



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of our weekly newsletter. We have had an eventful week here at Willow Bank Primary School, and we will be sharing some exciting updates and reminders with you all.



**Celebrating Year 6 Achievement:** First and foremost, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6. This week, they have demonstrated remarkable resilience and aspiration during their SATs assessments. Despite the challenges, they remained calm and focused, showcasing our core value of determination. Well done to each and every one of our Year 6 students for their hard work and dedication!

### Upcoming Events:

**WBP Science Day:** Wednesday 22nd May, promises to be an engaging and educational day for our students. Visiting scientists will lead special assemblies, conduct class workshops, and the whole school will be engaged in scientific investigations. Each class will also have the



opportunity to learn about a famous scientist, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for the wonders of science. We would like to thank Miss Michael for planning and leading this exciting day of scientific learning for the children.



**Sports Days:** Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Sports Days. On Tuesday, June 4th, Magnolia, Yew, Hornbeam, and Redwood Classes will showcase their athletic prowess on the field. The following day, Wednesday, June 5th, will see all classes in Year 4 to Year 6 participate in various sporting activities. Both days will commence at 9:30 am. We encourage you to bring a picnic blanket and cheer on the children as they demonstrate their determination, effort and teamwork!

**School Photographs:** Individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday 13th June, followed by class photographs on Thursday 20th June. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their school uniform on these days. If they have PE scheduled, they should bring their PE kits to change into once their photograph has been taken.



**Almond Class Sharing Assembly:** Parents of children in Almond Class are invited to attend their sharing assembly on Thursday 23rd May, at 9:00 am in the school hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to witness the achievements and learning outcomes of our Almond Class children.

**Half-Term Closure:** A gentle reminder that school will be closed to children on Friday 24th May, for staff training. Half term will be from Monday 27th to Friday 31st May. We hope this provides a well-deserved break for our hardworking staff and children alike.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



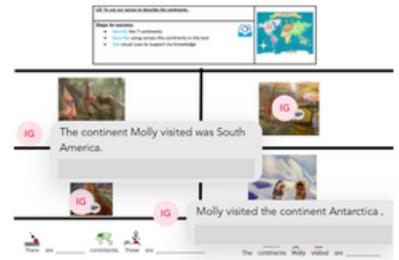
## Year R

This week, five baby caterpillars arrived in Magnolia's classroom! We have learnt about the butterfly lifecycle from "The Hungry Caterpillar". We have enjoyed watching them grow from tiny hungry babies into big, fat caterpillars and we can't wait to see them grow into beautiful butterflies.



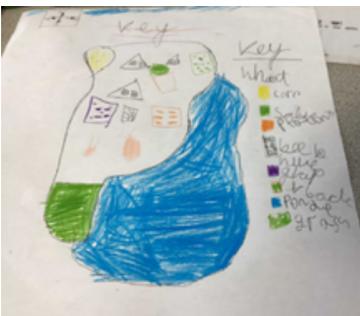
## Year 1

This term in Geography, Year 1 have been exploring the Big Question 'Can you explain how the continents differ from each other?' The children have been exploring what a continent is and identified the different continents. This linked to their core text, Molly Mcdrew Around the World, focusing on both physical and human geography. Using our senses we created role plays about the Antarctica weather, what animals they would see and any key features and facts we learnt about the region.



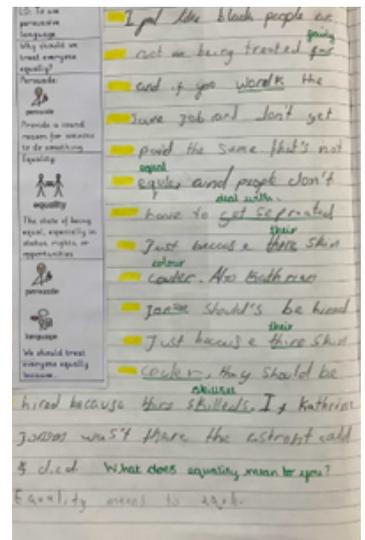
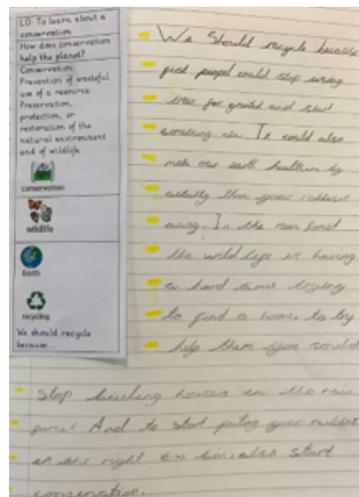
## Year 2

As part of our Geography learning this half term, we have been exploring different types of farms and what they are used for. We created our own map of either an arable or pastoral farm and included a key. We have also been investigating what a farmer's year looks like (when crops are planted/harvested) and created our own wheel showing what happens in each month of the year.



## Year 3

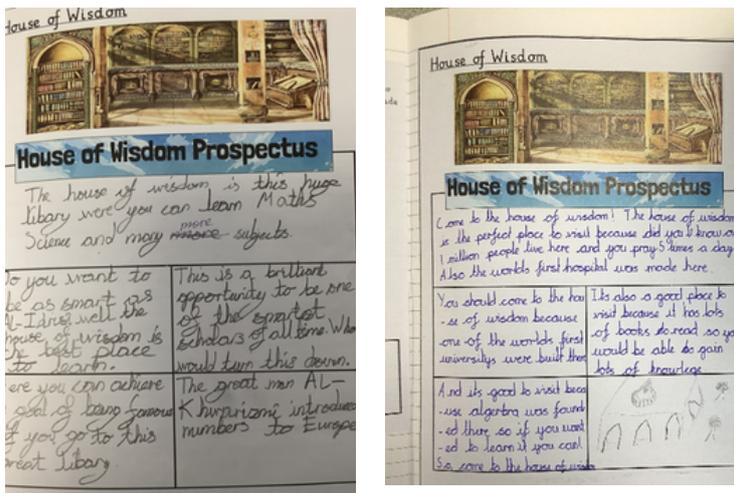
In our history lessons, Year 3 have been focusing on learning about our House Champions. We have been looking at the challenges they encountered throughout their lives. Each of them were faced with some form of inequality and stood up to adversity. We examined why their roles are important to society. We have had several thought-provoking debates within class, explaining our reasons as to why everyone should be treated equally.





## Year 4

In Year 4, we are delving into the fascinating world of ancient Islam! We have been exploring the big question "What is the lasting impacts of early Islam on society, technology, architecture, and global connections? Currently, we are researching about the House of Wisdom, a centre of knowledge in ancient Baghdad, to understand its profound influence on our world today.



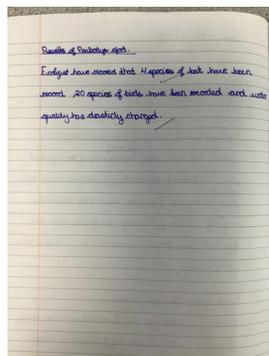
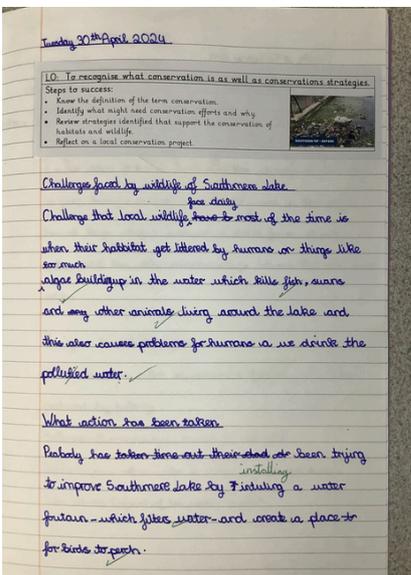
## Year 5

In our Geography lessons, children in Year 5 immersed themselves in the wonders of Antarctica. Through our learning journey, they unravelled the mysteries of this frozen continent, exploring its extreme weather, the secrets behind its bone-chilling cold, and its unique physical features. Our class text 'A Race to the Frozen North,' has really helped give the children a context. We have also compared Antarctica and the Arctic, exploring their similarities and differences in climate.



## Year 6

As part of their geography topic, 'Make a difference', year 6 have been studying conservation in their local area. They visited Southmere Lake and conducted research on the types of wildlife and habitats found there. Since, they have researched environmental challenges that were faced around the school and how Peabody have helped to improve it. The children are now considering how we can all be more mindful of our school environment and protect precious resources.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR  
SUMMER 1 IS  
ASPIRATION

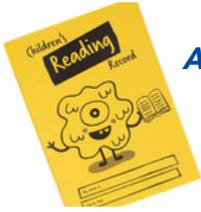
DON'T DECIDE  
THAT YOU  
CAN'T  
BEFORE YOU  
DISCOVER  
THAT YOU  
CAN



**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 - 97%	★ Yew - 98%
★ Hornbeam - 96%	Redwood - 90%
★ Laburnum - 98%	★ Almond - 96%
★ Hazel - 97%	★ Walnut - 95%
★ Larch - 97%	★ Sycamore - 99%



**Key Dates**

**Next week:**

- Almond: Thursday 23rd May - Sharing Assembly in the school hall at 9am

**Upcoming events:**

- Friday 24/05/2024 - Inset day, school closed
- Monday 27/05/2024 - Friday 31/05/2024 - half term
- Monday 03/06/2024 first day back.
- Tuesday 4th June - KS1 Sports Day
- Wednesday 5th June - KS2 Sports Day



**School Reminder**

School gates close at precisely 8:50am, after this time, entrance is via the school office and signing your child/children on the screen.

**A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.**

As a school we provide ongoing support for the children’s wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the ‘Chance to chat’ box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.

We also have an online form which is located on the school website named ‘Chance to chat’.

The children can complete the form if they are worried about something or need some advice? A member of staff will get back to the child at school.

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MvrWB2Z-r0qnuEuN-giOI1CAPQC0X4RFje43giTliLNUOE5BWUFISE40VjBXODZYRVFITLNXVzZYNCQLQCN0PWcu>



Photos of children may be taken for promotional purposes, if you do not give consent to this please state when booking.

**Little Achievers**  
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**Football Boots to be won!**

**May Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE**

**BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years**  
All abilities

**£40 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!**

**May Half Term MULTI-SPORT COURSE**

**BOYS AND GIRLS 4-13 years**  
All abilities

**£40 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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**OUR INFLATABLE DAY BIGGER & BETTER THIS YEAR!!**

**FRIENDS OF PEARESWOOD PTFA WORKING TOGETHER**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH orbit BETTER DAYS**

**Peareswoods BIG BOUNCE**

Refreshments Available | Tuck Shop | Slushies | Mini Market | Raffle | Burgers | Hot Dogs | Unlimited Play

at additional costs

**SATURDAY 22ND JUNE**  
1-5pm  
Early Bird Offer £7.50!!  
(Under 2's Free)  
\*Early bird offer til 7th June  
Price after 7th June £10 per wristband  
Must be accompanied by an adult  
\*Weather Permitted  
No Dogs Allowed

Plus many more stalls

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Available at Tuck Shop or Via our ONLINE SHOP [Scan QR Code]

**COMMUNITY & CHARITY STALLS FREE**

**FRIENDS OF PEARESWOOD PTFA WORKING TOGETHER**

**orbit BETTER DAYS**

**THE BIG BOUNCE MARKET**

Do you have a stall you would like to pitch up at Peareswood Primary School? If so Friends of Peareswood are delighted to invite applications for this years summer event. Apply early to avoid disappointment as we can only accept 1 of each type of stall

**£20**

**22nd JUNE**  
**1-5PM**

**TO APPLY**  
friendsofpeareswood@watschools.org.uk

**30% OFF**