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Willoughby Weekly

Friday 6th January 2023

Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break. We have enjoyed welcoming pupils back to school and are so proud of how they have settled back in to school routines brilliantly. We would also like to extend a warm Willoughby welcome to new staff members Amy Morrell (Venus Flytrap Teacher) and Eeva-Maria Silkstone 1:1 support for a pupil in Venus Flytrap class.

Introducing Amy Morrell Venus Flytrap Teacher

Hello, I am Amy and I live in Bourne with my mischievous dog Archie. I have been a Qualified Teacher for 3 years and previously worked as a TA for 11 years at a Primary School and Early Years setting. I love spending time with my family, going out for dinner and love going to the beach (even in the winter!). I am so excited to work at Willoughby Academy and I am looking forward to getting to know you all.



Independence Room Update

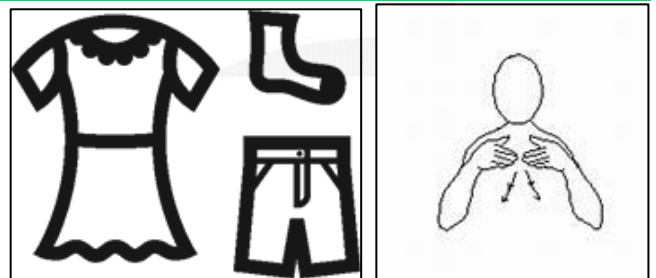
Tiger Lily and Leopard Lilly classes (post 16 classes) would like to share the model bathroom which has recently been installed. This completes our independence room, which also has a kitchen, bedroom and living room. The independence room provides an opportunity for our pupils to develop their independent living skills in preparation for adulthood, such as cooking, cleaning and house maintenance. We have already observed much progress in our pupil's independence and we can't wait to further expand these skills in the New Year.



Makaton Sign of the Week

2nd – 8th January

This week's sign...Clothes



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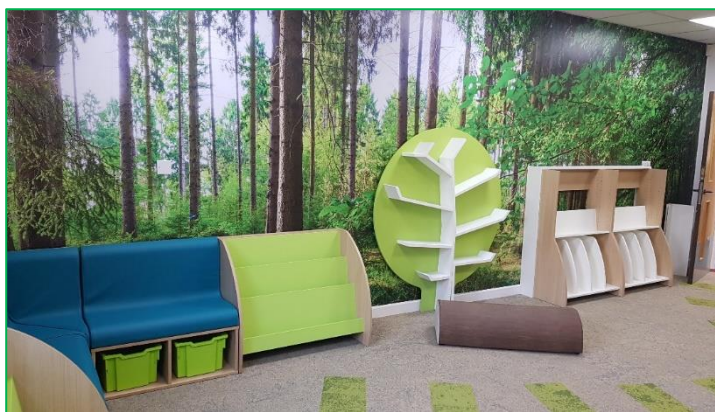
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Willoughby Academy Library

The Library is complete and, we hope you agree, looks amazing. Teachers and pupils are so excited they want to start using the space even before there are any books in place! Over the next few weeks Snapdragon and Protea will help to organise and categorise the books and decide how to display them. There are spaces for non-fiction books, which classes can use to support their topic learning and story books, cosy seating areas and even an emoji wall, where children can show their responses to different books. All classes will be allocated time, every week, to use the library for story times and choosing 'sharing' books to bring home. Please ensure that any books your child brings home to share with you are returned to school. Our long term aim is to have an electronic scanning system to log books out and for there to be librarian work-experience opportunities for some of our older pupils.



Oral Health Coffee Morning

Jenny from the Community Dental Services Oral Health team will be at Willoughby on Friday 24th February (10am – 11am) to hold a coffee morning session and talk everything teeth. Jenny will be on hand to discuss any challenges you may be facing with looking after your child's teeth and will show you some resources that may help and also share some useful hints and tips. For more about the service and the team please visit www.communitydentalservices.co.uk To book onto the coffee morning please email willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

Circus Starr Performance-Monday 23rd January

Willoughby Academy have received a total of 50 free tickets (25 tickets for each performance) for the Circus Starr Performance taking place on Monday 23rd January. There are two performances taking place on the 23rd January, one show starts at 4.45pm and the evening shows starts at 7pm (doors open 30 minutes before each show). The indoor show is taking place at The Cresset, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DX. If you would like to attend, please contact Terri with the number of tickets you require, please also state which show time you would like to attend via willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk. **Due to there being limited number of tickets, they will be issued on a first come, first served basis and sent home with your child.** Tickets are required for every family member that will be attending, children aged 4 years or over require a ticket to enter the show. If you are successfully allocated tickets and require a wheelchair space, please call 01260 288690 as soon as possible to book your space. Due to health and safety some venues have a limited number of wheelchair spaces. Both of these performances will be signed in British Sign Language for deaf audience members. To reserve seats in front of the signer please e-mail community@circus-starr.org.uk or call 01260 288690. We would like to advise all ticket holders to check Circus Starr website 2-3 days prior to the show to stay up to date on the latest show announcements www.circus-starr.org.uk

Star of the Week

Pupil	Class	Reason
Sophie	Daisy	For great communication and interaction when talking to visitors.
Ajay	Water Lily	For really good work in Forest School.
Joseph	Sunflower	For joining in and copying the new dance moves in Performing Arts independently.
Oliver	Poppy	For super focus doing music time this week.
Emily	Buttercup	For brilliant taking part in performing arts.
Alfie W	Daffodil	For setting into his new class really well.
William, Lottie and Savannah	Foxglove	For all doing a super job at settling into new routines.
Myles	Leopard Lily	For clearly saying 'me' when asked who wants to go next and for hanging up his coat without being asked.
Robbie	Tiger Lily	For being amazing in cooking and getting the 'Star Baker' award.
Ash	Venus Flytrap	For settling back into school well.
Amelia	Protea	For settling in well after the holidays and self-regulating.
Imogen	Snapdragon	For being kind and supportive to her friends in class.
Esmee	Bluebell	For interacting with the new bubble wall.
Daniel	Jasmine	For grasping the parachute during our welcome session. What a superstar!

School Attendance Data

Our Whole School Attendance for week commencing Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th January is 91.8%.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 10 th February	End of Term.
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half Term.
Monday 20 th February	Start of Term.
Friday 24 th February	Oral Health Coffee Morning 10am – 11am.
Friday 31 st March	End of Term.
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays.
Monday 17 th April	Start of Term.

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