



A Values School

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

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OUR VALUE THIS MONTH:

CONCENTRATION



Stars of the Week in April were:

Reception: Lilly-Mai, Sebastian, Rae

Year 1: Olivia P, Gabe, Elliot

Year 2: Nate, Harvey, Kyle

Year 3: Lelan, Lucas, Finlay

Year 4: Mila, Harrison, Thea

Lunchtime Awards for April went to:

Thea, Harrison, Camille, Evie

Other Awards went to **Freddie** for the Second Place Team, Rio 2016 Challenge at Cople and

Ollie for excellent leadership skills in the Rio 2016 Challenge at Cople

Achievements Outside School:

Eden for running on the new Bedford bypass section of road before it was officially opened to traffic

Rae for scoring 8 goals in football.

George for his football and also

Ollie who has recently passed his level 8 Ice Skating badge, which is a huge achievement as he now moves onto Bronze level.

KWIK CRICKET FESTIVAL

A team of children from Oak class had a great time at the cricket festival last week, and the final positions were as follows:-

1. Renhold A
2. Gt Barford A
3. Renhold B
4. **Willington**
5. John Donne
6. Great Barford B
7. Roxton A
8. Ravensden
9. Roxton B

The top 4 teams have qualified for the partnership finals which take place on Wednesday 18th May 10am-12pm at Blunham CC.
Congratulations to all who took part!

The **Golden Ticket** draw from the Values Box was won by **Ella** because she waited patiently to take her turn when we were talking about our teddies on Teddy Tuesday and to **Lizzie** because when Sophia was struggling to remember her gymnastics routine, Lizzie went over and over it with her.

Well done to everyone!

NEWS FROM OAKS

Wow! What a fantastic first half term we have had together in Oak Class! The children have been learning lots and impressing me with their skills, particularly in Mathematics where the children have worked very hard and shown me lots of great written methods. We have been learning about Latin America, researching countries, looking at maps and finding out about important physical and human features of the region. We are now moving on to looking at the Mayans of Mexico.
In our first week we visited Cople Lower School to take part in Enterprise Day and had a lovely day. The next week we sang together in the Church. The children have also taken part in a Kwik Cricket competition and we are enjoying the seasonal sunshine with tennis lessons at the Village Hall.

Thank you so much for your support with spellings, homework and reading at home and for those of you who came in to 'Meet the Teacher'. Please feel free to pop in anytime, my door is always open!

Finlay explains what he did on Enterprise Day:

On our visit to Cople we all got into our teams, our team was Morocco. Our team leader was Cameron and the rest of our teams' names were Lily, Charlie, Archie, Eden and me. All of the teams were countries. There were challenges throughout the visit, the person hosting it was called Nichola.

The first challenge was an ice-breaker. The challenge was someone guessing, the other giving clues about sports. Ollie and Lelan won! Next was the quiz but we only got three questions right!

After that we had to do a torch, t-shirt, medal, presentation and flag. Our medal was a gold plate and the slogan was 'it's not about winning, it's about taking part'. The hardest part was making the torch. We had to decorate and make it from a piece of card. Then we drew a mascot call Morroc.

Before the presentations we did a ceremony where you walk around the room and hold and wear all the things we had made. Then we did the Powerpoint presentation, it was nerve-wracking!

After that it was time to find out who was first, second and third. First was Argentina, second South America and third was Russia. That was our trip to Cople.

Miss Harrison

NEWS FROM ACORNS

Acorn came back to school after Easter to find the classroom had become a jungle! It soon became clear to the children that our topic for this term was South America. The children discovered this through a suit case left in the classroom, and after some detective work on the contents it was agreed that it belonged to Paddington who had travelled from darkest Peru in South America.

The children have spent the month studying maps and learning about the different countries within South America. We have been exploring the human and physical geography of South America, particularly the Amazon River and Rainforest, the Atacama Deserts and Andes Mountain Range.

In art we have looked at the different art and crafts of South America and tried a bit of weaving ourselves, it was harder than it looked. We had to watch a video of ladies in Peru weaving.



In science we have been continuing to look at how things grow and we all grew our own cress seeds. We closely observed the changes over 3 weeks and once they had grown enough, in DT, we all made egg and cress sandwiches, very exciting!

Mrs Smith

NEWS FROM SQUIRRELS

Squirrels News

This month marks the start of the last term in Reception for our current Squirrels and soon we will be preparing to welcome a new group, how time flies!

Our topic got off to a good start when we welcomed Paddington Bear into our class. We celebrated by holding a special event – “Teddy Tuesday.” The children brought in their own cuddly toys from home and we enjoyed a picnic in the garden.



As you can see the weather was good for us that day! We have been finding out about the journeys that we make starting with our journey to school. Talking about journeys has reminded me that we have

had walk to school events in the past so look out for information about this later.

Mrs Staley

Maths Challenges

Well done to **Skye Petrisor** who is the first to receive a certificate for completing 10 maths challenges.

The children are enjoying the challenges so much that they are now coming up with their own – thank you Thea.

This week we have made up riddles – here’s one for you to try.

I go to number school,
Some people say I’m odd,
I’m more than 4 and less than 7.

What am I?

By Tommy

Mrs Staley

SUN SAFETY

Now that the summer seems to have arrived it seems a good time to remind you about the use of sun cream in school.

Children are able to bring sun cream in to school in a named container, this should then be handed to the class teacher.

Children are encouraged to apply the cream when necessary under the supervision of an adult.

Named sun hats are also recommended.

There is also a sun cream product that lasts for up to 8 hours so need only be applied before coming to school.

We will also be thinking about keeping safe when out in the sun during lesson times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PLAYGROUND REMINDER

We have recently reorganised the playground equipment that the children use at lunchtime. This is stored in the large coloured crates behind the new care club building. Please ensure that this **is not played with by children** before school or after the end of the school day. This is for lunch times only. We have reminded the children about this in assembly and thank you for your support in this. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground for the safety of everyone.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - 16th to 20th May

This year’s walk to school week is being held between 16th and 20th May. As part of our commitment to being a healthy school we will be participating in this event along with other schools across the country.

Walk to school week reminds us to take the chance to get outside and get fit by walking to and from school. During school time we will be holding an assembly about keeping healthy by walking and other physical exercise. Throughout the week the children will be able to collect stickers and a certificate to show that they have participated; there will also be

playground challenges for the children to enter.

Park and Stride

We appreciate however, that for many of you walking to school is difficult therefore, we would like to remind you of the option of parking at the village hall or the pub and walking from there. This option is also available throughout the year and not just during walk to school week.

Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – FRONTIERS PARENTS MEETING

We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 17th May at 5.30pm in Oaks classroom to answer any questions you may have and go over the final details of the trip.

If you are not able to make this time and would like to ask any questions, or speak to Mrs Woodham about your child specifically, then please come in and see her to arrange an alternative time.

Could we also remind you to complete and return your Consent Forms and any payments outstanding as soon as possible please?

SUMMER TERM 2016 - AFTER SCHOOL

CLUBS

Monday – Football (11 weeks)
Finishes Monday 11th July

Wednesday – Art (10 wks)
Finishes 29th June

Friday – Dodgeball (12 wks)
Finishes 15th July

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 now use the main school number **01234 838280** and select Care Club.

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.

15 th	Quadkids Competition
17 th	Father's Day Treat – 9 am
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

MAY	
16 th - 20 th	Walk to School Week
17 th	Frontiers Parents Information Meeting – 5.30pm
18 th	Kwik Cricket Finals
23 rd - 25 th	Oak Class Residential Trip to Frontiers Activity Centre
27 th	Last day of half term
JUNE	
6 th	Children return after half term
7 th	Inter-school Athletics Competition
8 th	Tennis Competition
10 th	Queens Birthday Celebration