

Official Opening of the New Build

The Chair of The Priory Federation of Academies Trust, Mr Howard Gee and Lincolnshire County Council's Executive Councillor for Children's Services, Mrs Patricia Bradwell, have much pleasure in inviting you, the parents of Willoughby pupils, to the official opening of the new classrooms and dining hall at Willoughby Academy. The opening ceremony will take place on on Friday 6th May 2022 at 10am. If you would like to attend, please email Susan Burns, sburns@prioryacademies.co.uk by Friday 29th April 2022 to confirm your attendance.

Nut Free School

We need to raise awareness that some of our pupils at Willoughby Academy suffer from allergies. In particular allergies to nuts. People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction. Being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens which are required immediately if this occurs. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. Please can we ask that there are no nut products in lunch boxes or brought into the Academy as treats.

Example of nuts found in food include;

- Peanut butter sandwiches/chocolate spreads/cereal bars/some granola bars/cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits/cookies that contain nuts/peanut butter cakes/sauces that contain nuts.

This list is not exhaustive. We understand that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We appreciate that lots of parents send in snacks for their son/daughter or cakes on birthdays. This is still permitted- all we ask is you think 'Nut Free'.

Water Lily Bus Trip

To end our Transport topic, Water Lily Class went on a Delaine public bus to Morton and back. The children were encouraged to pay the driver for their tickets. They particularly enjoyed sitting upstairs, it was very exciting.



Tiger Tots Baby & Toddler Group SEN Session

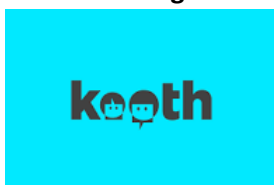
On Monday 25th April 9.30am – 11am, The Sugar Mill, Bourne are hosting a Tiger Tots baby and toddler group – SEN session. Please refer to the attached poster for further details.

Sensory Suite Refurbishment

During the Easter holidays the Sensory Suite was refurbished. We are extremely grateful for the funding of £17,534.53 received from Cummins Generator Technologies for this project. We are very appreciative of the continual support Willoughby receive from Cummins. We would also like to express special thanks to Bakkavor Salads and Deeping Rotary Club who have donated substantial amounts towards the refurbishment. Money from Deeping Rotary Club was donated in remembrance of John Lavery, a former governor of Willoughby Academy. During his time as a governor, John showed great passion and commitment in helping the school and was a valued member of the governing body. Special thanks to staff members Lauren Darragh, Kate Michelson and Dave Conlon for co-ordinating the design and refurbishment.



Kooth Training



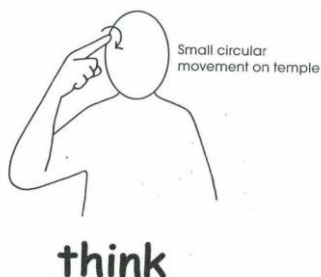
On Thursday a group of upper school pupils attended a workshop hosted by Elle from Kooth. Kooth is a digital platform giving children and young people of 11 to 25 years, immediate access to an online community of peers and a team of experienced accredited counsellors. If you would like more information on how Kooth could support your child please visit www.kooth.com or speak to a member of school staff.

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 26 th April	AJM Healthcare – Wheelchair clinic taking place at Willoughby Academy. Clinic is now fully booked.
Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed.
Friday 6 th May (10.00am – 11.00am)	Official opening of Willoughby new build/extension.
Friday 13 th May	Futures Fayre taking place at Willoughby Academy.
Thursday 19 th May	HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 pupils with parental consent.
Friday 27 th May	Academy Jubilee Celebrations, further details to follow.
Friday 27 th May	End of Term.
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	May Half Term Holiday.
Monday 6 th June	Start of Term.

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– Sign of the Week – To Think



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

Pupil	Class	Reason
Savannah	Water Lily	For being kind to members of the public on our trip.
Riley	Sunflower	For superb exploring in Food and Nutrition and being Star Baker.
Jaxson	Poppy	For taking part in the whole of the Forest School session.
Jude	Buttercup	For joining in with actions to our Funky Fingers song.
Leah	Daffodil	For fantastic participation in all areas of the cooking lesson.
Jon-Pall	Foxglove	For participating in cooking marshmallows at Forest School.
Fred	Blue Thistle	For a superb first week back at school, and for being a Star Baker.
Alexander and Noah	Tiger Lily	For a superb week and being awarded Star Bakers.
Jack	Venus Flytrap	For being extremely engaged in learning and participating well with his peers.
Thomas	Tulip	For good level of effort in all activities and answering tricky questions.
Zhi Chen	Protea	For showing immense care and concern for a friend.
Finley	Snapdragon	For brilliant engagement and participation.
Imogen	Bluebell	For staying at school for two full days, well done Imogen.
Abi	Jasmine	For great exploration using her hands during our 4D session.