



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We are halfway through the academic year! As the nights get longer and the weather warms (hopefully) we will hurtle towards the final parts of the year. There is still lots to come.

Just a couple of things from me. Firstly, I sent a message out about the new PTA. Please make contact with them and offer any help you can. If we are to make this integration of our PTA work, we need lots and lots of help! Mrs Palmer, Mrs Robins, Mrs Bullard and Mrs Ogden are the first executive members elected and are eager to support the school and local community; with your help too, we can really do great things!

Secondly, school trips are really important and often the things that children remember the most about school. We love going on them and we love heading all over the county (and the country!) in search of experiences. You can never legislate for traffic however, with modern apps and the internet we can predict arrival times to within the minute. We ask of parents only a few things when we go on trips: get to school on time, make sure your child is prepared for the trip and pick up at the right time. Recently, there have been children picked up 30 minutes, 45 minutes and even an hour after we have arrived. That is unacceptable.

Thankyou everyone, have a great weekend,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

1L Meera for showing some great wisdom in her use of phonics in her writing this week.

1PR Blake for showing your fantastic knowledge of Mathematics this week.

1H Connor for always working hard, trying your best and using your previously learnt knowledge to support you in your new learning.

2D Jayden always shares interesting ideas and stories with the class. Keep it up Jayden!

2SB Pippa for always making the right choices and demonstrating her wisdom to others.

2T Amayah is a sensible girl who always makes good choices. She is a fantastic friend, learner and role model to others. Well done Amayah!

3S Jacob for his amazing knowledge about dinosaurs and their habitats which has helped him create an incredible diorama.

3D Aaron for his amazing efforts to enhance his knowledge at home and in school. I love hearing his wisdom explaining his new mathematical methods.

3CH Noah loves to share his bank of knowledge.

4I Ella for consistently applying wisdom in her lessons and demonstrating thoughtful consideration in her interactions with others!

4H Gracie for showing a great sense of wisdom and understanding with her thoughtful answers to questions!

4B Annabelle for always demonstrating remarkable wisdom by doing not only what is right but by listening to her heart, thinking carefully, and helping others with a smile.

5F Felix for always showing willingness to share his wisdom with the class across all subjects.

5J Hollie for showing great wisdom and curiosity in the questions that you ask and the information you share in class.

5W Nichita for always enthusiastically asking the most brilliant questions that allow not only yourself, but the whole class to broaden their wisdom on a topic!

6F Oliver for demonstrating the right attitude and giving 100% in all lessons.

6B Izzie for always ensuring she makes well considered and sensible decisions demonstrated in the high quality work she produces.

6W Yanarose for having a consistently great attitude to your learning. You always make wise decisions across all of the subjects.

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**.

Attendance for this Week

Weekly – 94.0% **KS1** - 91.3%

Yearly – 94.1% **KS2** - 95.3%

As part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative as a school we are in need of donations of any of the following:

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| * Dressing up items | * Beach spades |
| * Dinosaurs | * Buckets |
| * Pans | * Chalk |
| * Small balls | * Baking pans |
| * Scooters | * Cones |
| * Plastic Tubes | * Funnels |
| * Tarpaulin | * Pots |

Please ensure that they are in a safe and decent condition.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Hudson & Miss Dorrington

This weeks OPAL Certificate

Kit for working hard to tidy up equipment and encouraging others to tidy.

Superstar Readers of the Week

Key Stage 1 : 2T-85

Lower Key Stage 2 : 4I-85

Upper Key Stage 2 : 5J-155



Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Mila, Aaliyah, Jacob

Yr2— Kairo, Sonny, Elsie

Yr3 — Amelia, Heitor, Ohemaa

Yr4 — Kiyanna, Robert, Noah

Yr5 — Jenson, Bella, Anya

Yr6 — Daniel, Melody, Leighton



Star Readers of the Week

Yr1— Piper-Lily, Dolcie, Hannah

Yr2 — Mia, Reggie, Miller

Yr3 — Eileen, Sienna J, Yasmin

Yr4 — Monty, Feyisola, Maya

Yr5 — Gabriella, Andrea, Vinny

Yr6 — Daisy, Arber, Danielis



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – TRUSTEES/GOVERNORS closing date 31st January
DOWNHAM – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM MATERNITY COVER) closing date 29th January
FAIRHOUSE – KS1 CLASS TEACHER closing date 28th January
MERRYLANDS – CLEANING SUPERVISOR closing date 31st January
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 2nd March

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

The Willows Primary PTA

For more information, or to register your support

please email: pta.thewillows@gmail.com

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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