

Willow Green Academy

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another busy week here at Willow Green. Although the weather has been against us, this hasn't stopped us getting outdoors and enjoying our learning. The Year 5s braved the elements yesterday to continue with their Forest Schools work and there have been some excellent PE and Art activities taking place outdoors too. It is getting to that point of the term where we are reflecting on the learning that has taken place and as part of that some of the children have been completing assessments. The Year 6 pupils in particular have shown incredible determination and resilience in their assessments and this has been reflected in some really positive outcomes. Well done to you all!

Reading

We have also been taking a look at the amount of reading that is taking place in the academy and at home and it is pleasing to see how much both the pupils and parents value daily reading. The impact that regular reading can have on a child's progress and development is unrivalled and this is why we place so much focus on reading in our academy. We encourage all parents to read daily with their children to help to embed their reading skills and most of all develop a strong love for reading. If you need any support whatsoever with supporting your children at home with their reading please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Control Measures

As always, we are reviewing our current COVID-19 risk assessments and control measures in light of new government guidance and will inform you if any changes we feel need to be made. I thank you all again for your continued compliance with our systems and procedures around school. I hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Many Thanks, Mr Parkinson

Golden Awards	
Year 1	J
Year 2	Alicja
Year 3	Oliver
Year 4	Winston
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Broden

Halloween Fancy Dress Day

On Friday 23rd October we will be having a Halloween fancy dress day in school. On the day, we will be accepting food or monetary donations for the Knottingley food bank. Children should take their donations to their classrooms on the 23rd October.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 20th October
 Flu vaccinations taking place at school

Friday 23rd October
 Halloween fancy dress day
 End of half term

Attendance and Lates – Our Attendance Target for the year is 97%

This week: 97.4% and 18 late. Year to date: 96.6%.

Reception 97.3%, 1 late	Year 1 98.7%, 0 late	Year 2 94.9%, 4 late	Year 3 96.7%, 5 late	Year 4 98.7%, 6 late	Year 5 95.7%, 2 late	Year 6 100%, 0 late
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This week's Dojo points

Reception
206

Year 1
220

Year 2
239

Year 3
154

Year 4
393

Year 5
211

Year 6
574

EYFS

Wow what a week! Our role play area has been transformed into A Potions Lab, with spooky spiders and slugs. We have been learning all about capacity in our number time measuring out our potions into different amounts.

Our book this week is Winnie the Witch, we have been casting magic spells and practising our letter formation.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been working really hard on our number bonds to 10. We have been using Unifix and part whole models to find the total. We have also been looking at fact families and systematic number bonds for 10. In English we have been looking carefully at the different characters and writing descriptions about them.



Year 2

This week, in Year 2, we have been fine tuning our addition and subtraction skills and we have started writing our own autumn poems filled with adjectives, similes and interesting verbs. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our P.E session with Elite. We always enjoy our warm up and this week pretended to be all kinds of animals from the tallest giraffe to the smallest mouse. We have been building our stamina with fitness work which always leaves us exhausted and have been developing our ball skills.



Year 3

This week we have been eagerly observing the seeds that we planted last week. Most of our seeds have now germinated so we have began taking either; water, warmth or light away from our plants. The results have been very interesting and we have been recording our results every day. So far we have observed that some plants have turned yellow and begun to die. Watch out next week for our next investigation and to find out what happened to our plants.

Year 4

This week we have been trying really hard with our division, ask your child to talk to you about bus stop method and see if they can work out some problems like $36 \div 3$ or $48 \div 4$. In science we started thinking about our local area and the habitats around us. We thought about the dangers to local wildlife and the positive changes that can be made to help our local area. It has already lead to one child in the class doing a 'Covid Safe' litter pick to help protect the wildlife! Well done everyone for using what you learn in school to help our local area.

Year 5

This week we have learnt about the Industrial Revolution and how this shaped Britain. We are collecting information to prepare us for our debate next week, so we can discuss if these changes were positive or negative. Furthermore, we have developed our understanding of speech within writing. We have learnt how to use dialogue to convey a characters personality or actions.

Year 6

We have had our first assessment week, and everyone has worked incredibly hard and shown amazing effort and determination. Next week, I am looking forward to share with you how your child has settled this half term and how they are progressing at school. If you haven't returned the parents' consultation letter, please do so as soon as possible.

In other news, there has been some fantastic artwork created based on our WW2 learning of the Blitz and we have been looking at how our Banksy work can be used to create our own propagandist style posters.

Safeguarding

Willow Green Academy considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Designated Child Protection Officer is Miss L Walker. In his absence, you should contact Mr C Parkinson. They can be contacted through the main office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

The Government have launched a new website aimed at parents, teachers and school leaders to give practical advice on protecting young people from extremism and radicalisation. This was launched by the Education Secretary and contains information which address many questions / issues faced by parents and children. The website can be found at www.educateagainsthate.com