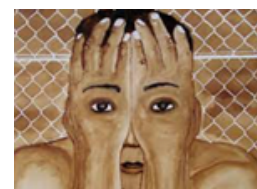




Dear Willow Bank Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we reflect on another exciting week of learning experiences at Willow Bank Primary School. Here are just a few highlights from this week:

Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly: Yesterday, we had the pleasure of attending Sycamore Class' sharing assembly, which was a wonderful celebration of their learning journey this half term. The children shared the incredible artwork of Ally Fadhel, who used coffee in a refugee camp to create beautiful paintings.



We learned how painting served as a powerful coping mechanism for Ally during challenging times. Additionally, the children engaged in thoughtful discussions, crafting their own balanced arguments on the topic of immigration.

Publishing Writing Outcomes: Across the school, children have been hard at work publishing their writing outcomes. With a focus on our core value of resilience, they have been diligently editing their drafts and refining their handwriting presentation. We're thrilled to announce that these polished pieces will soon be added to our class floor books, which we invite parents to explore during our upcoming parent evenings in the spring term.



Mental Health Workshops: Children in Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to participate in workshops delivered by the Bexley Mental Health Support Team. These sessions provided invaluable strategies for coping with worries and anxiety, empowering children to build mental strength and resilience as part of our Children's Mental Health Week activities.

New Lunch Arrangements: We extend our sincere gratitude for your perseverance and patience as we continue to embed our new lunch arrangements. The Pantry online ordering platform has been instrumental in ensuring that every child receives their preferred lunch choice each day, while also minimizing food wastage. We have been very impressed by our children, who have seamlessly adjusted to the new lunchtime systems.



Half-Term Break: As we approach the half-term break, we would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. We encourage you to take the opportunity to relax and recharge. Keep an eye out for the Youth Unity bus, stationed in Cygnet Square, which will provide a mobile sound studio for any budding musicians.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 19th February**.

Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



We are delighted to share with you the celebrations that took place here at Willow Bank Primary School during National Storytelling Week where our school community came together to celebrate the magic of storytelling.

Bedtime Story Day: On Monday, we started the week with Bedtime Story Day! Children and teachers came to school dressed in their pyjamas, ready to get stuck into some stories. Throughout the day, classes enjoyed reading sessions in our school library, fostering a love for reading and imagination.

Parent Story Sharing Morning: Thursday morning was dedicated to Parent Story Sharing. We welcomed parents and guardians into our classes for children to share their favourite classroom stories with their adults from home. It was heartwarming to see families come together to celebrate the magic of storytelling.



Whole School Buddy Reading: This was a day of collaboration as students took part in Whole School Buddy Reading. Older students paired up with younger ones to read together, promoting reading skills and creating a sense of community across our classes.



Class and Teacher Story Sharing Assembly: The highlight of the week was our special assemblies, where each class had the opportunity to share their favourite story with the whole school. Students showcased their storytelling talents and shared the magic of their chosen tale. Our teachers also had the opportunity to share their favourite stories, inspiring students with their passion for literature.



We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and creativity shown by our students and staff throughout National Storytelling Week.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support in fostering a love for literacy in our school community.



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.




A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

All our children are able to write a slip and post it through 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 what ever they wish.

This gives each and every child to get that 1:1 time.



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 91.0%	Yew - 91.0%
Hornbeam - 87.5%	★ Redwood - 96.0%
Laburnum - 94.0%	★ Almond - 96.0%
Hazel - 91.0%	★ Walnut - 98.0%
Larch - 95.0%	★ Sycamore - 98.0%
 Well DONE	

Key Dates

Next week:

Monday 19/02/2024: - First day of Spring 2 term.

Y6 TFL Citizenship Workshop


Tuesday 20/02/2024: 3:30pm - 3:50pm Y4

Multiplication Table Check Parent Workshop

Friday 23/-2/2024: 9am - 9:30am Y6 Larch class


Sharing Assembly





EYFS & KS1 PHONICS & READING WORKSHOP

With Mrs Lee





Thursday 22nd February @ 9am

Straight after parent reading morning in the school hall.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

We will share:

- How we teach Phonics & Early Reading
- How to use the Big Cat books with your child
- The importance of daily reading & reading records

OUR CORE VALUE FOR
 SPRING 1 IS
 KINDNESS







GT CENTRE OF SPORT

FEB HALF TERM CAMPS

COURSE

1- SPORTS
(football, dodgeball, basketball, cricket, tennis & much more)

2- DANCE/GYMNASTICS & TRAMPOLINING

VENUE
Trinity School, Belvedere, Erith Road DA17 6HT

AGES 5-14
School Years (R-8)

DATES
Mon 12th Feb
Tues 13th Feb
Wed 14th Feb

TIMES & PRICES
10.00am-3.00pm
(Early drop off free of charge)
£15.00 per child
Sibling/ Friend Discount
£40 per child for all 3 days if signed with a sibling/friend

Join GT Centre of Sport for endless fun over half term. Our courses are designed to engage children so that they can gain skills, make friends and keep active throughout the holidays. All coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked, safeguarded and have up to date first aid. Children will need to wear suitable clothing, trainers and have a packed lunch.

How to Book
For further booking instructions or alternately register your interest online

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HALF-TERM CAMPS



£20 per day
£80 weekly

MULTI-SPORTS AT OLD BEXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOOTBALL AT DANSON SPORTS CLUB

12 FEBRUARY TO 16 FEBRUARY

09:00 TO 16:00 MONDAY TO FRIDAY | OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS

RECEPTION TO YEAR 8



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Football Boots to be won!

February Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week
or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

Northumberland Heath Primary School,
Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE
(Brook Street entrance)

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches;
FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

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New Prizes to be won!



February Half Term MULTI-SPORT COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 4-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week
or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

Limewood Primary School,
2 Sandy Road, Erith,
Kent, DA8 1FJ

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards Include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Sports include: Basketball; Dodgeball; Handball;
Motor Skills; Kick Ball; Benchball; Football; Tag Rugby;
Racket Skills; Tennis; Badminton.

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