

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where did Summer 1 go?!? This is always a quick half term but it seemed to fly by even faster this year. It has been lovely to enjoy so much sunshine meaning the children have been able to get outside more. This morning, when I popped into Reception, the children were having a wonderful time learning in outdoor provision and I have seen several classes taking their learning into shady spots outdoors during the afternoons.

Year 6 were amazing earlier in the half term when they completed their SATS and are now balancing continuing learning and having some fun at the same time, as they move towards their transition to high school.

Thank you all for your kind donations of cakes to the PTA for the cake sale this afternoon, they've been locked in our student kitchen area for now - it's a good job as Willows staff love cake!

Kind regards,

Rachel Ross



Value Award Winners Congratulations to our groups of 'Value Award' winners for this half term: Rupert R; Ethan; Hunter G; Leen W; Arthur G; Usman A; Florence E; Finley B; Ahmed A; Krishna N; Lyla D; Jack K; Abdul S; Caleb K and Lera K (wk 3) Alesha A; Archie F; Ivy MG; Hattie C; Evan K; Olive T; Farniya T; Emily L; Ruby BH; Vidhya J; Robin M; Taurus T; Alfie P; Asher L; Teddy B and Sarah MG (who set a new first, receiving a value award from Mr Byrne and Mrs Ross!) (Wk6)

We are all really proud of you!

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Unsung Heroes Congratulations to our 'Unsung Heroes' of this half term. You truly are always amazing! Well done to Nursery: Haseeb & Evelyn; Oak: Reuben & Emily; Elm: Summer & Hallie; Ash: Rohaan & Ivy; Chestnut: Mithra & Ellie; Beech: Harriet & Lucien; Pine: Olive & Eliot; Sycamore: Bobby & Annabelle; Spruce: Max & Lily; Cedar: James & Josephine; Maple: Sophie & Adam; Hawthorn: Henry & Gracie; Larch: Sophie & Dylan

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Challenge: Nursery celebrated VE Day with a fabulous garden party! We made biscuits with red, white and blue icing, made sandwiches, played party games and hung up the bunting we made.





Responsibility: Well done to the School Council 'Respect Mascot' competition winners: Reuben S (Beech); Tilly K (Chestnut); Felix H (Pine); Sophia H (Sycamore); Imana S (Larch) and Yani W (Larch)

Each child did an amazing job of designing a mascot that we can display around school to remind children of the areas that need to be treated respectfully. Stay tuned as each year group will now have the chance to name one of the mascots before they take pride of place around the school!

Self Belief: Year 5 worked very hard last half term putting together some beautiful artwork for an art competition, run by Art Bytes. You can check out all the amazing submissions here: <https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/the-willows-primary-school-402/> A particular congratulations to Charlie, Grace, and Soha, whose artwork was shortlisted, and who have been invited to a celebration event at Victoria Gallery and Museum in Liverpool on 12th June.



End of term attendance: Our aim is to achieve over 96%

Whole School: 97.2%

- Oak: 89.9%
- Elm: 94.3%
- Ash: 96.9%
- Beech: 96.5%
- Chestnut: 97.7%
- Pine: 96.9%
- Sycamore: 98.2%
- Spruce: 97.3%
- Cedar: 97.3%
- Maple: 97.4%
- Larch: 96.7%
- Hawthorn: 96.7%

Care: For those who haven't heard, Miss Bell had a gorgeous baby boy who they have named Remy. She is loving spending time with both her boys whilst on maternity leave and the beautiful weather is an added bonus!

If you have been to the office at all, you will have noticed Mrs Bhatt is now covering Miss Bell's maternity leave. Please do pop in and say hello! We hope you agree that our office team are a real asset to the school with their caring and friendly approach and Mrs Bhatt has fit in brilliantly!

Self-Belief: What a half term it has been for Willows PE and Sport! We began with our incredibly talented girls' football team representing Trafford in the Greater Manchester Girls Football Finals. After some superb performances the girls were crowned CHAMPIONS! They should be proud of the title as the best girls' school football team in Greater Manchester; what an achievement that is! Our hockey team took to the pitch to represent the school in the annual 'Jim McCall Memorial Trophy,' in memory of a former school sports coach, who sadly passed away a few years ago. Our team did Jim proud as they showed all of the school games values in their play. We took an orienteering team to a local event, having great fun and competing with skill. Well done to Finley and Owen for your individual medals in this event. We had a fantastic football friendly against Park Road, which provided a wonderful feast of football for the spectators, and our Year 5 leaders continued their work developing their skills by teaching a mini game to Year 2 pupils at Cloverlea school. Our half term ended the way it began with more Willows champions! Our two Tag Rugby teams each bringing home the winners' trophies and medals in their separate tournaments. Well done everyone, we are incredibly proud of you all!