



A Values School

WILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL
'A great school in the heart of our village'

Newsletter

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OUR VALUE THIS MONTH:

PATIENCE



Stars of the Week in March were:

Reception: Callum; Rae; Ella; Aisha
Year 1: Colin; Gabe; Colin; Sam
Year 2: Kyle; George; Myles; Kai
Year 3: Evan; Fionan; Kevin; Archie
Year 4: Freddie; Ollie; Zachary; Zachary

Superstars of the Term were:-

Reception: Johnny
Year 1: Matteo
Year 2: Dylan
Year 3: Marika
Year 4: Thea

Headteacher's Awards for March went to:

Bailey for trying hard with everything;
William for commitment and 100% effort in gymnastics competition;
Zachary for amazing homework about what to do in an emergency in action photos with captions.
Also to **William, Lizzie, Sophia, Mila, Thea** and **Aoife** for taking part in the gym competition.

Lunchtime Awards for March went to:

Matteo; Lizzie; George; Sam; Archie; Marika and Mila.

Good to be Green award winners were:-

Silver:- Olivia P; Tasmin; James; Rebecca; Kai; Myles; Naima; Dylan; Colin and Olivia O.
Gold:- Matteo; Camille; Gabe; Bailey; Evie; Kyle; Nate; Harry and Dylan.

Achievements Outside School:

Zachary came 3rd in a Falconary competition to make a Jess. He did very well against children much older than him.

Emmi achieved a Bronze Falcon Challenge Level 5 in gym.

The **Golden Ticket** draw from the Values Box was won by **Myles** for tidying up the handtowels in the cloakroom without being asked.

And to **Eleanor** who was nominated by Harriet for helping her look for something.

And finally to all the **100% Attendance Award** winners for the **Spring Term; Aisha; Lily; Sebastian, Callum; Bethany, Rae; Emmi; Talia; Lelan; Eden; Skye; Aoife; Isobel; Harriet; Sophia; Oliva O; Oliva P; George; Harvey, Tasmin, Naima and Sam!**

Well done to everyone!

NEWS FROM OAKS

Class Assembly

During the final week of term Oak Class put together and presented an assembly covering the aspects of Ancient Egypt studied over the Spring Term. The children were put into small groups and they then selected a topic to present information about. Their methods of presentation included acting, singing, art work and delivering amazing facts. Every group did wonderfully and the assembly was greatly enjoyed by all the parents and relatives who were able to come and watch it.

Thank You

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the lovely, generous gifts given to me individually and as part of the hamper at the end of term. We have enjoyed putting everything into the baby's room and making it completely ready for her. The flowers decorated my house beautifully and I made short work of the scrumptious chocolates! I look forward to sharing the news of our special arrival sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Louise Buisson

As you know Mrs Buisson is now on Maternity Leave and I will be taking Oaks Class until she returns next year, with Mrs Woodham continuing her role on Wednesdays, as before.

Having spent a week with the children I'm now very excited about the coming term - what a lovely group of children Oaks Class are! Our Enterprise Day at Cople was a great success, the children really did us proud, showing excellent team skills and creativity, not to mention lovely manners!

My door is always open so please feel free to come and visit me after school about anything which concerns you, or just for a chat - I'm always happy to answer any questions you might have.

If you would like to '**Meet the Teacher**' you are welcome to join us on **Friday 29th April from 2pm** for a Creative Curriculum afternoon. The children are learning about Central and

South America and it would be great fun to have you aboard.
Please come and introduce yourself if you haven't already!

Ms V Harrison

NEWS FROM ACORNS

Welcome back after the Easter break. March was a busy month and the children have helped me to tell you all about the exciting things they have been getting up to:

Art Day by Evie

In March we had an art day. We did castle painting with potatoes with Miss Reem then we were with Mrs Woodham and we painted a hat and we put fruit on our face and we drew a picture on the computer finally we did painting.

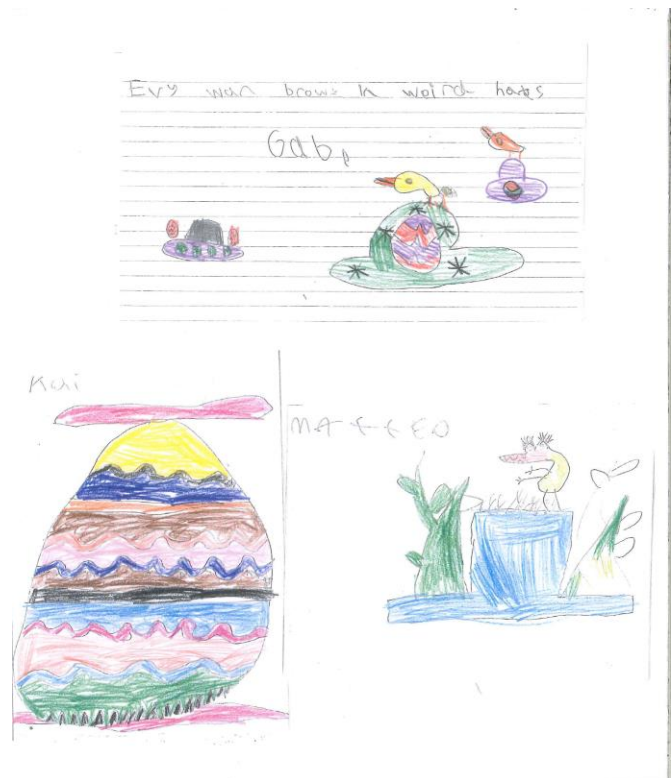
World Book Day by Myles

It was fun because we brought our favourite books into school and our parents came in to look at our book with us. There was a competition to draw a front cover of a book. In Acorn class, Camille and Rebecca won.

Easter Bonnet Day by Acorns

The Easter Bonnet competition is when people win a chocolate rabbit and some stickers – **Olivia P.**

In the Easter Bonnet day a person needed to make an Easter hat and a person gets to win a prize – **Colin.**
Everyone brought in weird hats – **Gabe.**



Mother's Day by Harry

First thing in the morning, mummies came in and we did a picture that had puzzle pieces and it said on it "I love you to pieces". Then mummies came in to assembly. First we did Star Awards then Squirrels sang, then Acorns read our rhymes then Oaks did their rhymes after. Choir sang three song, two of the songs were Puff the Magic Dragon and I'm a Nut (which is about an acorn).

This term we are globetrotting and are going to be studying South America. The

introduction to this topic was helped by a rather famous bear called Paddington who came from deepest Peru!

Mrs Heidi Smith

NEWS FROM SQUIRRELS

The month of March seems a long time ago now but one memorable event sticks in my mind. On March 4th we had a Mother's Day pamper session and little did our mums know what a treat we had in store for them! We treated our mums to a session in the hair salon and a hand massage and everyone joined in with great enthusiasm so thank you. We also iced biscuits and coloured pictures together.

Now we are in Squirrels last term in reception and the time has just flown by. We are hoping for some lovely warm weather so that we can take even more of our learning outside. It is also the time to start planting in the garden and we intend to plant beans, carrots, radishes and pumpkins. The value of the month is patience, something we will need when waiting for our plants to grow!

Maths Challenges

Over the last term I have provided weekly maths challenges for the children to complete and these have proved to be

very popular. The children post their answers in a box and then the first person with the correct answer to be pulled out of the box wins a prize. Winners for the term included; **Eleanor, Harriet, Lucas, Finlay, Aoife, Tommy, Eden, Lizzie and Oliver** in Oaks Class and **Olivia Owen, Kyle, Dylan, Harvey, Camille and James** in Acorns Class. Well done to all of them! The questions are on display in the entrance hall and the competition runs from Thursday to the following Thursday. The challenges vary in difficulty but as I point out to the children a challenge is not a challenge if you don't have to think about it!

Mrs Julia Staley

SPORT RELIEF

The children participated in Sport Relief and managed to raise a total of £49. Thank you, you're amazing!

The Davis Club Legacy 'Tennis for Kids'

The Lawn Tennis Association has this month launched the Tennis for Kids initiative which aims to inspire 10,000 children aged 5-8 to pick up a racket and play tennis for the first time. With a focus on fun, flexibility and getting active, parents will be encouraged to join for the final session.

The initiative offers a free six week course, with 10,000 free rackets given away to children across the whole of Great Britain who complete the course, which starts from April and runs until July.

To get involved in Tennis for Kids, parents can simply sign their kids up at their closest venue at:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids>

SUMMER TERM 2016 - AFTER SCHOOL

CLUBS

Monday – Football (11 weeks)
Starts Monday 18th April

Wednesday – Art (10 wks)
Starts Wednesday 20th April

Friday – Dodgeball (12 wks)
Starts Friday 22nd April

Remember to book any additional Care Club sessions that you may require.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Once again Willington Lower School will be collecting the Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. The scheme is running at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online.

Collecting vouchers enables us to 'buy' a wide variety of playtime and sports equipment for the school, so please bring your vouchers into the school. Remember to ask friends, grandparents

and neighbours to donate their vouchers to us as well.

FRIENDS OF WILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL

Dates for your diary:

27th May – Mufti Day (£1 donation per child)

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - 3.30pm

2nd July – Summer Fayre at the village hall
2.00 – 4.00pm.

22nd July – End of term Picnic & Bouncy Castle 3.30 – 5.30pm at the village hall.

CONTACT DETAILS REMINDER

The website address is now:-

www.willingtonschool.education

Our email address:

office@willingtonlowerschool.org

Our phone number: 01234 838280.

Care Club Contact Number - between the hours of 7.50am-8.50am and 3.30pm-6.00pm, please continue to use the mobile number as previously advised: **07719 074675**.

DIARY DATES:

You will see I have included later dates in the Diary Dates section to give you more notice – and more details will follow nearer the time of each event.

APR 19 th	Willington and Cople KS2 children singing together at St Lawrence's Church. Concert 2.15pm
MAY 2 nd	Bank Holiday. School closed
4 th	Cricket Tournament
23 rd to 25 th	Oak Class Residential Trip to Frontiers Activity Centre
27 th	Last day of half term
JUNE 6 th	Children return
7 th	Inter-school Athletics Competition
8 th	Tennis Competition
15 th	Quadkids Competition
20 th	KS2 Sing On performance at Bedford Corn Exchange
JULY 7 th	KS1 Tournament at Wilden Lower School
8 th	Move Up Day
15 th	Sports Day afternoon, tbc
22 nd	Leavers' Church service 9.30am Last day of term