



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at WBP Year 5 enjoyed their very own private cinema showing of Macbeth in the school hall, complete with popcorn! The children have been studying the play as part of their Tudors topic, and have also been debating who was ultimately responsible for King Duncan’s death.



In Year 6 the children have been trialling an online reading intervention called Reading Plus this half term. The children have been reading daily for 15 minutes from a selection of engaging texts to improve their fluency and comprehension skills.

This is in addition to their daily whole class reading sessions. The feedback so far has been very positive from the children, “ I really enjoy the reading plus sessions. I like using the iPads and the texts are really interesting”

We would like to remind parents of all Y6 children to submit your secondary school choices by Tuesday 31st October via the Bexley Admissions website: [Bexley School Admissions Service](#)



Children in KS2 will be sharing their learning from the Autumn term in class sharing assemblies that will take place on Friday mornings from 13th October. Parents and carers of KS2 children are invited to join us from 9:00-9:30. Please see the letter sent home today to find your child’s assembly date.

We have welcomed a number of new children to our WBP family this week and it has been lovely to see them settle into school routines and form friendships with their classmates.

Wishing you all a relaxing and sunny weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team

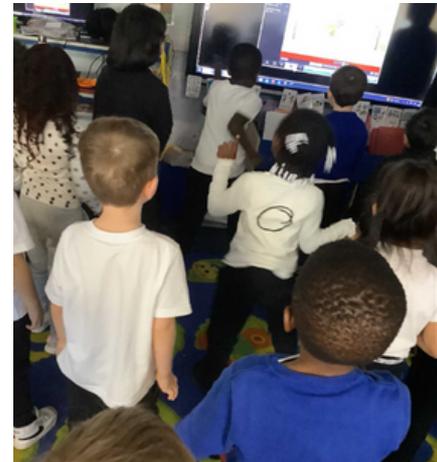


MUSIC



Year 1

In year 1 this term, the children have had fun learning the song 'Hey You'. They have enjoyed learning and finding their pulse together and working collaboratively to find the rhythm. Here is a photo of us warming up before our song and playing a copy back rhythm game!



Year 2



Year 2 have been learning how to play the recorder. We have been focusing on holding the recorder correctly, with an emphasis on blowing the instrument carefully.



Year 3



During our music lessons in year 3, we have been learning to play the ukulele. Firstly, we started with holding the ukulele correctly. We have now begun to strum the ukuleles after having identified the correct chords to play.



Year 4



We have been singing a range of songs based on the stories of the Trojan war. We have been learning about the importance of warming up our voices before singing. We have used glockenspiels to play an accompaniment to one of the songs.



Year 5

During the music lessons in Year 5, children explored different instruments from the Tudor era. They discussed about how these instruments were played and compared them to instruments we use today. Furthermore, they learned how to play the 16th-century English folk ballad Greensleeves on the ukulele. Additionally, the students showcased their musical talents by using Garage Band on iPads to play the tune of Jonathan Vinten's Tudor feast.



Year 6

In Year 6, students have embarked on a fascinating journey through the world of music, exploring the enchanting compositions of Ola Gjeilo and the timeless classics of Antonio Vivaldi. These two composers, though separated by centuries, offer a captivating contrast in musical styles and eras.

Children have had the opportunity to explore the inter-dimensional strands of these pieces, focussing on contrasts in dynamics, tempo and instruments used. Have a listen to one of these pieces: Northern Lights by Ola Gjeilo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg-TGaNKqhk>

Friday, 29th September 2023

LO: To compare two pieces of music

Steps to Success:
Listen to the pieces of music
Describe the similarities and differences between two pieces of music
Explain why I might like or dislike a piece of music

Winter: Northern Lights	Winter from the 4 seasons
• Vocals Only	• No Vocals
• Slow Tempo	• Fast Tempo
• Loud and quiet	• Alters between low and high
• Sometimes high sometimes low	• Alters between loud and quiet
• No pulse	• Instrumental - mainly violin
• No instruments	• It's happy and upbeat
• It's calm	• Gradually gets louder and quieter

I prefer Winter from the four seasons because I like how fast the tempo is. I also like how upbeat the song makes me feel.



GIRLS SATURDAY SOCCER

THE GROUP IS AN INTRODUCTORY STARTER PLACE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE GIRLS WISHING TO LEARN THE BASICS OF FOOTBALL IN A FRIENDLY, SUPPORTIVE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT.



IDEALLY WITH PLAYERS OF THE SAME AGE WE PLAN TO FORM AN ALL GIRLS TEAM TO PLAY MATCHES ON SUNDAYS

VENUE: BEXLEYHEATH ACADEMY, GRAHAM ROAD, BEXLEYHEATH DA 6 7DA

TIME: 10.00AM UNTIL 11.00 AM ON A SATURDAY MORNING

FURTHER DETAILS

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JuniorReds Football Club



This activity takes place at Bexleyheath Academy on Saturday mornings.

This year we were able to form three girls football teams from this initiative.

We do, however, have some vacancies in our School Year 5 age group.

We give our time free of charge for the benefit of the children and are not a commercial organisation in any way.

We are so excited to announce that we will be back holding our popular football camp this October half term at Northumberland Heath Primary school. As well as announcing the GRAND OPENING of our Multi sports camp which will also be starting this October and be held at Limewood Primary school. All details are shown on the leaflet attached below. With new amazing deals and offers which you don't want to miss. To sign up please drop us a message or email, we look forward to seeing you all there! Please contact me on:
Phone - 07539 016184
Email - little.achievers@outlook.com



We will be asking everyone to wear something yellow and where possible to donate £1.



Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering questions. Adults will be checking reading records everyday.

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.

Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 95%	★ Yew - 97%
★ Hornbeam - 97%	Redwood - 92%
★ Laburnum - 97%	★ Almond - 99%
Hazel - 92%	Walnut - 95%
Larch - 89%	★ Sycamore 94%



Well DONE

Key Dates

Next week:

Tuesday 10/10/2023 - World Mental Health Day.
AND School Nurse visit (by appointment)

Every Thursday morning- Y5 Swimming

Forthcoming dates:

Tuesday 17.10.2023 - Reception Parents Coffee
Morning 9am - 10am

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	7	8	9	10	11
3	14	15	16	17	18
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7	28	29	30	31	



Willow Bank Primary School



Tuesday 3rd October
Tuesday 7th November
Tuesday 5th December
Tuesday 9th January

10:00 - 10:30 am
Please confirm your attendance by calling or emailing the school office

0208 320 1900
wbpoffice@watschools.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you on a tour of our school and meeting members of the Willow Bank team

