

Willow Wonder



The Willow
Primary
School

N17 6HW

Newsletter 2

7 May 2021

Dawn Ferdinand—Headteacher update

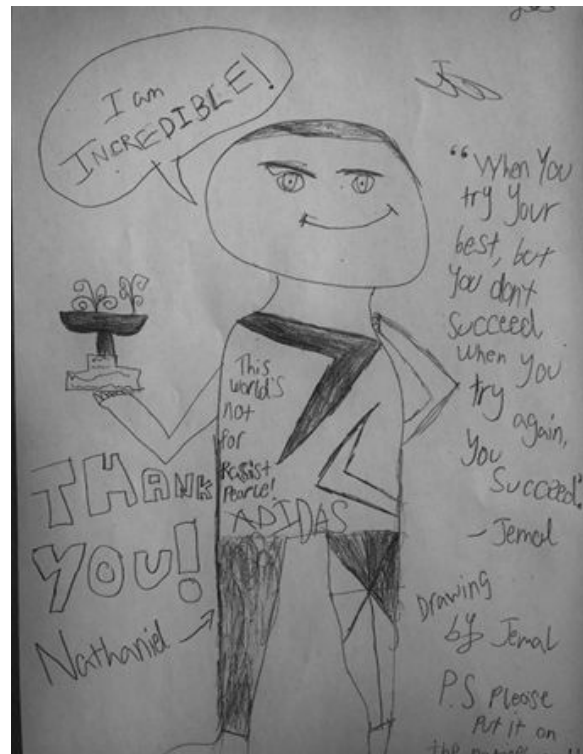
Welcome back to the Summer term. I can hardly believe we are already at the last term of this academic year. And what a year it has been! Although we are still officially in lockdown, it is great to know that things are looking positive and that we have a clear 'roadmap' to move us towards a more desired lifestyle. As lockdown eases, we will respond by making changes to allow more free movement in and around the school.

We had a lovely end to last term with the end of term awards assembly and the creation of a special new Amy Nurturing Award (find out more later).

We have seen a beautiful start to the new term. The sun has certainly lifted spirits and it is joyous to see the children bouncing back into school. We launched the start of the week with an assembly, focusing on our INCREDIBLE learning powers and we ended the first week with a live assembly with Doreen and Stuart Lawrence celebrating Stephen Lawrence Day.

This term promises to be packed and fun filled. We are hoping to get the children out and about. Although we will not be organising our usual *whole* school trip, every year group will be taking children out, either to the seaside, the zoo/safari park or a theme park... so look out for details.

Thank you for the feedback about our current Friday afternoon arrangements. We will send out an update on this tomorrow (Friday 7 May 2021).



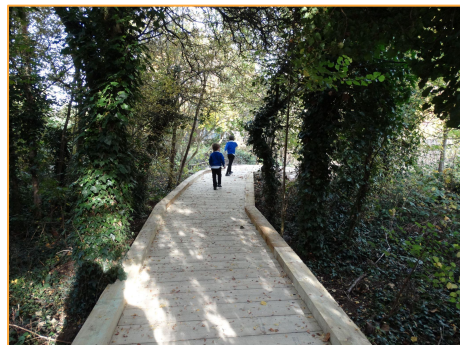
Jemal

Year 6

Food and Fun Easter Camp

Monday, 12th to
Thursday 15th April 2021

Story
telling
with
Sola



Forest
School

Arts and Crafts

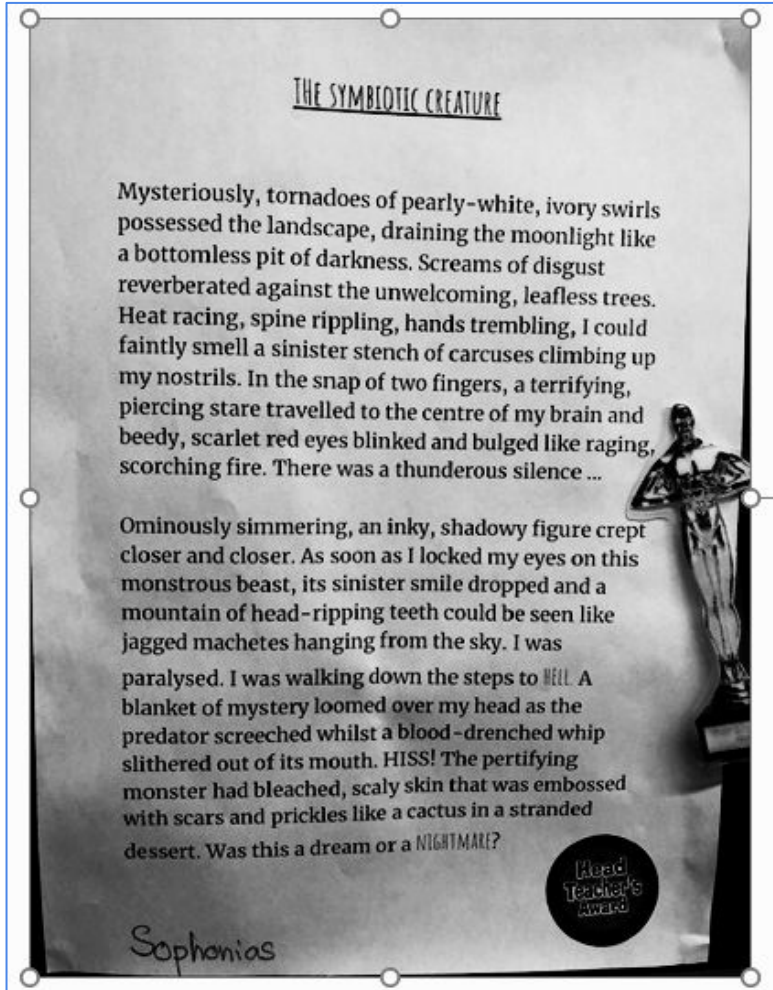


Over 110
children
attended

Thanks to staff
for supporting this project



Sophonias in Year 6 did this exceptional piece of writing.



Mysteriously, tornadoes of pearly white, ivory swirls possessed the landscape, draining the moonlight like a bottomless pit of darkness. Screams of disgust reverberated against the unwelcoming, leafless trees. Heart racing, spine rippling, hands trembling, I could faintly smell a sinister stench of carcasses climbing up my nostrils. In the snap of two fingers, a terrifying, piercing stare travelled to the centre of my brain and beady scarlet red eyes blinked and bulged like raging, scorching fire. There was a thunderous silence.....

Sophonias got the Headteacher's Award sticker and this piece of work is proudly displayed on the board outside Ms Ferdinand's office for all to see.



Spotlight on Year 6!



Would you rather by Jemaryl

Would you rather be with Michael Jackson for one day or Elvis Presley?

Would you rather eat only waffles for one day or only pancakes?

Would you rather go to Britain's largest go-kart or Britain's largest laser tag?

Year 6 Egg drop Challenge! By Zaina

Year 6 did an egg-citing egg drop challenge! Hawk and Woodpecker made things out of various materials such as newspaper, cardboard, bubble wrap and lots more. They were excited and very confident when they first heard about it and they wanted to get really good material so they could use it to protect their eggs from breaking.

Here are some quotes from the children:

Khepria: I felt confident because my group worked hard together and we tried to make our egg container as protective as we could, but our egg still broke.

Lauren: I thought it was going to work because I was very clever about the progress and the work I put in. I protected it and I wrapped it into loads of tape, toilet paper and cling film.

Rafiq: I made it to the end but I fell and it cracked!

How Covid affected Year 6 By Ayan Abdul

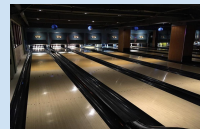
We all know that Covid has had a huge impact on school life, especially on those of us in Year 6. School trips, SATs, the responsibility of sitting on the benches in assembly and more, have all been cancelled due to lockdown.

Firstly, I will discuss how Covid affected our SATs. They were one of our main focuses this year. Unfortunately, Corona doesn't have any mercy and unremorsefully ruined our chances of possibly having a go at sitting the SATs. I find it frustrating, since I believe SATs would have definitely boosted our confidence for Year 7.

Secondly, I would like to explain how Covid has affected school trips. Participating in fun activities has not been an option this year. IntoUniversity was fortunately not cancelled but moved online (Google Classroom). However, it still would have been nice to do the workshop face to face. Also, events like bowling and jump In could have taken place but Covid-19 just isn't that rewarding.

Last, but not least, is the responsibility of sitting on the benches in assembly! This was what we were looking forward to most when we first started Year 6. Not having assembly in the hall is very disappointing. There are multiple benefits to sitting on the bench. It gives Year 6 children a sense of leadership and responsibility. Being one of Ms Ferdinand's helpers sets a great example for the younger children.

Overall, Covid has strongly affected Year 6 children, as well as the school in general, but we are still having a great time in our school.



5 fantastic facts about life at The Willow by Deniz

1. **ERIC TIME!** Basically, this is just a moment for you to relax and get your favourite book and read!
2. **ICT** is a really enjoyable lesson where you learn about new technology and programmes, e.g Scratch.
3. Our class **book corners** are loaded with so many different books! Some also have so many cute stuffed animals and warm cozy blankets just in case!
4. The **playground** is a really fun place to enjoy and have a break from lessons. There is equipment such as a pole, two climbing frames and a swing.
5. **BURGER WEDNESDAY!** On Wednesdays, we have burgers and chips! Mmmm!

Can you find all the
words in this
Year 6 word search?

W	C	Z	G	Y	Q	V	G	X	J	K	D	M	P	S
L	O	K	O	S	O	D	N	Z	H	U	E	M	X	M
C	R	O	A	S	A	H	A	K	V	Q	R	O	U	H
B	O	T	D	P	B	A	V	K	S	X	U	Q	G	F
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HAWK
WOODPECKER
MATURED
SATS
MENTOR
RESPONSIBLE
INDEPENDENT
COMPETITIVE
QUALITY
MUGA
PENDARRREN
INCREDIBLE

National Survey of children - The Big Ask

please complete by Wednesday 19 May



Why? To record children's views on Covid '19

Who for? *Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.*

How? ONLINE survey - 5-10 minutes max. Adults can do this too.

Age groups? 4-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13-17, 18+

Where can I find details?

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



Dame Rachel de Souza

Thank you for continuing to send us great feedback on how we are doing.

I just wanted to take the time to thank you for everything you're doing now and have done over lockdown.

Thanks to every single person who thought of us, and wanted to help.

I hope you are well. I just wanted to say that yesterday X came home with an envelope, with a uniform voucher. Just wanted to say **THANK YOU 🙏**

We really appreciate your support. You all are just so amazing, at supporting our children at school and at home.

Thank you again for all your support and hard work. It really is so appreciated.

Thank you so much team, Reception classes and Willow staff. You have done so well at supporting us all through this.

All staff, Just a note to say thank you so much for all your hard work, love, support and kindness you have shown over the last few years.



Attendance



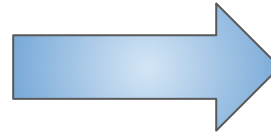
Class	Week Ending 30 th April 2021	Week Ending 23 rd April 2021
Butterfly	93.7	95.4
Frog	98.0	98.8
Rabbit	99.3	96.4
Squirrel	99.6	97.0
Fox	99.6	97.8
Hedgehog	96.8	99.1
Buttercup	97.0	97.7
Primrose	90.8	92.0
Bluebell	97.5	93.3
Lily	100.0	99.2
Cuckoo	98.3	96.97
Owl	95.3	99.2
Hawk	99.3	98.7
Woodpecker	96.3	97.5

Winner with over 98% attendance for 2 weeks in a row...

Frog
Lily
Hawk

At the end of every term we hold an End of Term Award Assembly. Children receive awards for:

- **Effort** (for exceptional effort in any subject or their attitude to learning)
- **Sportsperson** (for showing skills, attitude or improvement in sports)
- **Progress** (for outstanding progress in any subject or behaviour)
- **Citizenship** (for showing care, support or kindness)
- **Creative Artist** (for skills, progress or effort in any creative work - dance, music, art, writing, etc)
- **Pupil of the Term** (for excellence throughout the term)



Butterfly – The WHOLE class
Frog - The WHOLE class
Rabbit – Eliza C.
Squirrel – Amira I.
Hedgehog – Zen A.
Fox – Amira H.S.

Buttercup – Kuzey B.
Primrose - Anamaria N.
Bluebell - Maymuna I.
Lily – Jason A.
Cuckoo – Meriam N.
Owl – Prince A.
Hawk – Khepria K.
Woodpecker – Abdullah M.D.

Amy Nurturing Award - 'Showing you care'


Amy Athwal-Kirby attended our school from September 2012 until July 2019.

In December 2020, our beloved Amy sadly died in her sleep of sudden heart failure - she was just 12 years old.

Amy was a really kind and caring young girl. She is fondly remembered at our school for her amazing loving and caring attitude, and her exceptional artistic talent.

We want to honour Amy and to make sure her memory lives on in our school and so we have developed an Award in her name.

At the end of each term, one child in year 6 will be given this Award to recognise their Nurturing attitude.

We want to support Amy's family to help raise awareness of undiagnosed heart conditions by supporting CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). See link 



*The Amy Nurturing Award
'Showing you care'*

Is being Awarded to

Frankie Le May

Frankie is nurturing towards his classmates and cares about the classroom environment. He is always willing to help other children and adults and his enthusiasm for learning is infectious.

Well done Frankie!

This Award is in loving memory of our beloved Amy Athwal-Kirby.
Cheeky, funny, strong-willed and kind. She showed care and love to all. We love her and miss her.



To donate to Amy's fundraiser visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amyindiaroseathwal-kirby>

Did you know... Interesting Facts about Islam

Did you know...

- Islam means “surrender” or “submission”
- Haji pilgrimage This is the annual pilgrimage to the Kaaba in Mecca. Every Muslim should do this pilgrimage at least once in their life, and every year about 3 million Muslims from all over the world go there
- Islam is the second largest religion in the world.
- Muslims should pray 5 times a day.
- The Islamic calendar started in 622 AD.
- Islam, Judaism, and Christianity all date back to Abraham.
- The Quran speaks about tolerance between Muslims and non-Muslims.
- Indonesia has the largest Muslim population.
- Both pork and alcohol are forbidden.
- Muslim means ‘anyone or anything that surrenders itself to the will of God.’



**A letter to
young people
from Gavin
Williamson
MP, Secretary
of State for
Education**



I wanted to let you all know how grateful I am for the way you have responded to the huge challenges you have all faced throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Whether this is your first year at school or your final year of college, I know the disruption you have all faced to your education since the pandemic began has been incredibly challenging and has meant completely changing the way you learn - either learning remotely at home or continuing at school or college with fewer of your friends around you and lots of safety measures in place.

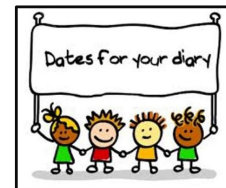
Whether you were at home or at school, the disruption last term and throughout last year asked a lot of you and your families. I am filled with admiration for the incredible way you all responded and the resilience you have shown. Not being in school or college with your teachers and friends was a huge sacrifice. Everything you did, with the help of your families and your schools and colleges, and everything you missed out on – time in school, taking exams, seeing friends, playing sport and much more - made such a huge difference to helping us stop the spread of the virus. I want to say a huge thank you to all of you.

Getting all young people back into school and college safely has been my priority throughout the pandemic. I know how vital it is not just for your education but also to spend time with your friends and to feel happy and secure. All our lives have changed a lot in the past year but the challenges that young people have faced have been some of the hardest. I will continue doing everything in my power to make sure that all of you are supported to boost any areas of work you've had less time at school to study, get the qualifications you deserve and have the opportunities you need to succeed.

I was delighted to see the enthusiasm with which so many of you returned to school at the beginning of March and I am sure you have had a wonderful few weeks catching up with your friends and teachers. It was fantastic to meet pupils delighted to return to school on my visits to schools like Arden Academy and Bedford Free School and to see so many more of your reunions on social media. I hope that the new term will be just as enjoyable and successful for all of you.

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP, Secretary of State for Education

Useful Dates and Information for Parents/Carers



Term Dates:

Half term
HOLIDAY from
Monday 31 May
until Monday 7
June 2021.

Pupils return
TUESDAY 8
JUNE 2021 to
school



Special Events:

Broadwater Farm Demolition Update
Wednesday 12 May, 9am by zoom -
details will be sent by text

Thursday/Friday
13/14 May
Eid Al Fitr celebrations in school

Other important dates (TBC):

Monday 12 July - class swap & meet
new teacher morning

Wednesday 14 July - KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 15 July KS2 Sports Day

(We hope families can attend)

Monday 19 July - parent/carer afternoon

Just for parents/carers:

Friday 28 May from 9am
until 10am, *Broadwaters'*
Parents and Carers Group
invite you for a coffee/tea
and biscuits on the grass
area next to the reception
playground.

ALL welcome, free tea
and coffee supplied,
social event limited to 30
people attending in line
with current government
restrictions

Information for Parents/Carers - Head injuries - ALWAYS inform us if your child was hurt outside school



Signs and symptoms of concussion

Signs of a concussion usually appear within a few minutes or hours of a head injury. But occasionally they may not be obvious for a few days, so it's important to look out for any problems in the days following a head injury.

Symptoms include:

- a headache that does not go away or is not relieved with painkillers
- dizziness
- feeling or being sick
- memory loss – you may not remember what happened before or after the injury
- clumsiness or trouble with balance
- unusual behaviour – becoming irritated easily or sudden mood swings
- feeling stunned, dazed or confused, or struggling to stay awake
- changes in your vision – such as blurred vision, double vision or "seeing stars"

Concussion can be harder to spot in babies and young children. Important symptoms to look out for are changes in their normal behaviour after a head injury, such as:

- crying a lot
- differences in their feeding or sleeping habits
- a loss of interest in people or objects

School photo information for Parents/Carers



School photos

Children had their **class group photos** and **individual photos** taken Wednesday 5 May. All parents/carers should have **received a ticket for their child** sent by the photographers, Kittle. **The ticket** has details on **how to view the photos and purchase, if desired**.

Contact details are on the ticket for Kittle who manage all enquiries (the school holds no tickets/details).

I didn't receive my ticket/I lost it - What should I do?

Don't worry. By Friday 14 May the school should receive DUPLICATE tickets/photo proofs to send home with your child, for ordering (if desired).

What happens after I have ordered online with Kittle?

If you order by Friday 21 May 2022, Kittle will guarantee to send your photo order to the school (for you to collect) with no additional postage costs. If you are unable to do this, you can still order photos to be delivered direct to your home address but you will need to pay additional costs for post and packaging.

What if my child was ill/not at school?

The school hopes to have Kittle back to do more photographs in November 2021 and your child will be prioritised then for an individual photo.



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Promoting the importance of children's speech,
language and communication with The
Communication Trust.

