



Dear Willow Bank Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the festive season. It has been a busy time at Willow Bank, filled with exciting activities and celebrations.

Year 6 Trip to The Clink Museum: Bringing History to Life!

Our Year 6 students embarked on a thrilling educational journey to The Clink Museum in London this week. The museum's immersive experience allowed our children to step back in time from 1100s to 1700s century and explore the intriguing world of crime and punishment. They engaged in interactive exhibits, gaining a deeper understanding of historical events that brought their autumn 2 topic to life. We commend our Year 6 students for being outstanding ambassadors for our school..



Christmas Dinner at Willow Bank:



The joy of the festive season has enveloped our school, and we've been celebrating in style. Our students and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch yesterday, adorned in their festive outfits and accessories. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible kitchen staff for preparing such a delicious and enjoyable traditional Christmas dinner, complete with festive crackers.

WBP Winter Wonderland Extravaganza:

Our school community came together yesterday to create magical memories at the WBP Winter Wonderland. The event was a resounding success, featuring themed refreshments, face-painting, craft activities, and fantastic photo opportunities. We extend our gratitude to everyone who joined us, and a special thank you to our PTFA for organising this event.



Almond Class Sharing Assembly:

A round of applause for Almond Class, who presented a wonderful sharing assembly this morning. Parents and children had the chance to witness the incredible learning journey of Almond Class throughout the autumn term. Well done to the students for doing themselves proud!

Upcoming Events:

As we approach the end of term, there are still exciting events on the horizon. We invite parents to join us for the EYFS/KS1 Nativity on Wednesday, 13th December, at 2:00 pm. Additionally, the KS2 Christmas Songs performance will take place on the playground from 3:00 pm.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to celebrating these festive occasions together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the Willow Bank Team



Reception class



This term Reception have been looking at a book called 'Lets Celebrate'. We have learnt lots of festive poems about a variety of different festivals. We have learnt about Diwali and made our own rangoli patterns. We are also learning about what stories are special and why.

Year 2

This half term we have been focusing on the question - How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter? We have been learning about how we are all valuable and unique and the importance of looking after the world. We have been trying very hard to record our work using Showbie, inserting text to record our ideas as well as voice notes.

Monday 12th November 2023

GO To know what **kindness** means about caring for people.

Steps to success:

- Write words to explain how you can be a kind Samaritan.
- Talk about the other meanings of this.

Kind kind helpful generous caring thoughtful

To be a good neighbour like the Good Samaritan you can:

If someone is road too you be kind too them because they will be kind too you back.

Go to there house and give them a gift

Be Respect Smile at someone so they can smile back

Be helpful when no body is watching.
Be kind to evryone.

Monday 30th October 2023

GO To understand how we are valuable and unique.

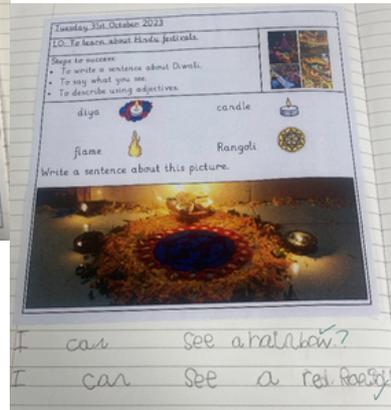
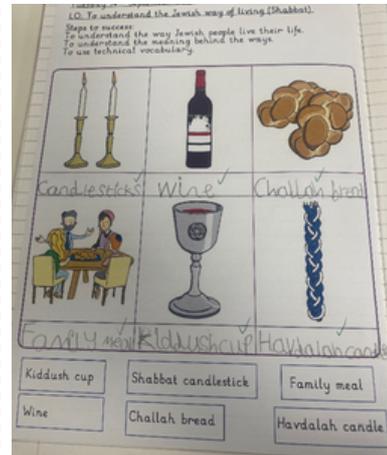
Steps to success:

- Give an example of what you will talk about the importance of children.
- Give simple examples of how people are unique and valuable.
- Describe how it feels when people are not kind.

Likes puppys
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Likes lerning
Likes ipad

Year 1

In RE this term the children have been exploring different celebrations including Shabbat and Eid-ul-Fitr, Diwali and to the lead up to Christmas, the children have explored the meaning behind advent and what each feature of a Christingle symbolises.



Year 3

Your prayer

What would you pray to God for?

What would you ask for?

In R.E, we have been learning about Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. Through our half term focus question - What do different people think about God? We have been identifying the similarities and differences between the three religions. We have been focusing on how these religions worship, including creating our own shrines.

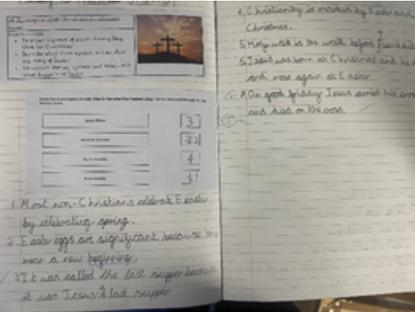


Year 4



Year 5

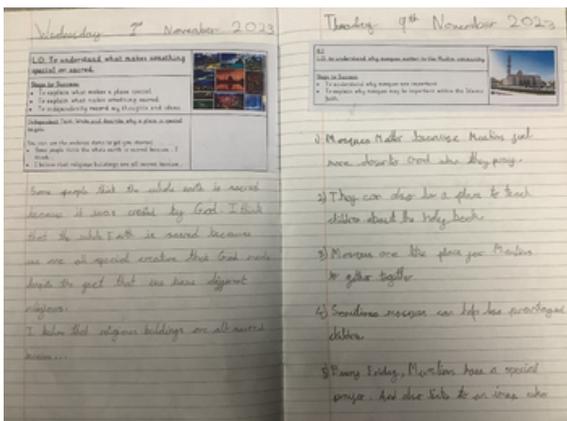
In Year 5 we have been looking at different places of worship through our question – If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship? In this lesson we are researching using iPads to create a learning poster to show off all our learning from this half term.



This term, Year 4 have been exploring how people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate festivals. We delved into religious festivals and how they intertwine with sacred rituals, fostering a sense of community and devotion, while non-religious celebrations, such as New Year's Eve or cultural festivals, emphasise on the joyous aspects of shared human experiences.

Year 6

In Year 6, students embark on a journey of cultural and religious exploration, delving into the rich traditions of Islam and Christianity. Year 6 learned about the significance of charity and compassion in the form of Zakat. Simultaneously, they explored Christian teachings on charity, focusing on concepts like love thy neighbour and the parable of the Good Samaritan. Through this comparative study, Year 6 students gain insights into the universal value of charitable acts across different belief systems, fostering empathy and a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS INTEGRITY





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 - 86.0%	Yew - 93.0%
Hornbeam - 92.0%	Redwood - 90.0%
Laburnum - 94.0%	Almond - 94.0%
Hazel - 95.0%	★ Walnut - 96.0%
Larch - 90.0%	★ Sycamore - 100%



Key Dates



Next week:

Tuesday 12/12/23 - NHS Flu Immunisation follow up & Polio/MMR injections.

Tuesday 12/12/23 & Thursday 14/12/23 - Walnut class Parents Evening

Wednesday 13/12/23 - KS1 Nativity performance time for parents 2pm - 3pm.

KS2 Christmas songs to parents 3pm - 3:30pm

Forthcoming date:

Monday 18/12/23: - CRIBS Christmas performance to the school.

Tuesday 19/12/23: -Last day of term with Non uniform day, Willow Bank's Got Talent show & class winter parties.

It's Christmas Time - Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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