



A Values School

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

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OUR VALUE THIS MONTH:

Independence



Stars of the Week in May were: **Xavier, Finn, Archie, Daniel, Oliwia, Lacey, Emmi, Talia, Camille, Mim, Harry, Olivia P, Bailey, Kai, Naima, Isobel H (twice), Marika and Fionan.**

The **Values Award** from The Golden Box draw was won by **Gabria** because she gave her ball to another child when she had lost her ball, **Olivia P** for giving her coat to another child who didn't have one and **Evie** who lent her hat to another child. The whole of Year 4 also won the award for the way they looked after each other while they are away on their Frontiers trip.

Lunchtime Awards were earned by **Evie, Austin, Brogan, Olivia P, Naima, Ella, Lizzie and Dylan.**

Head Teacher's Award were earned by **Courtney** for a huge improvement in her work, **Lelan** for an amazing achievement in reading, **Sam** for writing an exciting story and **Lizzie** for completing Y7 work in Y4! In addition, **Xavier,**

Gabria, Isabelle, Courtney and Jackson all earned the award for their wonderful handwriting.

Also this month we have some Y2 Handwriting Heros. Well done to **Camille, Olivia O, Olivia P and Mim.**

Finally, well done to **Camille, Olivia O, Olivia P, Tasmin, Talia, Matteo, Gabe, Harry, Elliot and Sam** who not only took part in a multi skills festival – they won it!

Achievements Outside School: **Olivia P** has gained her red belt in Judo, **William** passed his RSL Level 1 Award in Popular Music Performance, Grade 1 Drums, **Callum and Kyle** have both been awarded orange belts in kickboxing and **Imogen** has earned her gymnastics level 6 award. Once again, well done to you all. Keep those awards, badges, belts and certificates coming into school. We love hearing about all your achievements.

SUN SAFETY

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. Alternatively, there are now products available which last for up to 8 hours so need only be applied before coming to school.

Named sun hats are also recommended.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We have now received an AMAZING **2,906** vouchers!!!! Thank you to everyone who has been collecting them on our behalf. They can still be handed into school until 30th June so if you do have any more hiding away anywhere, please bring them in. If we could reach 3,000 that would be FANTASTIC!!

UPDATE ON BUILDING

As you will have seen, building work has now commenced and this is causing lots of excitement, particularly with the Squirrels!

150 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We have been working hard planning for our week of birthday celebrations, and can now share with you some of the things which will be happenin during the week.

On Monday 3rd July, we have a very busy day – in the morning we have a visit from Hitchin Museum who will be setting up a Victorian Classroom for the children to experience and in the afternoon we have a visit from a magician who will be performing Victorian magic tricks for the children. On Wednesday 5th July we are having a visit from a Magic Lantern performer, we are very excited to see this and learn more about it. On Thursday 6th in the morning we will be interviewing some former students of the school to find out their memories of their school days and compare them to our experiences today. In the afternoon, Oaks class will be going to perform at Evergreens. On Friday 7th we are attending a traditional church service at 9.30am to which you are all invited.

We would like to ask that the children are sent to school in traditional Victorian costumes on Monday (so they can participate fully in the school room setting) and on Friday for the Church service. Please do not feel obliged to buy expensive costumes however, there are plenty of ideas on the internet, for example the girls could come dressed in a long black skirt, white blouse and an apron (made from a pillow case) and the boys could wear a white shirt, long shorts (made from a pair of old trousers).

The week ends on Saturday 8th July with a celebration party, starting at 2pm. Invitations for this are going to be sent out later in the week – please feel free to pass the invitation on to anyone else you know who attended or worked at the school.

FOWLS

Hopefully you will have noticed the new playground markings we have funded recently (the children certainly have and are using them a lot) and by the time you read this there may well be some new games on the playground walls to keep the children occupied at break times. The children chose some of the boards they liked and we tried to ensure there were a variety of different activities; from arts and crafts, to blackboards and targets for balls. We hope they will stimulate the children for years to come.

We will not be hosting a fete this year, partly due to the school's 150th anniversary party which is happening on Saturday 8th July and partly because we are hoping everyone will be able to come down to the Picnic and Bounce on the last day of term at the Playing Fields. Like previous years, we are providing two bouncy options for the children and hope you can join us with a picnic, especially as it is the last one as Willington Lower School. The bouncy castles will be there until 6pm and we are planning on providing a few extras this year such as Tug of War and maybe a Pimms stall.

Look out for Freezepop Fridays starting again from now until the end of term. So bring your 50ps in for an instant post-school cool down.

FRONTIERS

We had another successful trip to the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire. Thank you to Roisin McTernan and Elizabeth Dun for accompanying the children and making sure they had a brilliant time. Photos will be added to the website in the next few days.

NEWS FROM SQUIRRELS

Squirrels have moved!

During the half term break we packed up Squirrels class and moved into care club. This is an exciting time for the school as it moves towards the merger with Cople and becomes Sheerhatch Primary.

Squirrels have taken great interest in what's happening to their garden, the other day they came running to tell me that the builders had taken away the grass! Although we have lost the use of the garden we have set up an outdoor classroom; unfortunately the weather has been awful over the last few days and we have had to endure high winds and driving rain!



Outdoor maths
Squirt the answer!



Sand activities in our new
home

Mrs Staley

NEWS FROM ACORN CLASS

During the month of May Acorn class enjoyed the outdoor environment. We were studying how things grow and naming the different types of plants, trees and flowers. We went on a nature walk around the village and cycle track collecting different flowers and leaves. When we got back to school we used art pencils and sketched them, looking very carefully at all the different parts of the flower and leaves we had found.

The week after we walked down to Frosts garden centre and looked at all the different ways we can buy plants. We found that you can buy seeds for so many different fruits, vegetable and flowers. We are so lucky to have Frosts near by that we can walk to, it made us think about road safety too.



Our year two children went to a multi-skills tournament and were very successful as they came first, out of 8 other schools. Well done year two and congratulations, we are very proud of you...awesome team work.

We have now begun to think about animals and mini beasts, and their habitats. We are doing lots of scientific classifying, testing and investigations.

Mrs Smith and her team of wonderful TAs

NEWS FROM OAK CLASS

We have had great fun and learnt a lot over the last month. In our topic we have explored the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy and created our own sculptures inspired by his methods.

We have also learnt about the different parts of flowers and why bees are so important.

As a class we visited The Natural History Museum at Tring which houses the anthropological collection of Sir Walter Rothschild. We learnt a lot about the classification of vertebrates which we have developed further in school.



Year Four joined their counterparts from Cople at the Frontier Centre and had an amazing time. Year Three are very excited about going too!

September	
1 st	Training Day
4 th	Children return

Mrs Buisson

DIARY DATES

June	
12 th	Living Eggs – in school for 2 weeks to see them hatch!
14 th	Artist in School
14 th – 16 th	Year 3s to Frontiers Residential Trip
19 th	Fathers’ Activity Morning 9.10 – 10.10
20 th	Sing On Concert – Y3 and Y4, letter has been sent out
21 st	Inter-school competition
22 nd	Curriculum Governors Meeting 7pm
26 th	Resources Governors Meeting 7pm
27 th	KS 1 Tournament at Bedford Squirrels’ Class trip to Mead Open Farm
28 th	Tournament KS1
29 th	Bikeability KS2
30 th	Shuffle Up Day – an opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher Donna Gower Coffee Morning – Blossom Café 9.00-10.30
July	
3 rd – 7 th	150 Birthday Celebrations week
6 th	KS2 visit to the Evergreens OAP Club
7 th	9.30 Church Service
8 th	Village Celebration
10 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm
11 th	Year 4 Science Visit to Mark Rutherford Upper School
12 th	Young Carers Assembly
14 th	Sports Day afternoon
21 st	Church Service 9.30 am. Last day of term Family BBQ