



May 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to The Children's Hospital School newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about all the latest news across all our settings, Willow Bank School, Leicester Royal Infirmary and The Beacon Unit.

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been another busy term so far with exams for our Year 11 students having started after two years of disruption due to Covid. Everyone has risen to the challenge so far and has given their very best in the examinations already completed. I'm sure everyone will appreciate the half-term break ready for the final push when we come back.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all staff, but especially Kathryn whose job it has been to organise everything and everybody. Not only are exams happening at Willow Bank, but the teams at the Beacon and LRI have also jumped into action when Year 11 and 13 students have been admitted as inpatients.

The government has recently published its SEND Green Paper after a review taking several years. There is a consultation process ending in July and it is important for all voices to be heard, including parents and carers. Please follow the link below to access the documents and details about the consultation.

[SEND review consultation](#)

There is lots planned for after half-term including our very first Duke of Edinburgh expedition, the Year 11 leavers' assembly and the return of our annual trip to Drayton Manor.

I hope you have a good half term break with plenty of rest, and I look forward to working with you again when we return.

Best wishes

Stephen Deadman

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.



To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary there will be a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

GRANTS, DONATIONS & CHARITY EVENTS

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME



WE DID IT!! Our project came first and was chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant of £1,500 for the Willow Bank Breakfast Club.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us.



RACE FOR LIFE

A huge thank you to everyone for taking part and donating. It went really well and the students (and all staff) were ace! Obviously, some were more competitive than others!!

The total raised to date is £415.00 with £87.25 gift aid! A really great total for a school as small as ours.



CARLTON HAYES

Thank you to The Carlton Hayes Mental Health Charity for making a grant payment of £2,000 towards the cost of purchasing items for social events and 2 Apple iPads.



FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING!

Staff at The Beacon School have been actively fundraising in their own time, to provide therapeutic activities for the young people on the ward. They were pleased to receive a huge amount of donations from individuals and businesses and raised an amazing £810!

Many thanks to all who donated or purchased a raffle ticket.



DofE

Thanks to the £1000 contribution from the Edith Murphy Fund Leicester, we have started to purchase expedition equipment and resources for students completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



NEWS FROM THE BEACON

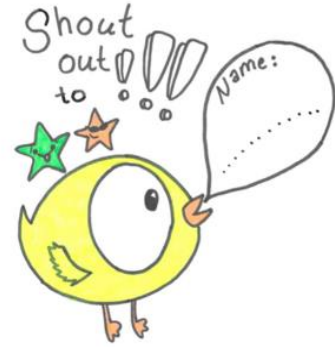
DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Students at The Beacon have enjoyed putting their fashion designs to the test making lifesize 3D sculptures! With thanks to Sian Watson, our Artist in Residence, courtesy of Attenborough Arts, Leicester.



BEACON 'BIG SHOUT OUTS'

This term's 'Big Shout Outs' were awarded for:
Improved attendance!
Fantastic engagement in 'Talk About' sessions!
An amazing watercolour painting!
A fantastic speech for your Spoken Language Assessment!



NEWS FROM WILLOW BANK SCHOOL

NEW ROOF

The installation of the new roof at Willow Bank School continues at pace, although work has had to stop to allow the school to undertake their GCSE and other examinations.

Contractors from M&J Group will be back in June to finish it off.



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Monday 20th June at 10:00am (to be confirmed)

Featuring Ailsa Coull from Prevent speaking about the work they do and Jags Katwa who is a Supporting Family Advisor from the Department of Works and Pensions and helps families access the support they need. We will continue to host this via Teams so please contact the office if you are interested in joining the meetings so you can be sent a link.



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MORE NEWS FROM WILLOW BANK SCHOOL

STUDENT HUB JUBILEE DECORATIONS

The Student Hub area has been decorated at Willow Bank School to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.



JUBILEE CAKE

Lots of fun was had at Willow Bank School baking a Jubilee cake.



TRIPS

EDALE RESIDENTIAL

Friday 1st July – Sunday 3rd July 2022

This visit is organised by the 'Youth Hostel Association' – an organisation that specialises in offering students the opportunity to develop their confidence and self-esteem. Students will take part in a variety of activities focussing on teamwork and confidence building. These will include outdoor activities such as; archery, fire building, and so on.

Students will be staying at the 'YHA Edale' site, based in Derbyshire.



DRAYTON MANOR

Monday 27th June 2022

The day will be all about promoting positive relationships and feelings of health and happiness. It is also an opportunity for students to relax and celebrate a successful year before parting ways for the summer holidays.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your children may be eligible for free school meals if you receive:

- > income support
- > income-based jobseekers allowance
- > income-related employment and support allowance
- > national asylum seeker support
- > child tax credit (providing you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- > the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- > working tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

Applying could also help your school get extra funding through the Government's Pupil Premium scheme.

Visit: <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk>
[Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council](#)

TERM DATES 2021-22

Summer Term 2022

Half term holiday: 30th May 2022 to 3rd June 2022
Last day of summer term: Friday 8th July 2022

TERM DATES 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Start of term for pupils: Tuesday 30th August 2022
Half term holiday: 17th October to 21st October 2022
Last day of Autumn term: Friday 16th December 2022
Christmas Holiday: 19th December to 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Start of term for pupils: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half term holiday: 20th February to 24th February 2023
Last day of Spring term: Friday 31st March 2023
Easter Holiday: 3rd April to 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Start of term for pupils: Monday 17th April 2023
May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023
Half term holiday: 29th May to 2nd June 2023
Last day of Summer term: Friday 14th July 2023

