



WILLOUGHBY
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Willoughby Weekly

Friday 13th January 2023

Message from the Chair of the Trust

The Priory Federation of Academies Trust is pleased to announce that Vicki Billyard has been appointed as Headteacher of Willoughby Academy on a permanent basis. Vicki, who has filled the role in an interim capacity since November, was successful after a recruitment process which culminated in presentations and interviews with senior Federation leaders, Trust governors, the Priory CEO and me, as Chair of the Trust. The panels said Vicki was an excellent candidate who would be able to take the academy forward and develop the strong foundations laid by the previous Head, James Husbands.

Vicki began her career in primary schools in Cambridgeshire, rising to take on a number of senior leadership positions as SENDCO and Deputy Head. She joined Willoughby as Assistant Head in 2018 and became Deputy Head in 2020. We are sure you will join us in congratulating Vicki on her appointment and wishing her every success in her future role.

Circus Starr Tickets – Monday 23rd January – Free tickets available

Thank you to parents/carers who have requested free tickets for the Circus Starr performances 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

Oral Health Coffee Morning – Friday 24th February

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

Foxglove Class

This term, during our weekly trips to the woods, Foxglove class are learning all about forces. This week we used branches that we found and by using the force of pulling tried to see if we could move each other.



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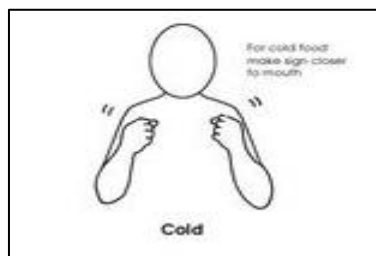
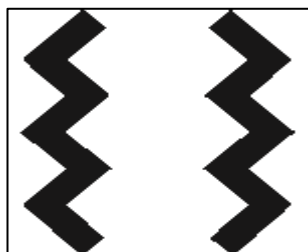
Food Technology Update – Alison Cavanagh

Classes have really embraced the theme of 'Feel the Force' in their Food lessons. Pupils have been experiencing and cooking with different raising agents. We have also been using mechanical force to knead the dough while dancing to 'dough disco' and some will be using the pasta maker to force the dough through. All pupils loved the volcano experiment using bicarbonate of soda and lemon juice. I have been blown away by some of our pupils' scientific knowledge. Pupils have also been getting braver by putting their products in the oven themselves. A skill that requires safe pulling and pushing. A great week so far. Well done to those who have also been remembering their containers to take their food home in.



Makaton Sign of the Week

9th – 15th January - Cold



School Attendance Data

Our Whole School Attendance for week commencing Monday 9th January is 95%.

Primary Schools Lincolnshire Panathlon Challenge

On Wednesday, this week, Willoughby Academy hosted the Lincolnshire Primary Panathlon Challenge



Panathlon is a national charity which gives young people with disabilities and special educational needs the opportunity to take part in competitive sport.

Willoughby welcomed pupils from Linchfield Primary and Langtoft School. Daffodil Class represented Willoughby and we were incredibly

proud of their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and the way they supported each other. Each child was awarded their very own medal and certificate for competing. We would also like to thank pupils from Bourne Grammar School for helping to run the sports activities along with Agilitas Sports.



Sensory OT Coffee Morning – Friday 20th January

Jo Judge Sensory OT is hosting a coffee morning at Willoughby Academy on Friday 20th January (10am – 11.00am). Jo will be sharing information and support strategies for parents and carers. If you would like to attend the coffee morning please e-mail willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

Star of the Week

Pupil	Class	Reason
Archer	Daisy	For using full sentences to tell us what he wants.
Elio	Water Lily	For using new symbols in literacy.
Noah	Sunflower	For settling back into the school routine and super communicating.
Evie	Poppy	For amazing communication and making some vocalisations.
Eva	Buttercup	For matching symbols.
Joe	Daffodil	For brilliant knowledge in PSHE.
Tallulah	Foxglove	For excellent work on the laptop.
Kuba	Leopard Lily	For being alert, happy and engaging in all activities this week.
Kelsey	Tiger Lily	For good manners this week.
Alex	Venus Flytrap	For always being helpful to her friends.
Zhi Chen	Protea	For good engagement during Science.
Anit	Snapdragon	For a brilliant first week in Snapdragon class.
Imogen	Bluebell	For working hard on her physio programme.
Dylan	Jasmine	For super concentration when accessing the eye gaze to colour in his animation.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 20 th January	Jo Judge Sensory OT Coffee Morning 10am – 11am.
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.
Monday 1 st May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 26 th May	End of Term.
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term.

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