

Indian Experience

This week at Willoughby all children have enjoyed 'The Indian Experience'. The facilitator Sunita, returned to Willoughby to share her culture and religion with us. We had the opportunity to look at Hindu artefacts including colourful tapestries. Sunita explained the interesting stories behind them. She then taught us Bollywood style dancing. All children really enjoyed the movement and music, engaging superbly. Sunita also brought lots of beautiful clothes for us to try on and explore. Everyone enjoyed the different colours, textures and sights of the clothing. We all had a wonderful time and we cannot wait for Sunita to return to Willoughby.



Carers First Coffee Morning

On **Wednesday 2nd February at 10am – 11.30am**, parents/carers are invited to a Carers First coffee morning. Guest speaker Sheena Goddey 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, we have 10 spaces available. The coffee morning will be held at Willoughby Academy in the dining hall. Depending on demand, additional Carers First coffee mornings will be organised.

Work Experience Update

Last week, Noah in Tiger Lily class started his work experience at the Don't Lose Hope gardens. Noah met with staff, enjoyed a tour of the gardens and shed. He made himself a cup of tea and used a leaf blower to clear the pathways. Noah will work with staff members for the next 12 weeks on a Monday afternoon. In Noah's second week, he built a hedgehog house using a jigsaw, sander and a hammer. Noah cut the wood to size, sanded the edges, glued and nailed into place before waterproofing with oil. We can't wait to see if there have been any visitors to the hedgehog house, when we go back next week.



Food and Nutrition Update – Alison Cavanagh

This week pupils have been developing their pasta making skills, by turning the dough into tortellini. The pupils had remembered much of the previous lesson and were able to demonstrate their food science knowledge. I was hugely impressed by their results. Water Lily, Blue Thistle and Foxglove have been using spices from around the world and seasonal fruit to make crumbles. The photos below, show Ben taking great care making his tortellini and Teddy putting the finishing touches to his crumble.



Family Cooking

Homemade fresh pasta was on the menu at the latest family cooking session. Pupils cooked alongside their families to create Tagliatelle and cheese filled Tortellini. The effort by all was great and the end results were amazing. Everyone demonstrated superb teamwork and fun was had by all. Thank you everyone who attended, Alison.



Student Update Form - Reminder

Earlier in the week, individual student update forms were sent to all parents/carers. Please review the information and update the form where necessary. Please return the signed form for the attention of the Office by **Friday 28th January**. Any changes will be updated on your child's school record. It is imperative that we hold the current contact details in the event of an emergency.

Venus Flytrap – Stone Age Topic

On Monday and Tuesday, Venus Flytrap had their first bush craft days of the year. Our sessions linked to the story 'Stone Age Boy' and we enjoyed learning about life in the Stone Age. Our favourite activities of the two days included building our own tents, lighting a fire, cooking on the fire, and hunting. We loved throwing spears at various imaginary animals we spotted on our travels.

Lincoln City F.C – Football Match

Kids Go Free on Saturday 29th January, please refer to the attached poster detailing how to book tickets.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Savannah	Water Lily	For great work in football and behaviour on the bus.
Riley Lewi	Sunflower	For tasting different foods during our 'visit' to India. For participating fully in Performing Arts this week.
Archer	Poppy	Superb focus in his work sessions.
Oliver	Buttercup	For fantastic story work.
Eva	Daffodil	For working well and creating a brilliant sentence in Literacy.
Tallulah	Foxglove	For answering lots of questions in PSHE about what is private.
James	Blue Thistle	For making such good progress in his work.
Katie	Tiger Lily	Continued amazing communication.
Honey-Bea	Venus Flytrap	For putting herself out of her comfort zone to try new things.

Pupil	Class	Reason
Matthew	Tulip	Engaged in lessons and speaking answers.
Luke	Protea	For outstanding super sentences with connectives.
Eleanor	Snapdragon	For brilliant independence within her adjective work in English.
Esmee	Bluebell	For doing so well in a walker for the first time!
Matthew	Jasmine	For standing tall in his frame. Well done Matthew!

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

Date	Event
Friday 28 th January	Deadline for returning the Student Update Form.
Monday 31 st January	NHS - Teenage Booster vaccination taking place for Year 9 pupils with consent from parents.
Tuesday 1 st February	AJM Wheelchair Clinic.
Wednesday 2 nd February	Carers First – parents/carers coffee morning 10am – 11.30am, guest speak Sheena Goddey, taking place at Willoughby Academy located in the Dining Hall.
Wednesday 7 th – 13 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week.
Thursday 10 th February	Second dose Covid vaccination for eligible pupils.
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.