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Sign Language by Bernie

Since gaining my level 1 qualification in BSL (British Sign Language), I've been eager to apply what I have learnt both inside and outside of school. For the past 10 weeks, I have been attending a BSL choir every Thursday. I had the pleasure, over the weekend, of performing two songs at the Salvation Army church, entirely in sign language, to a congregation of people! It was nerve wracking but I am very proud. I have also been asked, by the minister of the Salvation Army, to sign "It was on a starry night" at a carol service. If it wasn't for the opportunity that Willoughby has given me to learn sign, I wouldn't have been able to perform this weekend and help a number of people. I am very grateful! I have really discovered a passion for learning sign and applying that communication wherever I can.

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Please find the attached document detailing events taking place in 2022.



Work Experience Update

Charlie from Snapdragon class is enjoying his weekly work experience in the Academy office. Charlie is working with the office team welcoming visitors onto site, checking class registers, photocopying and delivering paperwork and messages to various classes. Charlie is eager to learn from others around him.

Daffodil Update

Daffodil class have really enjoyed learning about plants this term in science. They have planted peas and daffodils and are really excited to see how they grow.

Children in Need

Money has continued to be donated for Children in Need, we now have a final total of £202.82, thank you to everyone who generously donated.



Parental Sensory Coffee Morning

Occupational Therapist Jo Judge is holding another Parental Sensory Coffee morning, taking place on **Wednesday 19th January at 10am – 11.30am**. We have 7 spaces left, if you would like to attend please email willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk The coffee morning will be held at Willoughby Academy in the dining hall.

Letters to Santa

We are delighted to confirm pupil's letters to Santa have been posted via Royal Mail. For 58 years, Royal Mail has had the special privilege of managing Santa's mailbag and getting an inside peak into what children really want for Christmas, and the best part is, Santa will respond to each letter he receives.

Venus Flytrap Update

This week we have been back to Bourne Library. Every other week we have been going to choose a new book that we have then taken home and enjoyed with our parents. This week, we have been extremely lucky as the staff in the library have let us choose from the Christmas books that hadn't even made it onto the shelves yet! We've had a lovely afternoon reading Christmas books there.



Carers First Coffee Morning

On **Wednesday 2nd February 10am – 11.30am** parents/carers are invited to a Carers First coffee morning. Guest speaker Sheena Goodey will be able to provide guidance to parents/carers with regards to the options and help available for your families. Please e-mail willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk to book your place. Please note the group size is limited to 15 people. The coffee morning will be held at Willoughby Academy in the dining hall. Depending on demand, additional Carers First coffee mornings will be organised.

Food and Nutrition Update by Alison Cavanagh

Pupils have been busy this week in their Food and Nutrition lessons. The life skills group have been getting to grips with electric equipment and learning how to use the food processor, the electric whisk, and the microwave safely. They have produced some wonderful vegetable cakes for visitors and parents. We have also seen some very impressive Christmas cakes being made. Three weeks of their hard work has paid off. They have been so creative. The cakes will be coming home soon. Other classes have made some superb herb bread and Calzones and have been perfecting their kneading skills, while other groups have been putting a bit of Christmas bling into their biscuits. There has also been time for some phonics and letter practice. It has been great to hear that pupils have been carrying on cooking at home too.



National 'Plant a tree; Week

As part of National 'Plant a tree' week, we embraced the wintry conditions and began planting saplings in our paddock. We had great fun finding the tools required, carefully choosing sites for planting and thinking about how to take care of them. We look forward to nurturing and watching them grow!

Christmas Sale

This year, Willoughby's Christmas Sale will be held on Wednesday 15th December 2021. To enable all pupils to choose gift items we would be very grateful for any donations that would make suitable Christmas presents. Please send any donations into school marked 'for the Christmas Sale' before Friday 3rd December. Thank you for your support and donations.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Ajay	Water Lily	For good participation during Forest school.
Lewi	Sunflower	For walking sensibly when out on our first walk as a class.
Noah	Poppy	For drinking independently from a cup.
Oliver	Buttercup	For fantastic behaviour during our walk in the woods.
Joe	Daffodil	For working really hard in all lessons.
Scarlett	Foxglove	For independently using the talker and independently writing numbers 1-5.
Myles	Blue Thistle	For excellent movement in PE and joining in Boccia.
Katie	Tiger Lily	For outstanding independent communication when using the iPad.
Dayton	Venus Flytrap	For his positive attitude towards using his stander and during physio.
Jan	Tulip	For brilliant focus during independent work.
Kayden	Protea	For his outstanding work in literacy.
Kyle	Snapdragon	For excellent behaviour in class.
Esmae	Bluebell	For some fantastic standing and for being happy and calm in school.
Brody	Jasmine	For superb responses to our switch light work.

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

Date	Event
Friday 10 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day, suggested donation £1 for Save the Children.
Tuesday 14 th December	Surprise Santa and Ideal School Meals – Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Sale taking place for pupils.
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Disco.
Thursday 16 th December	Whole Academy Christmas Presentation – Cancelled.
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 Spring Term 1.
Wednesday 19 th January	Parental Sensory Coffee Morning, hosted by Jo Judge 10am – 11.30am
Wednesday 2 nd February	Carers First – Parents/carers coffee morning 10am-11.30am, guest speaker Sheena Goddey, taking place at Willoughby Academy located in the dining hall.
Friday 11 th February	End of Term.
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February	Half Term.
Monday 21 st February	Start of Spring Term 2.