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Children's Mental Health Week

This week at Willoughby we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Growing Together'. Pupils are encouraged to think about personal growth and how we can look after our minds as we develop and grow. Pupils have enjoyed a variety of activities in class to help us learn how we can take care of our minds on a daily basis. There have been creative activities, mindfulness sessions, meditation and yoga. Everyone has really enjoyed the experiences and we are looking forward to incorporating some of these practices into our curriculum. Thank you to everyone who dressed down for the day and for your £1 non-uniform donation.

Protea Class – Bush Craft Update

We enjoyed a fantastic two whole days outside, completing a range of activities including teambuilding and den building. We also cooked pizza wraps on an open fire, made pots from clay and we used our knife skills to make an arrow for our bows. After this, we made target maps utilising items outside. We all learnt so much and had such fun.

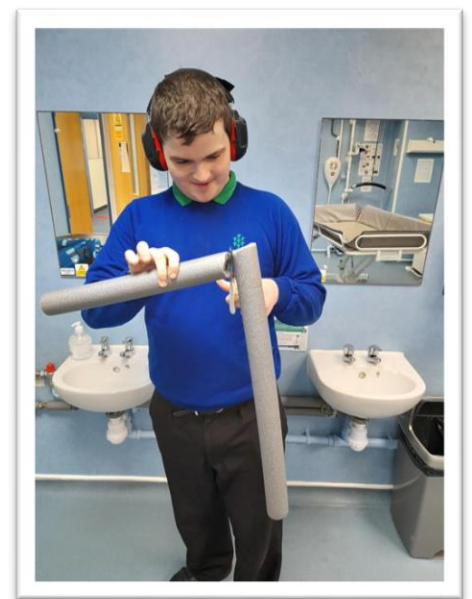


Work Experience Update – Finley from Protea Class

Finley had his first day at work experience at Waterside Garden Centre earlier this month. Finley met all the team both in the restaurant and the kitchen. He interacted very well with all staff members and was given his first task of wiping tables and clearing away dirty crockery. Finley grew in confidence and was rewarded with increasing responsibility. By the end of his shift, Finley was taking orders from customers on his own and then delivering food by himself. An excellent first work experience from Finley. Waterside Garden Centre are looking forward to seeing how much he can progress in 12 weeks.

Work Experience Update – Samuel from Protea Class

Sam has been working hard insulating pipes and putting up notice boards around school as part of his caretaker work experience. Sam is growing in confidence each week and developing new skills. Sam says he is enjoying the experience and is already thinking about what he might like to try next.



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

On Thursday 3rd March, Willoughby will be taking part in World Book Day. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.



Ideal School Meals Reminder

Spring Term 2 lunch menus are available to view online. The deadline for ordering school meals for week commencing 21st February is **Tuesday 15th February at 9am**. If you have any queries please contact Ideal School Meals direct on 01522 246424.

Key Stage 2 Sports Activities.

On Wednesday, Willoughby hosted a Key Stage 2 Panathlon for children with SEND. Venus Flytrap participated in the activity in the morning, with another school competing in the afternoon. Pupils took part in a series of small activities focusing on various skills such as throwing, target practice and teamwork. Pupils from both schools had a wonderful time and all left receiving a certificate and medal for their achievements.



AJM Wheelchair Clinic

On Tuesday 15th March AJM Wheelchair services are holding an in-school clinic. If you would like to book an appointment, please e-mail willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk detailing your child's name and nature of the appointment.

SENSE Coffee Morning – Wednesday 9th March

On Wednesday 9th March Willoughby Academy are holding a SENSE coffee morning at 10am – 11.30am with guest speaker Vicki Wright. If you would like to attend the coffee morning please e-mail willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

Performing Arts Update – By Hilary Hull

This term in Performing Arts we have been looking at dancing from different countries. We have visited America, China, India, New Zealand and Ireland. We have studied line dancing, ribbon dancing, looked at Bollywood, tried a very loud Haka and finally and very quick jig! All the children joined in with lots of enthusiasm and I think their favourite dance was the Haka. Tulip class have also been learning to play the ukulele as we have had a guest teacher visit from Lincolnshire Music Hub. In other exciting news, our Year 7 cohort started their Arts Award journey and are now near to completion of their Discover Arts Award, a nationally recognised qualification. Well Done!



Food News – By Alison Cavanagh

We have had another great term in Food and Nutrition. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm pupils have shown in their lessons. Next term, our lessons will feature lots of vegetables using the Veg Power programme, the theme being - Eat them to Defeat them. This national project aims to get more children to reap the benefits from eating vegetables. Pupils will be encouraged to find out about, handle, use and try different vegetables. There will be a vegetable of the week starting from 28th February, including, carrots, peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, and peas. Dietary needs and allergies will of course be catered for. Thank you for supporting your children with their food lessons, I love seeing the photos of the cooking that goes on at home. Happy half term everyone.



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

| Pupil | Class | Reason |
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| Alfie | Water Lily | For working well with his iPad in literacy. |
| Matthew | Sunflower | For engaging in all lessons and for being calm and chatty. |
| Noah | Poppy | For super PECS work at snack time. |
| Cayson | Buttercup | For fantastic independence. |
| Leah | Daffodil | For fantastic work in her SALT session. |
| Anit | Foxglove | For taking messages to the office independently. |
| Eva | Blue Thistle | For working well, making good progress in literacy and numeracy. |
| Alexander | Tiger Lily | For good communication in relation to his sensory needs. |
| Alex | Venus Flytrap | For her excellent story writing and focus on her work. |
| Jan | Tulip | For helping others and trying hard when things are tricky. |
| Kayden | Protea | For good resilience in the face of adversity. |
| Sky | Snapdragon | For demonstrating good emotional resilience. |
| Esmae | Bluebell | For fantastic movement in our expressional dance session. |
| Abi | Jasmine | Super responses to sensory experiences during our 4D session. |

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

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 11 th February | End of term. |
| Tuesday 15 th February at 9am | Ideal school Meals cut-off date to order school lunches for your child. |
| Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February | February Half Term. |
| Monday 21 st February | Start of Spring Term 2. |
| Thursday 3 rd March | World Book Day. |
| Wednesday 9 th March | SENSE coffee morning at Willoughby Academy 10am – 11.30am. |
| Tuesday 15 th March | AJM Wheelchair Clinic in-school. |
| Friday 1 st April | End of Term. |
| Monday 4 th – Monday 18 th April | Easter Holidays. |
| Tuesday 19 th April | Start of Term. |
| Wednesday 20 th April | SEST coffee morning, guest speaker Marzena O’Keefe. |
| Friday 13 th May | Futures Fair – further details to follow. |

Daffodil Class

This week Daffodil class have written their own postcards and sent them home.

