.



Lottery South Kesteven

LotterySK is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in South Kesteven. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit South Kesteven and its residents. Play the lottery, support South Kesteven - it's that simple! Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery. The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the good causes. **From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go** to good causes in South Kesteven. To put this into perspective, when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – we've more than doubled the ticket percentage that goes to good causes.

Even better, you can choose which good cause gets 50p of the 60p (the remaining 10p will be distributed to other local good causes). Click on the link below, this takes you directly to the Willoughby page.

<https://www.lotterysk.co.uk/support/willoughby-school> Click on buy tickets enter your details and then choose your numbers for the number of tickets you would like to purchase. Once your payment method has been authorised you will be able to play in the weekly draw. Good luck and thank you for selecting Willoughby as your chosen charity.

Children in Need – Baking Update from Alison Cavanagh

Pupils in their Food lessons have been making a variety of products for staff to buy in aid of Children in Need. The standard of hygiene and accuracy has been wonderful to see. Most recently a selection of orange, lime, and traditional lemon drizzle cake have been made by the Life Skills group. Thank you to all staff who have donated.



Children in Need

Today pupils and staff members supported the annual BBC Children in Need fundraising event, by wearing non-school uniform and enjoying Children in Need themed activities in classes. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We will announce the amount raised in next week's newsletter.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Elio	Water Lily	For travelling with his PECS symbol.
Aiden	Sunflower	For excellent PSHE work on kind and unkind behaviour.
Max & Ash	Poppy	For beautiful communication skills with each other on the way to the park.
Billy	Buttercup	For talking, saying what he wants and to ask for help.
Eva	Daffodil	For sitting in her chair all day and engaging well in every lesson.
Breanna	Foxglove	For sharing her ingredients during cookery without being asked.
James	Blue Thistle	For settling into school routines so well and for eating in the dining hall.
Izzy	Tiger Lily	For a very positive attitude throughout the week.
Jacob	Venus Flytrap	For working exceptionally hard in all lessons, asking and answering lots of questions.
Lucas	Tulip	For voluntary reading, independence and helping others.
Zhi chen	Protea	For enthusiastically and independently entering the Young Writers competition.
Finlay	Snapdragon	For brilliant behaviour and engagement in all lessons.
Imogen	Bluebell	For sitting in her Juni chair, really well for her feed.
Sabine	Jasmine	For super exploration during our horticulture session.

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

Date	Event
Monday 22nd November	Staff Training Day – Academy closed to pupils.
Thursday 25 th November	Flu Vaccinations for pupils and staff who were absence on 7 th October.
Wednesday 1 st December	Parental Sensory Coffee Morning, hosted by Jo Judge 10am-11am.
Friday 10 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day, suggested £1 donation for Save the Children.
Tuesday 14 th December	Surprise Santa and Ideal School Meals – Christmas Lunch.
Thursday 16 th December	Whole Academy Christmas Presentation – further details to follow.
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term. Pupils and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers.
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day.
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of term.