



Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope you have all enjoyed the wonderful sunshine this week – it has certainly lifted our spirits around school!

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming English Leaders from eight Bexley schools as part of our oracy development journey. Visitors had the opportunity to observe Talk Boost sessions in EYFS and Year 1, as well as an English lesson in Year 6, where the children were exploring the thoughts and feelings of Macbeth. The feedback we received was incredibly positive, with one visitor commenting:



"I loved seeing the enthusiasm and confidence of your children with their speaking and listening. They showed respect to each other and were deep thinkers."

We are so proud of how our children continue to develop their articulation and express themselves with growing confidence and maturity.

This morning, Yew Class treated us to a fantastic sharing assembly, where they confidently showcased their learning from across the curriculum – and even wowed us with their singing expertise! Thank you to all the parents who joined us – your support is always much appreciated.



On Tuesday, we held our second Stay and Play session, and it was a real pleasure to welcome families into school. Parents enjoyed a chance to chat over a cup of tea while the children explored a range of toys and books. These sessions are open to all – please do pop in and join us from 9:00am every Tuesday in the school hall.

Children have also enjoyed taking part in the **Mini London Marathon** over the last two weeks. Between 22nd April and 2nd May, every child has run an impressive 2 miles on the field, showing amazing effort, determination and resilience.



Next Week at WBP:

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 7th May – Hornbeam Class Trip to the Museum of London Docklands and Yew Class Local Walk

Thursday 8th May – Magnolia Class Assembly at 9:00am and Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting for parents at 5:00pm

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday.

Warm regards,

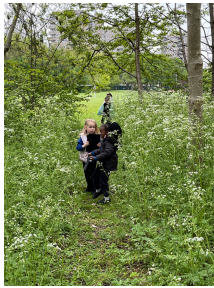
Mrs Oldfield and The Willow Bank Team



Year R

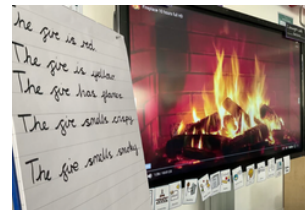
This half-term, our focus topic is In the Garden. We will be learning about a variety of plants, how they grow, and the conditions they need to thrive. The children will also explore different types of fruits and vegetables commonly found in gardens, as well as discover a range of minibeasts and their habitats.

As part of our learning, we will be taking a trip to Lidl to investigate the variety of vegetables available and take part in a fun and engaging taste-testing activity. The children have already enjoyed exploring the homes of different minibeasts and have even created their own wormeries—a hands-on experience that sparked lots of curiosity and excitement!



Year 1

This week, Year 1 students embarked on a sensory-rich journey to explore the wonders of fire in a safe and engaging way. They observed the flickering hues of orange, yellow, and blue, describing how flames dance and cast shadows. The class explored the smoky, earthy aroma often associated with fire and listened to the gentle crackles and pops that reflect its sounds. To understand fire's warmth, they discussed experiences like feeling sunlight on their skin, imagining its comforting energy.



Year 2

Year 2 had a magical time at Forest School, where they ventured into nature to write their special wishes. Surrounded by trees and birdsong, the children reflected quietly and wrote heartfelt hopes for themselves, their friends and the world around them.



Year 3

In Redwood, our hook lesson took us back to a Victorian school. We spent time within a classroom, following their school rules. They followed strict rules, wrote on chalk boards and learned through repetition—gaining a fun and memorable insight into education from the past.

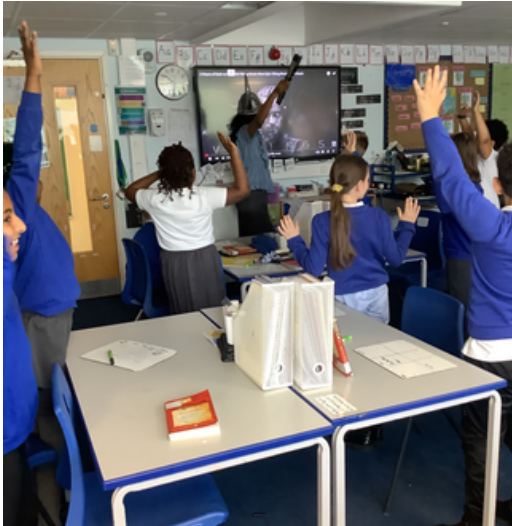
'I would not want to go to school during the Victoria time, the teachers were too strict.' - Besty





Year 4

Almond Class were peaceful villagers until chaos struck! Miss Stupples and Mrs Stewart stormed into the classroom like wild Vikings, invading their village and taking them as slaves! The children were thrust into the world of the Vikings and were forced to obey commands and complete gruelling Viking tasks. As part of their writing lesson, they had to describe how it felt to be captured, controlled and completely out of power



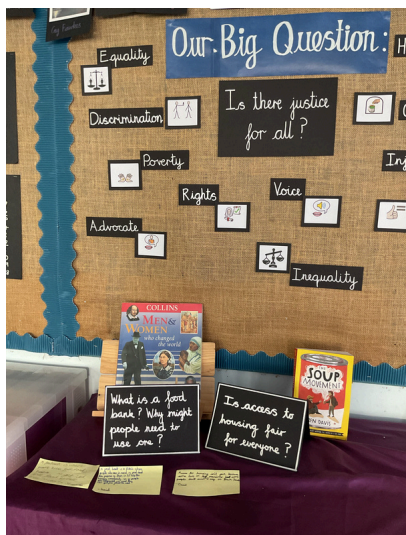
Year 5

In year 5, we are studying Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Here we looked at all the available evidence to predict who was to blame for the death of King Duncan.

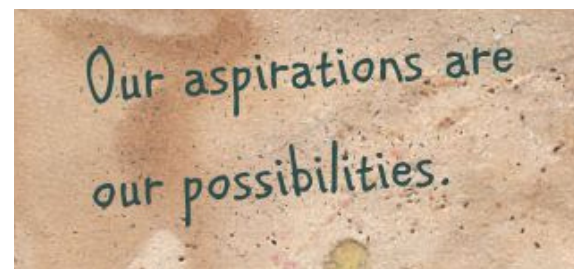


Year 6

Year 6 are exploring the topic of justice and asking 'Is there justice for all?' We are discussing projects that help the local community and are looking forward to visiting a local food bank soon to help us understand these issues further.

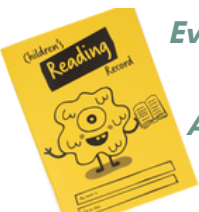


OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER TERM 1 IS **ASPIRATION**





KS1 & EYFS 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 Yr 1 & 2 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.



Well done	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 93%	Yew - 95%
Hornbeam - 91%	★ Redwood - 98%
	★ Almond - 98%
★ Hazel - 100%	★ Walnut - 97%
Larch - 94%	Sycamore - 93%
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School Reminder

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am, for Bagel Breakfast club from 8.25am - 8.35am
School gates close at precisely 8:50am. After this time, entrance is via the school office
and parents will need to sign your child/children in using the screen.

A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

As a school we provide ongoing support for the children's wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the 'Chance to chat' box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.

We also have an online form which is located on the school website named 'Chance to chat'.

The children can complete the form if they are worried about something or need some advice? A member of staff will get back to the child at school.

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MvrWB2Z-r0qnuEuN-giOI1CAPQc0X4RFje43giTliLNUOE5BWUFISE40VjBXODZYRVFITLNXVzZYNCQLQCN0PWcu>






PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID - FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

10 May 2025
09.30am to 4.30pm
The Running Horses PH, Erith
£55 per person





Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	 6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	 7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why	1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together
12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature	15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about
19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why
 26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future	

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Tea & Talk Parent Carer Support Group

Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about anything SEND.

Members and non-members are welcome

9:30am - Discussion with the Bexley Voice Team

Useful tips to help when out and about in the community

10:30am - Speakers, we will hear from:

- Learning Disability Nurse
- GOTS (Girls on the Spectrum) Group
- Fun Friends Group

1-1 Appointments available with:

- Bexley Local Offer, Officer
- Carers Support Bexley
- Early Intervention Team Manager
- Benefits Advisor from DWP

Case Officer Team 1-1 bookings:

- Linda Whiteley, Case Officer for A schools and B primary schools
- Alice Mulvihill, Case Officer for Shenstone Primary and Charlton Park
- Lucy Fairclough, Case Officer Manager

www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

Tuesday 13th May 25

**The Danson Youth Centre
Brampton Road
Bexleyheath
DA7 4EZ**

9:30am-12:30pm

- Come to all or part of the morning
- No need to book just come along
- Speak directly to the Bexley Voice Team

Advance booking only necessary for 1-1 sessions

To request a 1-1 slot go to:

<https://bit.ly/TTMAY25>

or scan the QR code for more information:

