



Willow Wonders

Monthly updates, news and information

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WILLOW PARK WINNER!!!!

A huge congratulations to LS in Pine Class who has been announced as the overall winner of the national 100 Word Competition. There were entries from all 100 OFG schools. The judging panel (including Iqbal Hussain who is the author of Waterstone's Children's Book of the Month 'The Night I Borrowed Time') were incredibly impressed by the standard of all of the entries, but the work by our talented Willow Park student stood out to them because of its heartfelt emotion and incredible choice of language. LS will thoroughly enjoy spending his £500 Book Voucher!

All Willow Park Staff are very proud of all students who entered the competition.



LS
Willow Park School

The 100

L's emotional account reflects his philosophical and thoughtful personality. He has managed to write about a difficult subject with dignity and softness.

Life is a beauty. You can experience it in multitudes of ways. And yes, sometimes you sit there, wondering: what if I did this, what if I did that? But in the end, you realise, those choices made you. You. All those friends you had cherished along the way, all that fun you had doing those things you most enjoyed in life. But, alas, life eventually comes to an end. So, as you sit there, happily watching the birds fly by under the endless sky, as all the memories flush, as a final, peaceful breath escapes into the cooling breeze.



Term dates

Break up for half term holiday - Friday 22nd May Back to school - Monday 1st June
Break up for summer holiday - Friday 17th July (1pm)



Students have been making the most of the sunshine this month. They have been engaging in learning a range of fun new skills.



Functional Skills



Very well done to all students who have completed their Functional Skills maths and English exams. We are confident that everyone has done very well.



Fun on the farm!



Hazel Class enjoyed a day out at Mead Open Farm. They met all of the animals, ordered their own lunches in the restaurant and then went on the play equipment.



A warm welcome to all of our new students. The inclusion team have been so impressed with how well they are settling in to the Willow Park community.

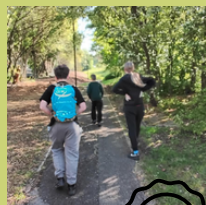
Welcome!



Roman villa visit
Pine students visited the Roman Villa at Bancroft. They were fascinated by the ancient building techniques.

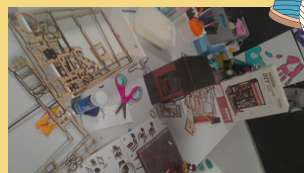
Fun Run!

Elm Class have been enjoying regular runs together. Their tri-athlete tutor Connor has been left behind!



AQA Unit Awards

Students have chosen to gain awards in fashion design, drama, history... the list goes on!



Our students have shown just how talented they are in food tech, art, music, craft and P.E.



Podcast Part 2...!

Our Podcast host from Sakura Class entertained us again with this month's Podcast. This time, he chatted to a Chestnut Class student about a wide range of topics. They came up with great ideas and shared their opinions about their experiences at Willow Park.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Our Future Pathways lead, Angel, has set up an exciting opportunity for students to apply for the job of 'Student Ambassador'. Those who are interested will be helped to develop their communication, organisation and team building skills.



Our Core Values



Belong

We create a community where every pupil feels seen, safe and included. Relationships are the starting point for learning.

Commit

We expect and model effort, attendance and perseverance. Staff and pupils stick with the plan, even when it is hard.

Achieve

We focus on meaningful progress in learning, wellbeing and life skills so that every pupil moves towards a positive future.

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined our first Parents/Carers Forum this month.

Your views are incredibly important and highly valued.

Everyone is welcome to the next meeting - to talk to us or just have a cuppa and listen!

Contact Sandra or Vicki for details.

