

Willaston Primary School

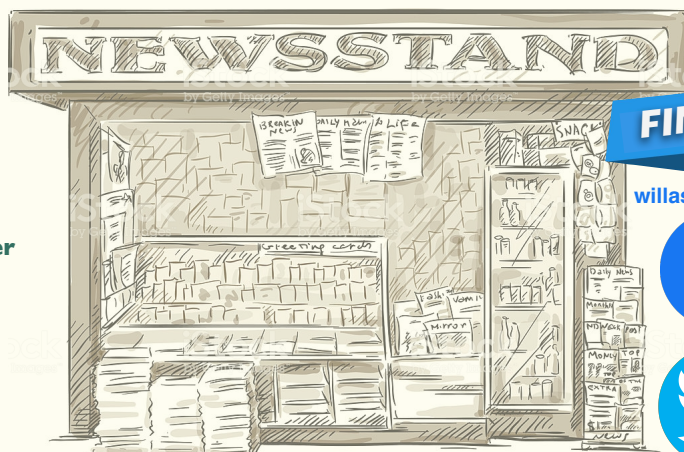
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

Dates for Your Diary

- 03.03.23 Daffodil Judging in School
 - 09.03.23 Isle Listen sessions in School
 - 10.03.23 Lempen Puppet Theatre Visit
 - 17.03.23 Red Nose Day 2023
 - 21.03.23 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit
 - 24.03.23 Girls Football Tournament (details to follow)
 - 30.03.23 Gareth Morewood Visit (details to follow)
 - 31.03.23 Gareth Morewood Visit (details to follow)
 - wc 03.04.23 Parents' Appointments Week (more info to follow)
 - 06.04.23 Close for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm
- This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website will soon show a live calendar of events - check it out**

Message from Mr Kelly

I trust that everyone enjoyed their half-term break. We finished last half-term on a high with a flurry of activities in the last week including a PAWS Valentines Disco for the children and the MSPCA fundraiser "Dress As An Animal Day." The new half-term has kick-started in ferocious fashion, and just this week we have started new topics; been visited by FC Isle of Man; celebrated World Book Day; and held our annual Daffodil Competition in collaboration with Douglas Borough Council. The Willaston Way is nothing, if not action packed! There is plenty more planned for throughout March and I hope this newsletter gives a flavour of everything to come.

As I promised, Willaston School will continue to spread positivity about the wonderful work that your children do here, and one way we can do that is through social media. Many parents love to see pictures of their children and find joy in seeing that they are happy and successful during the day - Facebook can act as this positive shop window into the life of the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that they are able to give or rescind permission for images of their children to appear on our socials or website at any time. School will always comply with parent's wishes. I'm aware that social media can occasionally present challenges, and I'd like to thank those parents who raised a concern recently - by working together we have taken steps to address these concerns. My door is always open for any parent who wishes to raise any matter with me - whether it's social media or something completely different, please do feel able to speak with me and I'll do my utmost to help. I hope you enjoy the newsletter & reading about everything that's going on! With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

Please remember our school uniform expectations and please encourage your child to wear it well - tucked in, clean, and worn with black school style shoes! A handy uniform reminder is printed on the back of this newsletter.

We'd like to give a HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who helped run the Valentine's Disco last half-term! The children had a great time... we couldn't have done it without you!

Breakfast Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club please make sure that an adult brings them all the way inside the building. We are concerned that some children, including some of our youngest, are dropped in the car park or playground. We need a proper "handover" so that we know who we have and can make sure we keep them safe. The Breakfast Club staff have also reviewed their ability to serve breakfast, and clear away, in the time available with the number of children we have attending. Breakfast will finish at 8.20am and updated signage and reminders will be produced to reflect this.

UPDATE

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 17th March. Willaston School will be taking part by organising a "Mad Hair Day!" Look out for a letter from Mrs Lace with all the details!

SAVE THE DATE

Parents' Appointments

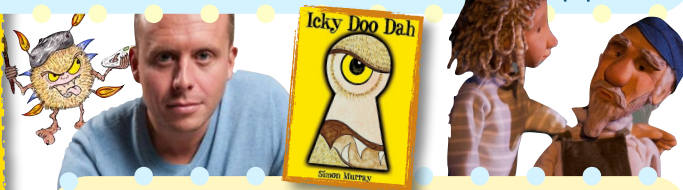
Parent's appointments will take place w/c 3/4/23. We will be in touch later this month to let you know when our online booking system opens and you will be able to log into Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to find an available slot with your child's teacher.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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Willaston School enjoyed a brilliant World Book Day - each child was given a potato and asked to decorate it as a character from a book. We had Paddington Bear, Harry Potter, and everything in between! To continue the celebration of books and to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, every pupil has received a £1 book token which is redeemable in all well known bookshops across the island. The voucher is coming home with this newsletter so do keep an eye out for it!



Fantastic Experiences For Our Pupils

One way in which we enhance the curriculum for our pupils at Willaston School is by planning additional learning experiences for them. During March all pupils will have the opportunity to benefit from visits from the Lempen Puppet Theatre and book illustrator Simon Murray.

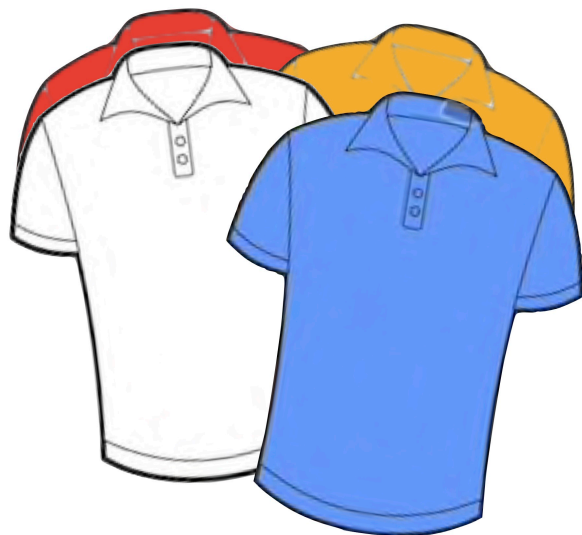
On 10th March all pupils will be invited to watch a performance by the Lempen Theatre who will set up a production in the school hall. The Lempen Theatre Company tour their own unique brand of original stories told with puppets. Imaginative, spellbinding, surprising and sometimes bonkers, Lempen focus on puppetry, storytelling, light, music and a journey that takes audiences there and back again.

Children's author and illustrator Simon Murray will be visiting Willaston School on 21st March to work with each class to inspire their writing, reading and art skills.

Simon will be sharing his latest story featuring the character "Icky Doo Dah" with the children during the day and will have copies of his book available to buy for anyone interested... details to follow!



Willaston School Uniform Reminder



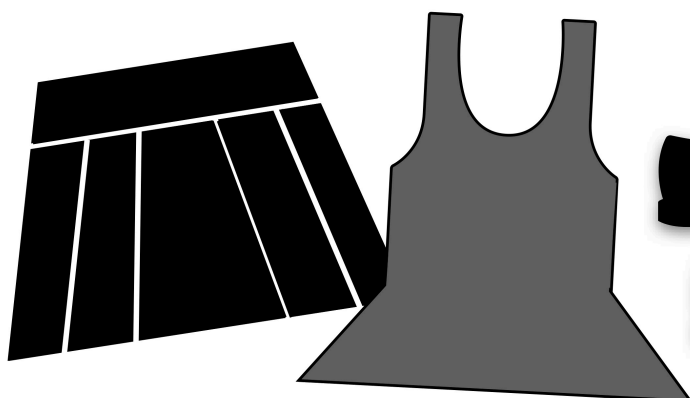
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polo shirt



Grey or black
trousers or
shorts

Lets get the little details right!

White, grey
or black
socks



Grey or black school skirt or dress



Black shoes or
plain black
trainers



Navy blue jumper or cardigan

With or without school branding and logo



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