



Dear Willow Bank Families,

Welcome to another exciting week at Willow Bank Primary School! We have a lot of fantastic events and activities lined up for our children and families. Here's what's happening in the week ahead:

Tuesday 5th March: Rock Kidz Performance and Class Workshops

We are all very excited because on Tuesday, March 5th, Rock Kidz will be leading workshops for classes across the school and performing in the school hall. Children and staff are invited to come dressed up as their favourite rock star to add to the fun and excitement of the day.



Thursday, March 7th: World Book Day

It's time to celebrate the joy of reading because Thursday, March 7th, is World Book Day! We invite all parents to join us in school to share a book with your child from 8:40 to 9:10 am. There will be a special assembly next week dedicated to the love of books, and students will have the opportunity to participate in buddy reading sessions with another class, where they can share their favourite stories.

Assessment for Learning: Next week, most children will be completing their termly summative assessments across the school. These assessments, alongside their learning in books, and contributions in the classroom enable us to map each child's progress, strengths, and areas for improvement and also inform the planning and interventions for the coming weeks. Please support your child's learning at home by reading with them every day and encouraging them to complete their home learning to help embed the learning that has taken place in the classroom.



Spring Term Parents' Evenings: As you are aware, our forthcoming parents' evenings will be held on March 20th and 21st for all classes (except Year 6). Please ensure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher via the Arbor App and contact the school office if you are having any difficulties. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress across the curriculum and learn how best to support them at home.

We are looking forward to a week filled with learning, creativity, and celebration at Willow Bank Primary School. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



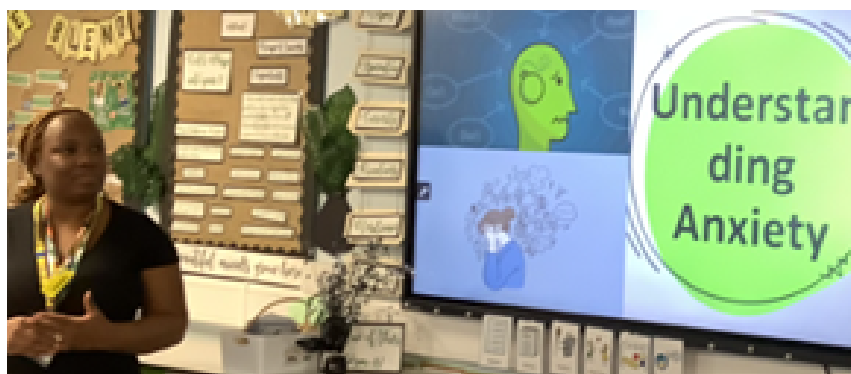
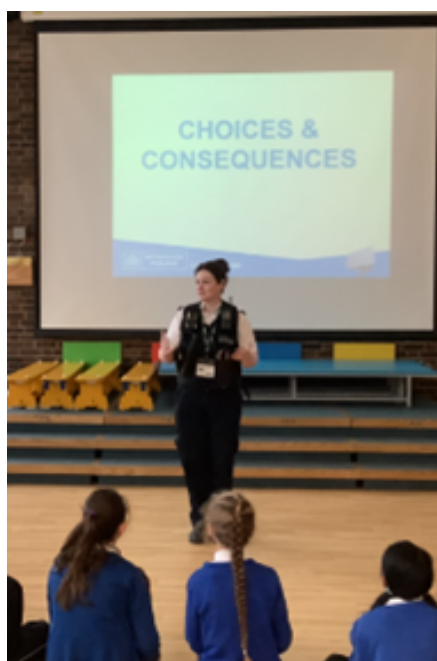
Personal Development

At Willow Bank Primary school, we believe that building students' confidence is key to their success in the future. Therefore, we create weekly lessons that focus on personal development. These sessions provide a platform for open discussions on serious topics, allowing children to express their thoughts and ideas. These conversations not only enhance their understanding of the world but also contribute to the development of essential life skills. Regular school assemblies play a crucial role in boosting confidence and fostering a sense of community. Our assemblies celebrate achievements, highlight individual talents, and reinforce positive values.

Our school also organizes workshops led by experienced professionals to guide students in understanding and managing their mental well-being effectively. To further support our students, we have a dedicated mental well-being coach Miss S White, who works closely with individuals and groups and provides guidance and support to students in need.

Beyond the classroom, we believe in the power of experiential learning. Our school trips offer students opportunities to explore the world around them, broaden their horizons, and develop essential life skills such as teamwork and adaptability. Moreover, we offer a wide range of clubs and extracurricular activities catering to diverse interests. Whether it's sports, arts, STEM, or community service, there's something for every child to discover and excel in.

We believe by supporting personal development, we enable our pupils to succeed in all of future endeavours.





Reception

Magnolia have been focussing on teamwork this week. We have been talking about how we can work as a team in the classroom, why that's important and have been using a parachute to see the things we can achieve when we work as a team.



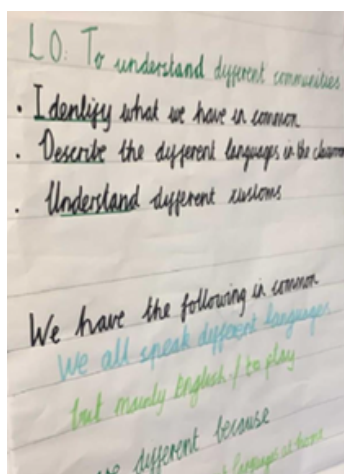
Year 1

In year 1, the children have been exploring the book 'There's only one you'. The children looked at why everyone is unique and focused on what makes them unique and special! The children enjoyed using the camera app to take a photo of themselves and annotated what makes them unique!



Year 2

In year 2, we have been looking at what belonging to a community means. The children have asked lots of questions and used their own experience to explore their own role within the community. We used the example of the school community. The children agreed that we must work together to function as a cohesive inclusive group. We recorded a Showbie video to describe different roles within the school and the wider community. We concluded the three most important points are: inclusion, feeling valued and appreciating others.



Year 3

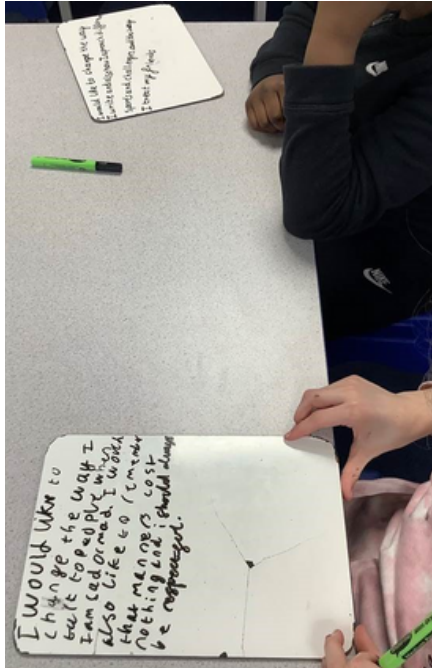


In Year 3, we have been looking at friendships as part of our Personal Development lessons. We started by examining the qualities and characteristics we want our friends to have. After identifying what qualities we look for in our friends, we then looked at different ways in which we could resolve any conflicts which may arise with our friends. We recognised different strategies in which we could successfully resolve our conflicts.



Year 4

Year 4 have been discussing changes we would like to make to be valued members of our community. We reflected on some of our actions and set ourselves targets on things we would like to work on over the next term.



Year 5



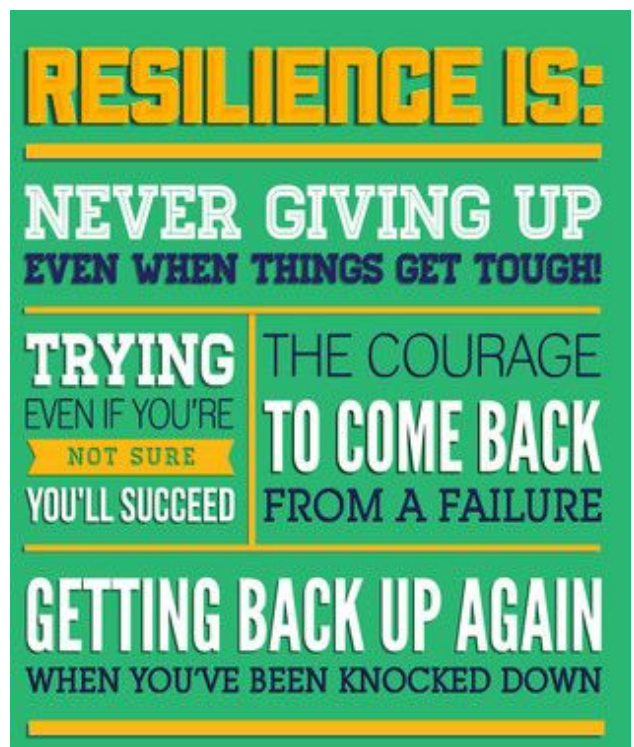
In year 5, children have been discussing to identify different jobs that they might like to do in the future. They are also talking about how ambition might help someone to achieve their professional goals and how or why someone might choose a certain career. Also, they have been learning how to stay safe on the internet.

Year 6



On Monday 19th February, year 6 were fortunate enough to have a workshop with the Transport for London (TfL) Citizens team around safe and responsible travel, as part of their secondary school transition preparations. The purpose was to educate students about personal safety, respect, responsibility, and awareness both on and around public transport. The workshop covers areas like journey planning, active travel choices (such as cycling and walking), using different modes of transport in London, ticketing (including the Zip Oyster photocard), how to identify a safe person if they need help, showing respect for members of staff and other passengers and it raised awareness of possible dangers and personal safety.

OUR CORE VALUE FOR SPRING 2 IS RESILIENCE

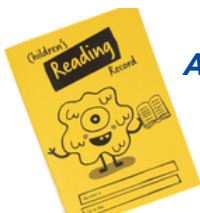




EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning

Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am

All parents and carers welcome!



We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read.

If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.



Key Dates

Next week:

Tuesday 05/03/2024: - Rock Kidz

Thursday 07/03/2024: - World Book Day



Friday 08/03/2024: 9am - 9:30am Y5 Walnut Class Sharing Assembly

Upcoming events:

Friday 15/03/2024: - 9am - 09:30am Y4 Laburnum Class Sharing Assembly

Monday 18/03/2024: Y6 only Parents Evening

Wednesday 20/03/2024 & Thursday 21/03/2024: Parents Evening

Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 96.0%	★ Yew - 98.0%
Hornbeam - 93.0%	★ Redwood - 97.0%
★ Laburnum - 98.0%	Almond - 95.5%
★ Hazel - 98.0%	Walnut - 94.0%
★ Larch - 97.0%	★ Sycamore - 97.0%
 	

A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

All our children are able to write a slip and post it into the box, which is checked by the well-being team.

Each child is given a certain amount of time to talk to a member of wellbeing. In this time children are free to talk about whatever they wish.

This gives each and every child an opportunity to have 1:1 time.

