

The Willows Primary School and Nursery

Celebration Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



THE WILLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Headteacher Message



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great Christmas break.

Returning to school after any holidays can be hard but after the Christmas break this is especially true! The cold, dark mornings don't make you feel very energised to jump out of bed! We are used to this so any problems just ask your child's class teacher or the support staff around the school.

Speaking of the weather, the next few months are traditionally the coldest. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. We don't mind wellies being worn to school; just bring along a change of shoes in a bag. Remember, it can get icy and while the site staff will salt the playground, sometimes there are little patches that might still be slippery. Be careful!

I sent out the adverse weather plan before Christmas and I will send out again. Please familiarise yourself with it; it seems like every other week we are experiencing some type of adverse weather! Hopefully it will remain a plan, but I am committed to opening to school safely for everyone and sometimes that may mean changing times or even (in the event of serious weather issues) having to look at whether I can open. As you know, I like to make early decisions to help everyone.

Finally, I want to congratulate our choir who raised £172 for St Luke's Hospice during their Christmas singing in the Eastgate. Over two weeks schools raised over £5000 for this brilliant charity. Thankyou to Mrs Ingram and the children and thankyou to you for supporting.

Have a great weekend,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

1R Noah for working hard on his spellings in class.

1PC Adanna for trying extremely hard with your spelling and ensuring you are using your phonics.

1H Darja for working very hard to spell the common exception words accurately and applying them in your writing.

2C Aryav for working really hard on your spellings at home and at school! Well done.

2SH Archibold for regularly practicing his spellings at home.

2T Noah is a super speller! He uses his phonics skills to decode tricky words and will always give words a go! Well done Noah!

3S Aiden for always trying his best to use his phonics and spell words independently.

3D Alfie for using a wide range of vocabulary within his writing.

3H Georgie-Lee for trying hard to apply his phonetic knowledge to all of his work,

4I Vlad for always trying his best during spelling lessons and during spelling tests!

4H Daniel for his great effort shown in improving his spelling using his phonics skills.

4J Milla-Rose for being consistent with her spellings and always trying her best to spell even the trickiest of words!

5F Riley for a huge improvement in spelling since the beginning of the year. You have tried so hard Riley and I'm really proud of you!

5R Maya for demonstrating resilience towards her learning and making incredible progress in her spelling scores. Keep it up!

5C Christian for trying really hard to improve his writing, particularly his spelling across all subjects. Well done Christian!

6TB Millie for demonstrating excellent progress in her spelling tests.

6MB Anastasia for always using the KS2 spelling rules during her English writing and spelling tests. Well done!

6F Lily-Rose for an excellent improvement in her spelling. Well done!



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 — 94%

Yearly — 95.3%

KS1 — 2SH with 95.4%

KS2 — 5C with 96.1%



Class superstar readers of the week:

Key Stage 1 — 2SH — 101

Lower Key Stage 2 — 4J — 102

Upper Key Stage 2 — 5F — 202



Superstar writers of the week:

Yr1—Harrison, Uthman, Sonny

Yr2—Harrison, Mayra, Mila

Yr3 —Lillie-Anne, Louie, Eliza

Yr4 — David, Romano, Austyn

Yr5—Jacob, Hanna, Leighton-Lea

Yr6— Grayson, Kiara-May, Annie-May



Star readers of the week:

Yr1— Esmee, Delilah-Rose, Lucy

Yr2—Daisy, Theo, Reggie

Yr3— Harleigh-Mae, Aariz, Elsie

Yr4—Isabelle, Laila-Rhei, Brody

Yr5— Arber, Jayden, Elizabeth

Yr6— Franky, Bethany-Rose, Feyisayo



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 12th January
CANEWDON – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 22nd January
CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 25th January
CRAYS HILL – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 17th January
CRAYS HILL – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 17th January
DOWNHAM – KS2 CLASS TEACHER closing date 7th February
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 4th February
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 21st January
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 21st January
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 21st January
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 31st January
WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 14th January

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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