



Headteacher Message

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown by and another week has passed of the darkest, wettest months; blue skies and warmer times are coming!

Thank you for your responses to the parents survey about the extra October week. We have comfortably got the most responses of any school in the Trust so I'm happy! If you haven't already done a response, please take the time to do so. It only takes a few minutes and getting your voice heard is really important. You should have received another link today. Remember, if you have any questions about the proposal you can email into the office, mark it for my attention and I'll reply.

I want to say thank you to all the staff that have been involved in school sports this term. We have had a few fixtures and competitions and, as someone who loved sport at school, I know how important these events are. The children, as always, have been brilliant, and a real credit to the school. I'm sure that Miss Bernson will go into much more detail in her sports newsletters so I'll not jump the gun!

It has been my pleasure, as always, to meet a few of you this week and I wanted to thank everyone that I've spoken with for their caring, supportive and positive comments about the school. It is only through partnership and team work that we can continue to make The Willows such a fantastic place to be.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

1R Ronnie for always showing an interest in computing and iPads.

1PC Reggie for knowing how to keep yourself safe online and using the internet safely.

1H Faye for demonstrating an excellent understanding of how to deal with changes that we may experience online sensibly and safely.

2C Georgia for having some great ideas about how to stay safe online during safer internet day!

2SB Danila for practicing times tables using Times Table Rockstars at home.

2T Heitor consistently works hard in his computing lessons. He listens, takes part and helps others when they are struggling. Well done Heitor!

3S Zackary for understanding the importance of staying safe online and sharing concerns with an adult.

3D Dea for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.

3HC Louie for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.

4I Oscar for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when adding personal information online.

4H Elijah for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.

4J Charlie for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.

5F Jude for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.

5R Owen for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.

5C Albert for always trying hard in computing lessons and taking internet safety seriously.

6TB Kayla for showing a very mature attitude to the subject of internet safety.

6MB Jacob for showing a great understanding of positive and negative influences of the internet.

6F Samuel for demonstrating an excellent and safe approach when dealing with online safety scenarios.



Reporting Absence.



Please report child absences using the Willows PA Connect app.

The school must be informed **EVERY** school day that the child is absent.

Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence **by 8.30am.**

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters.

If your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. When dropping off your child, please inform their teacher of your worries. Please be assured, staff will look after your child and will contact parents if they are concerned in anyway. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% then you will be receiving a letter to make you aware of this. We will be expecting your child's attendance to improve when we monitor again next month. Through our monitoring, we have noticed that the number of children late for school is increasing. Please remind yourselves of the times the doors open (**8:40am-9:00am**) to ensure your child does not miss any more of their education.

Weekly Attendance.

Weekly — 93.2%

Yearly — 94.5%

KS1 — 2C with 97%

KS2 — 3H with 98.9%



Class superstar readers of the week:

Key Stage 1 — 2C — 73

Lower Key Stage 2 — 3D — 80

Upper Key Stage 2 — 5R — 92



Superstar writers of the week:

Yr1—Isaac, Bella, Logan

Yr2—Erin, Charlie, Amelia

Yr3 —Chimemerze, Jason, Meekal

Yr4 — Milana, George, Tillie

Yr5—Daniel, Victoria, Annabelle

Yr6—Charlotte, Bella, Louisa



Star readers of the week:

Yr1—Maxwell, Isla, Clementine

Yr2—Dylan, Bonnie, Konor

Yr3—Lenny, Danny-Ray, Nathaniel

Yr4—Esme, Sayiam, Pippa

Yr5—Corina, Edie-Sue, Georgina

Yr6—Billy, Delilah, Emanuela



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 6th February
CRAYS HILL – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 9th February
CRAYS HILL – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9th February
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 4th February
FAIRHOUSE – CARETAKER closing date 11th February
FELMORE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR closing date 5th February
FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 12th February
MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
MERRYLANDS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
MERRYLANDS – HLTA closing date 5th February
MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 2nd February
MERRYLANDS – NURSERY ASSISTANT closing date 9th February
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th February
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th February
WILLOWS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

Our Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Hope, Justice, Compassion, Integrity, Wisdom

The vision of the Berlesduna Academy Trust is to create and foster a culture of high aspiration, enjoyment for learning, academic success and lifelong skills amongst all pupils, regardless of their social, economic or cultural background.



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