

### Goodbye to Kirsty

Today we said a fond farewell to Kirsty from Sunflower class. Kirsty joined us in September 2016 as an apprentice. During her time at Willoughby, Kirsty has worked in a range of classes and has built upon her apprenticeship and is nearing the end of her degree. Kirsty will be missed by staff and pupils of Willoughby. We wish her all the best in her future career.



### Sense Trip

On Thursday our year 12 and 13 students from Tiger Lily class and Blue Thistle attended a SENSE open day. The students explored the facilities and completed a variety of different activities including arts and crafts, wood work, table tennis and a sensory disco. The students had a fantastic time and it was lovely to see some familiar faces of students who once attended Willoughby enjoying their time there too. We look forward to our next visit as we explore our options for life after Willoughby school.





### Ideal School Meals

Please note the final deadline to order school meals for the first week back after Easter is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. The 5 menus are live on the ordering system, please log into your account and select the menu choices.

### STEM Ambassador

Craig from Kier visited Willoughby on Thursday to teach pupils from Protea, Snapdragon, Tulip and Venus Flytrap about pollinators and what we can do to help. Pupils learnt the important role pollinators play in our food cycle and planted a sunflower each to help. This is Craig's second visit to Willoughby, pupils are already looking forward to his next visit to learn more about caring for wildlife at home and school.



### Food Smart Bronze Award

Willoughby has achieved the Food Smart Bronze Award for the work we do in terms of Healthy Eating. Food and nutrition is a major part of our lives; helping children and young people to have healthy attitudes and behaviours. This combined with good evidence-based knowledge will help pupils experience and make healthy choices. Working alongside our food provider Ideal School Meals, and from our links with the community, we hope to grow more of our own food from an upcycled bath project. Well done to the whole school! Happy Easter to all from Alison.

### Seeds from The Tower of London

Jasmine class have been preparing for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. We have received seeds from the Tower of London "Superbloom" event and have been busily planting them. All classes will be given a tray of seeds for them to nurture and watch grow. As the event approaches we look forward to bringing them together outside and developing a colourful bee friendly display.

### Bowthorpe Park Farm

Ten pupils visited Bowthorpe Park Farm on Tuesday as part of our World of Work Programme. Pupils spent time in the lambing shed, holding and learning how to care for lambs. We then met various other farm animals and spoke to Farmer George and his wife, who explained what life working on the farm is like.

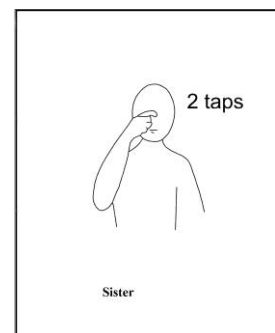


## Makaton Sign of the Week 28<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

This week's sign is Sister

### M&M Productions

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have M & M productions come into Willoughby and perform live in the hall. The drama company performed The Wizard of Oz with an interactive cinema screen and a live performer. It was fabulous to see all of the children watching live theatre again. This was made possible by a charity donation from the Happy Days Charity.



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Edward	Water Lily	For independently using a hammer in Forest Schools.
Lexi	Sunflower	For consistently choosing symbols or using the Tech-Talk to communicate.
Whole class	Poppy	For amazing whole class participation and behaviour during the Wizard of Oz show.
Alexa	Buttercup	For amazing speaking.
Leah	Daffodil	For always encouraging her friends.
Jon-Pall	Foxglove	For wearing his apron in cooking.
James	Blue Thistle	For eating well and for using his fork and spoon.
Katie	Tiger Lily	For incredible communications saying "I want a biscuit".
Alex	Venus Flytrap	For amazing signing to her friends.
Thomas	Tulip	For kindness, trying hard and not giving up.
Amelia	Protea	For being incredibly mature and sensible.
Liam	Snapdragon	For being exceptionally helpful all of the week.
Imogen	Bluebell	For making good sounds for the animals.
Deimante	Jasmine	For superb stretching in Yoga.

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

Date	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Term.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Term.</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Sensory Education and Support Team (SEST) coffee morning 10am – 11.30am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	AJM Healthcare – Wheelchair clinic taking place at Willoughby Academy.
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday – School Closed.</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Fayre. Letter sent to parents/carers of Year 8 pupils and above.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	HPV vaccination for Year 8 pupils with parental consent.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	May Half Term Holidays.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term.