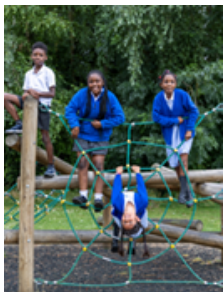




Dear Parents and Carers,  
It is wonderful to be back for the start of a new school year with so much to look forward to in the weeks and months ahead! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer break with your families. This week we have been very proud of the children as they settle back into our school routines. The children have looked so smart in their uniforms and PE kits and are demonstrating our current core value of Respect by ensuring they are coming to school ready to learn, taking pride in their appearance and being kind to others.



# The Pantry Kitchen AT WILLOW BANK PRIMARY

We have had a change of catering provider this term, and the feedback from children and staff has been extremely positive – reflected by their empty plates! The new salad bar has been particularly popular and has really helped promote healthy eating habits across the school. Please remember that all children are entitled to free school meals this year as a result of City Hall funding by the Mayor of London so please do take advantage of this offer.

## MEET the TEACHER

On Wednesday 20th September, we are inviting parents to our Meet the Teacher sessions in your child's classroom from 3:30-4:00pm. Please do come along to see your child's learning environment and receive important information about the exciting topics they will be exploring this year, as well as information about homework, trips and daily routines. There will also be an opportunity to ask your child's teacher any questions you may have following the presentation.

It has been exciting to welcome our new reception children to their first week at school this week. They have enjoyed making new friends and engaging with the activities set up in our indoor and outdoor provision and will be in school full time from Monday 18th September.

Finally, we are excited to have so many after school and lunchtime clubs available for the children to attend this half term, ranging from a Scratch computer programming club to girls' football and drama workshops for Year 6.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team





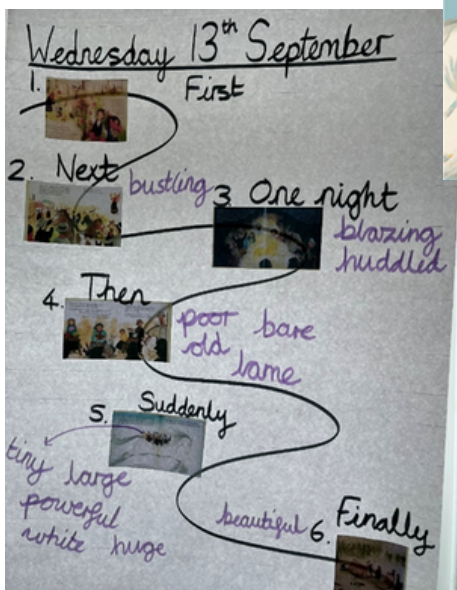
# YEAR 1

This term, Year 1 will be exploring the book *The Jolly Postman*. The children were excited to find a mysterious parcel placed inside their classroom. Inside this parcel were clues from fairytale characters from stories we have read.



# Year 2

In Year 2 we read our magical tale "Yokki and the Parno Gry". We ordered the story using pictures and added sentence openers and adjectives. We also created our own magical creatures and used adjectives to describe them!



# Year 3

During our hook lesson, children were acting as archaeologists who had been sent on a top-secret mission to help the research team at Jurassic Park to locate and identify different parts of a meteor which hit the land the school over a million years ago.





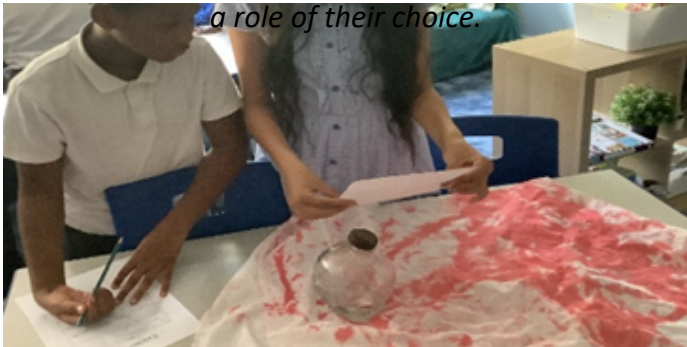
## Year 4

As part of our hook lesson in Year 4, the children became Greek budding artists as they dived into the world of Greek mythology. They learned about different ancient Greek masks and created their very own, using different patterns and intricate details to bring their masks to life. The children were given different war hero scenarios and came up with fantastic short plays.



## Year 5

In year 5, children played the role of detectives as part of the hook lesson for their main core text. They encountered several artefacts. They studied the clues to find out what crime was committed, where it was performed, why it was committed, and by whom. Some of the clues were suspect board, bloodied crown, daggers, Scottish map, chalice, and phantom skull. To find the suspect, they communicated with one another and made connections between the clues. Additionally, to display stage awareness through their body language and voice, children acted out a scene from the play Macbeth in front of the entire class and adults, choosing a role of their choice.



## Year 6

Year 6 began the term with a visit to the National Maritime Museum on Monday to find more out about polar exploration. We discovered how explorers have survived in the hostile environment, what sort of animals live in both the Arctic and Antarctic as well as the indigenous people in the arctic circle.





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%
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★ <b>Hornbeam - 98.7%</b>	★ <b>Redwood - 98.3%</b>
★ <b>Laburnum - 98.2%</b>	
★ <b>Hazel - 99.1%</b>	<b>Walnut - 98.7%</b>
<b>Larch - 94.2%</b>	★ <b>Sycamore - 97.7%</b>



**Well DONE**

## Key Dates

**Next week:**

**Wednesday 20th September 2023 - Meet the Teachers 3:30pm -4 pm**

**Forthcoming dates:**

**Tuesday 26th September 2023 - Y4 Trip to British Museum**

