



Dear Willow Bank Families,

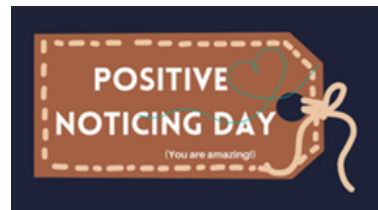
We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been another eventful week at Willow Bank Primary School, with a focus on promoting kindness, individuality, and standing up against bullying.

Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day

One of the highlights was our Odd Socks Day, where students and staff embraced their unique styles by wearing mismatched socks. This fun and quirky day allowed us to celebrate our individuality while promoting the message that we are all different, and that's what makes us special. We appreciate everyone who participated and contributed to making our school a place where diversity is celebrated.

Positive Noticing Day: Spreading Kindness

On Wednesday, children and staff engaged in an uplifting activity by sharing positive messages with each other on luggage labels. These labels were then exchanged creating an atmosphere of kindness and positivity throughout the school.



Anti-Bullying Assembly: Make Some Noise



Miss Jones held a special assembly with the theme "Make Some Noise." This assembly encouraged students to use their voices to stand up against bullying. Our students participated in various activities and discussions centred around the importance of speaking out against bullying and fostering a supportive environment for all. It was heartening to witness the enthusiasm and commitment of our students to create a school culture where everyone feels safe and respected.

Parent Evenings: 29th and 30th November

On these evenings, our dedicated teachers will share insights into your child's current strengths and targets. The partnership between parents and teachers plays a crucial role in supporting your child's educational journey. We encourage you to take full advantage of this time to discuss your child's progress and explore ways we can work together to support their development.





Farewell to Mrs. Day



Finally, it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Mrs. Day, who has supported and cared for many children during her time at Willow Bank. Today marks her retirement, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for her dedication, compassion, and positive impact on our school community. Mrs. Day's warmth and commitment to the children will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

As always, your involvement and support are vital to the success of our school community. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Parents' Evenings and appreciate the opportunity to work together in the best interest of your child's education.

Thank you for being valued members of the Willow Bank family.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Key Dates



Willow Bank Primary School

Tuesday 3rd October
 Tuesday 7th November
 Tuesday 5th December
 Tuesday 9th January

10:00 - 10:30 am
 Please confirm your attendance by calling or emailing the school office

0208 320 1900
 wbpoffice@watschools.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you on a tour of our school and meeting members of the Willow Bank team



Coming soon to Willow Bank Primary School

WINTER WONDERLAND 2023

THUR, 7 DECEMBER
 3.20 – 5.00pm
 School Hall

Scan the QR code to find out more

Next week:

Friday 24/11/23 - Walnut assembly 9-9:20am

Forthcoming dates:

Tuesday 28/11/23 - Flu Immunisations

Parents Evenings:

Wednesday 29/11/23 - 3:45pm - 7:15pm

Thursday 30/11/23 - 3:45pm - 6:15pm

Wednesday 29/11/2023 - Bexley CAMHS Mental

Health Support Team on site during Parents Evening.



This term, the Year 1 children have been exploring the Great Fire of London which started on 2nd September 1666.

The children used their five senses and role-played as if they were at the scene using our new green screen

Year 1



Year 2



Our big question this term for geography is 'What makes London special?' We have been analysing the physical and human geography of London. We will now move on to focus on how the features of cities have changed and adapted to the population increase. We will also use maps to classify how London has changed. Lastly, we will evaluate what makes London so special.

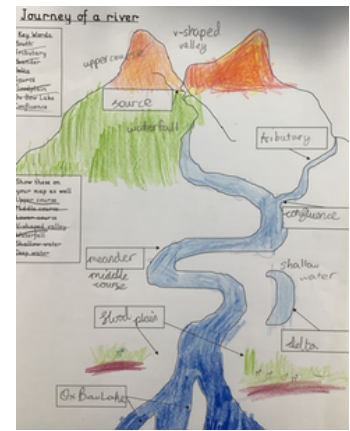
In our geography lessons in Year 3, we have been looking at the causes of Natural Disasters. We have identified that tectonic plates cause Tsunamis and volcanic eruptions. We have used this knowledge to be able to identify that there are 7 major platers around the world. Each continent is located on at least one of these plates.

Year 3



1. Tectonic plates are continents plates ✓
 2. They can be found in the outer core under the crust ✓
 3. There are 7 tectonic plates
 Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia ✓

Year 4



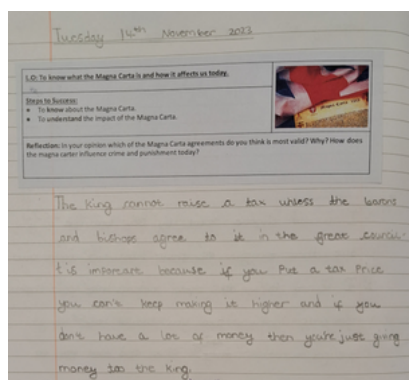
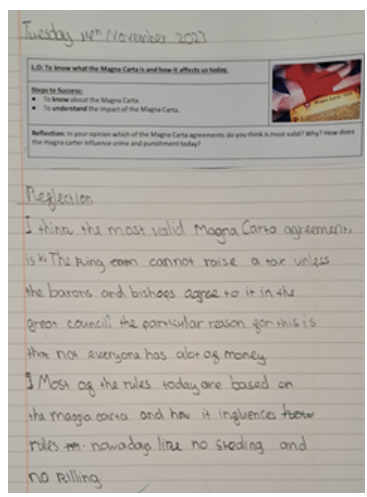
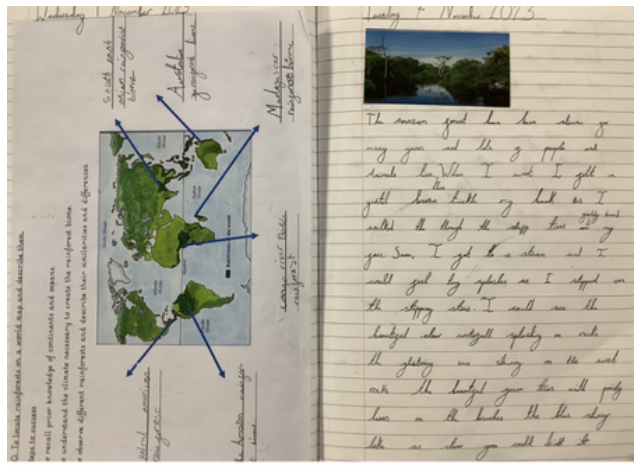
Year 4 have embarked on a riveting quest down the winding currents of discovery! with curiosity as their compass, these young adventurers are diving headfirst into the exploration of the world's rivers, fuelled by a burning question: Why is the river Thames critically important as both a natural resource and a source of economic activity? In their pursuit of answers, our intrepid researchers are decoding the language of the water cycle. From raindrops on the mountaintops to the rhythmic dance of river currents, every twist and turn is a clue to understanding the intricate balance of nature.



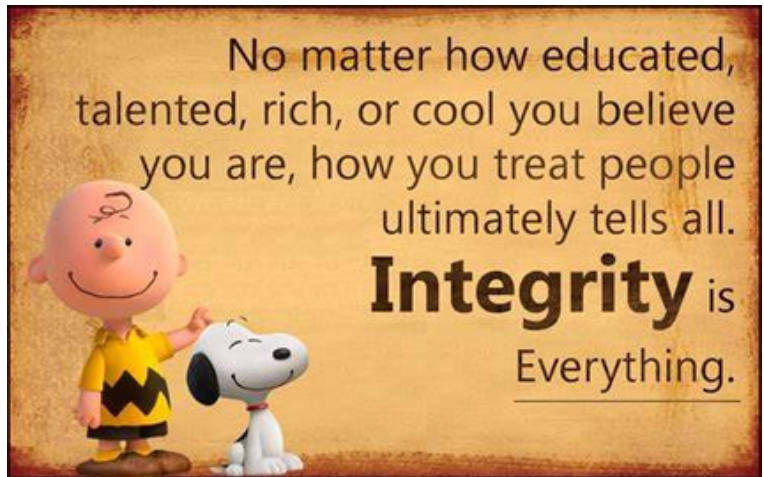
Year 5

Year 6

Children in Year 5 are investigating the characteristics of different biomes and how they affect plant and animal species. They have investigated the equatorial, tropical, desert, temperate, and polar climate zones. It helped them understand the importance of a particular plant or animal in the community, as well as its adaptations to survive in a particular environment.



This term, year 6 are learning about how crime and its punishments have changed throughout the centuries in Britain. This week we looked at the Magna Carta: how it came into being, why it was important at the time and how it still shapes our laws today.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS INTEGRITY

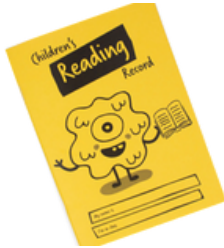
Willow supporting Children In Need





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%
★ Magnolia - 96%	Yew - 93%
Hornbeam - 94%	★ Redwood - 96%
★ Laburnum - 100%	Almond - 95%
Hazel - 94%	★ Walnut - 96%
Larch - 93%	★ Sycamore - 96%



Well DONE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing harmful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms - such as harmful comments on a person's posts or profile, sending them out of group chats, sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone, or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health. In support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Having online games together can be a fun way to connect with your child. It's important to talk to your child about online safety and to set boundaries around screen time.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regularly check in with your child about their online experiences. Encourage them to talk to you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Watch for signs of distress, such as changes in mood, withdrawal from online activities, or reluctance to go to school.
- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
If an online bullying incident does occur, your child may need support. Let them know you're there to help.
- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
When conversations about online bullying arise, listen to your child's perspective without judgment.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Encourage your child to be confident and assertive. Teach them to stand up for themselves and to report bullying.
- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
If you see someone bullying someone else online, report it to the platform.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Helping children understand the impact of their actions online is crucial.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
If you're unsure what to do, seek advice from professionals.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the nature of any online bullying is severe, you may need to involve the police.

Meet Our Expert
NOS National Online Safety
WakeUpWednesday

Joy this Christmas

2023 Christmas Present Campaign

Please help us to make a difference to vulnerable children this Christmas by donating new and good used condition: toys, games, teddies, arts and crafts, books, puzzles and warm clothing.

You can follow your donations journey on our:
Instagram: Joythischristmas2023
Facebook Page: Joy this Christmas
Email: Joythischristmas@hotmail.com

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