



# The Willows Primary School and Nursery

## Celebration Newsletter



THE WILLOWS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



### Mrs Wilson's Message.

Dear parents and carers,

The festivities have continued this week as we have had another eventful week full of festive fun! Our club pupils performed their Christmas showcase with pride to their parents and carers. It was a remarkable show with singing, cheerleading, instrument playing and storytelling! It certainly helped to get everyone into the Christmas spirit! Our pupils have worked extremely hard preparing this during their club sessions and we are so proud of them. The choir also sang their hearts out to shoppers at the Eastgate centre on Thursday. They performed brilliantly, a credit to our school! We want to thank Mrs Ingram, Mrs Thompson, Miss Bernson, Miss Carpenter and Mrs Dennis for all their commitment and effort in producing these events.

Also in Reception and Nursery, the children and their parents/carers have been busy making wonderful Christmas crafts and sharing Christmas songs. The creativity was amazing, it is marvellous what you can achieve with a cotton wool ball, and some glitter! Well done everyone!

The festive season would not be complete without our annual Christmas dinner. Miss Lagosz and the catering team have worked tirelessly in the kitchen to produce a scrumptious feast, enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Adams and the MDA team for making the occasion one of the highlights at this time of year. It was lovely to see all the children in their bright and colourful Christmas clothing. What a day!

Have a lovely weekend everyone, only 3 more days left...

Mrs Wilson

Deputy Headteacher



### Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

**1R Archie** for working on making his Christmas card.

**1PC Ollie-George** for excellent art skills when making snowmen and snowflakes for our wintry pictures.

**1H Dollimai** for creating an artistic piece of 'Winter Wonderland' artwork during Art Week.

**2C Nellie** for her fantastic effort and creativity during art lessons!

**2SH Harper** for her creative and imaginative skills when creating a winter scene box.

**2T William** has made some fantastic art this week. He has been experimenting with hot and cold colours and produced a lovely painting. Well done William!

**3S Denis** for working hard both individually and in a group to create wonderful creations using collage and oil pastels, taking his time to modify and perfect a scene.

**3D Finley** for his creative flair that he brings into all his subjects.

**3H Lennon** for experimenting with different media including making dyes to create a picture of the Northern Lights.

**4I Wadud** for always taking pride in the artwork that you complete, using your skills effectively!

**4H Esme** for always taking great care when using different techniques within her artwork.

**4J Gabriella** for always taking pride in the artwork that you complete, using your skills effectively!

**5F Tommy** for always trying his hardest and writing in the most beautiful handwriting in English. Well done.

**5R Khloe** for being a kind and compassionate member of our class who always follows the school rules and thinks of others. Keep it up!

**5C Toni-Rose** for always being creative and original with her artwork and making a huge effort to create beautiful pieces of art. She is also always very patient when teaching me how to draw things!

**6TB Luca** for his creative use of original ideas that are prevalent in all of his work.

**6MB Lennon** for always persevering during Art lessons and for creating a fantastic Spitfire drawing with water colour!

**6F Charlie** for being a kind and funny boy who helps make the difficult days so much easier. 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** — 92.5%

**Yearly** — 94.3%

**KS1** — 2T 96.7%

**KS2** — 5C 98%



## Class superstar readers of the week:

**Key Stage 1** — 2SH — 80

**Lower Key Stage 2** — 4H — 61

**Upper Key Stage 2** — 5F — 72



## Superstar writers of the week:

**Yr1**—Tommy, Jedidiah, Adele

**Yr2**—Sienna, Charlie, Louie

**Yr3** —Jacob, Kamal, Zackary

**Yr4** — Elijah, Taylor, Owen

**Yr5**—Melody, Raife, Georgina

**Yr6**— Jack, Olivia, Ethan



## Star readers of the week:

**Yr1**— Hunter, Adanna, Kit

**Yr2**—Oscar, Alfie, Aayan

**Yr3**— Reggie, Scarlett, Nola

**Yr4**—Bobby, George, Brody

**Yr5**— Jayden, Jude, Danielis

**Yr6**— Max, Ronnie, Harvey



## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

CRAYS HILL – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

CRAYS HILL – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

MERRYLANDS – ASSISTANT COOK closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

WILLOWS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

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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