



Dear Willow Bank Primary School Families,

As we approach the end of a wonderful term, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continuous support and engagement with our school community. The festive season has truly been a time of joy and celebration, and we are excited to share some highlights and updates with you.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Songs:



A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for the EYFS/KS1 Nativity production on Wednesday. The children shone brightly on stage, showcasing their talents through beautiful singing, coordinated actions, and impeccable delivery of their lines. It was a heart-warming display, and we are immensely proud of their hard work and dedication.

Our KS2 children also braved the wintry weather to sing Christmas Songs on the playground, and it was delightful to see so many parents enthusiastically participating. Your presence added to the festive spirit, and we appreciate the support you show for your children's performances.

Non-Uniform Day, WBP Talent Show and Class Parties- Tuesday 19th December:



To add a touch of fun to the last day of term, we will be having a non-uniform day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes to the WBP Talent Show and class parties. Party snacks will be provided, but if your child has specific dietary requirements, you may wish to send in their own snacks. Let's make the last day memorable and joyful!



Staffing Updates: It is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of Miss Jones, our dedicated Behaviour Lead. She has been an invaluable part of our school community, providing support and guidance to our children. We wish her the very best as she embarks on an exciting new career path as a housing officer. On a happier note, we are thrilled to welcome back Miss Sayell, now Mrs. Lee, from maternity leave. Mrs. Lee will be taking on the role of teaching Magnolia Class from January. We express our deepest gratitude to Miss Marshall for leading the learning in EYFS this term, and she will continue to teach Magnolia Class every Monday to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

Christmas Break and Return for Spring Term:

As we approach the Christmas break, we wish you all a joyful and restful holiday season. Our last day of term is **Tuesday, 19th December**, and we will resume for the spring term on **Thursday, 4th January 2024**.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Willow Bank family. We look forward to creating more wonderful memories together in the new year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Reception class



This half term we have been reading a variety of books as we celebrate and learn about different festivals and the world around us. We have made Rangoli patterns and painted our own world after reading our text 'Your World, My World'. We have loved learning the 7 continents song to support this too!

Year 1



This term in DT, year 1 have been exploring free standing structures. They explored structures in our local area to see what materials they are made from and created their own free-standing structures from a range of objects. For our outcome, the children worked collaboratively to create The Great Fire of London houses in Pudding Lane.

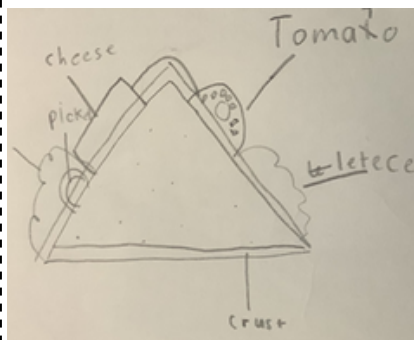
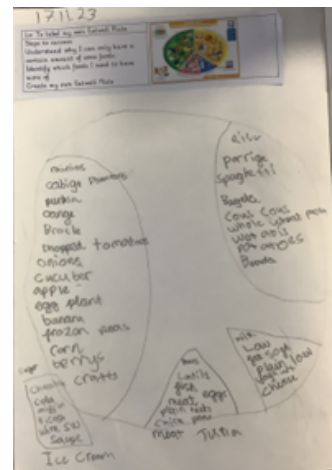


Year 2



In our DT lessons, we have been looking at creating our own healthy sandwiches. Initially, we started off by looking at the Eatwell Plate Guide, we then created our own guide including our favourite foods. After we learnt about each category of the plate, we then moved on to creating and designing our very own sandwiches.

Year 3



This half term we have been learning about the artist Paige Denham and her printing techniques. We have been experimenting drawing lines and shapes with rulers. Using these skills, we then planned our London landscapes. Next, we made our printing template using a polystyrene tile and finally pressed our template onto calico fabric.



Year 4

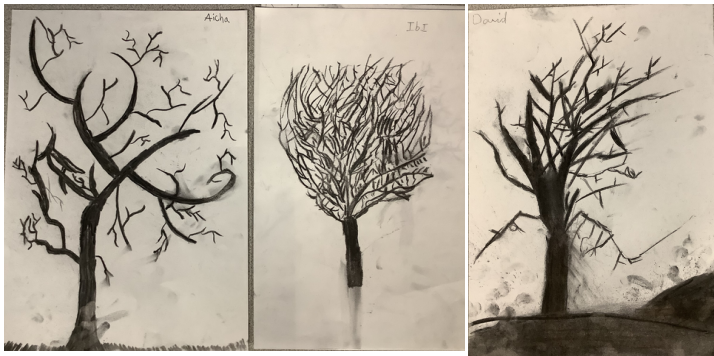
Set sail with Year 4 as they discover the wonders of seascapes alongside Claude Monet. Inspired by the ocean's beauty, the children created vibrant masterpieces. From the vibrant hues of sunrise to the tranquil beauty of a moonlit sea, the children explored the magic of capturing the ever-changing moods of the ocean.



Year 5

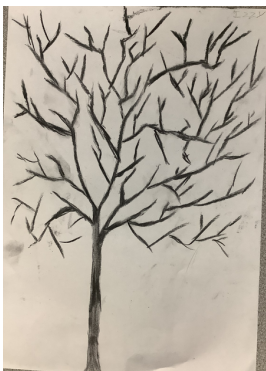


In this term, children in year 5 have been learning about different types of animation and the software used to create them. In their art lessons, they have learned about the key elements that make a good animation and have practiced planning their own animations using storyboarding techniques. They have also had the opportunity to create their own stop motion animation to raise awareness about deforestation and its impact on the rainforest.



Year 6

Year 6 children embarked on a creative journey inspired by the timeless artistry of Alfred Noyes. Armed with charcoal in hand, these young artists delved into the mystique of Noyes' poetic landscapes, channelling the haunting beauty of his words onto canvas. Using his style of drawing and observing the surrounding trees around Willow Bank children in Year 6 used this as inspiration to create their own version.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS INTEGRITY





Huge well done to our Christmas Choir who sang at Morrisons on Tuesday to raise money for our PTFA. We are thrilled to share that we raised £66. Thank you to the parents that came and supported us.

Chance to Chat

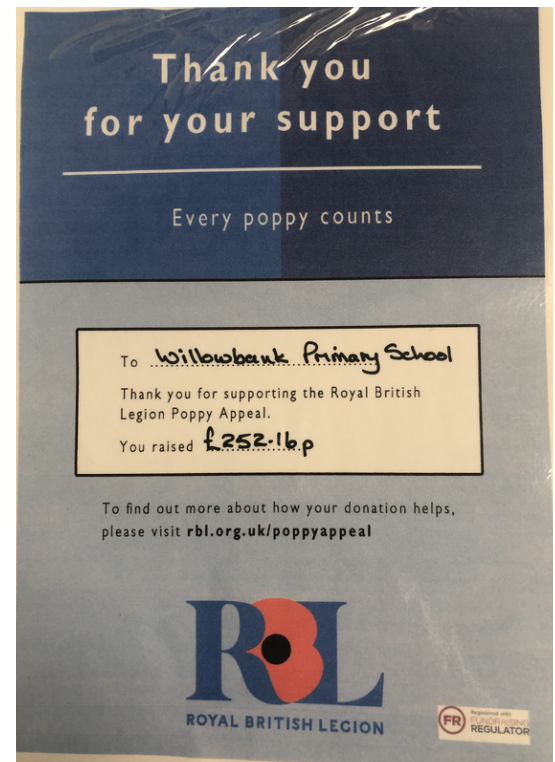
This week we have re- launched our Chance To Chat with the arrival of our brand new post box. All our children are able to write a slip and post it through the box, which is checked by the well-being team.

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.



We are pleased to announce that Willow Bank raised £252.16 for RBL.





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.

Key Dates



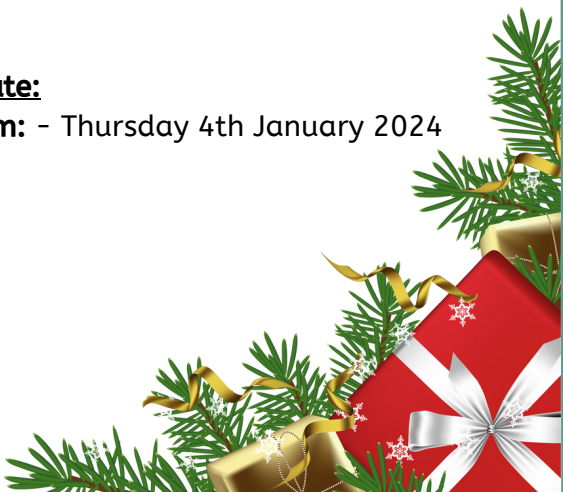
Next week:

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.

Forthcoming date:

First day of term: - Thursday 4th January 2024



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 89%	Yew - 94%
Hornbeam - 89%	Redwood - 92%
★ Laburnum - 96%	Almond - 92%
★ Hazel - 97%	Walnut - 95%
★ Larch - 98.5%	★ Sycamore - 96%

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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