



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another half-term, we are delighted to share some highlights and reminders with you all. It has been a busy and productive week and we are immensely proud of the achievements and efforts of our children.

**Publishing Week:** This week, our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as children proudly showcased their writing outcomes. Their beautifully crafted pieces have been displayed in class floor books, providing a glimpse into the creativity and imagination of our children (and staff!). Class teachers have also captured images of this term's school trips, visits, and art outcomes as well as the children's personal reflections and memories. These class floor books will serve as cherished mementos for the children as they transition to their new classes at the end of term.



**WBP Science Day Extravaganza:** What a spectacular day we had during WBP Science Day! The school was filled with excitement as three visiting scientists captivated the children with mind-blowing experiments and chemical reactions. Children also carried out their own investigations in class exploring the properties of biscuits. Please read on to find out what your child's class got up to!



**Y6 Art Workshops with Jeru Nomi:** This week our Y6 children spent a day with local artist Jeru Nomi designing prints inspired by the wildlife in our local area. Jeru's artwork is on display in communal spaces across Thamesmead and the children contacted her after their local art walk at the beginning of term.



**After School Clubs and Sports Day Reminders:** A big thank you to everyone who promptly returned their club letters this week. While many clubs are now fully subscribed, there are still a few spaces available in the Y3/4 Cricket and Rounders Club and the Y6 Forest School Club. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you return your forms to the office as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

A reminder to mark your calendars for our upcoming sports days! EYFS/KS1 and Y3 sports day will take place on Tuesday 4th June followed by KS2 (Y4-6) sports day on Wednesday 5th June. Both events will commence at 9:30 am on the school field. We encourage you to come along, bring a picnic blanket, and cheer on the children as they showcase their athleticism and team spirit.

A gentle reminder that Friday, May 24th, is an INSET day for staff, and school will be closed to children.

**Wishing You a Relaxing Half-Term Break:** As we approach the half-term break, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our families for a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd June at 8:40am.



Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team





## Year R

In Magnolia we had an exciting science day. We had a visitor called Lizzie come in and show us worms! We learnt facts about them and how they're important. We shared with Lizzie that we had built our own wormeries.

For our investigation we looked at what happens when the gingerbread man gets wet. The children discussed how the gingerbread man would feel when water goes on him. Some said it would be wet, or soggy. When the gingerbread man was put into water some of the children said it would dissolve or sink. We timed a full gingerbread man sinking in the water and it took 37 seconds ... but half a gingerbread didn't sink at all and we timed it for over 1 hour and 49 minutes. The children commented how even though the gingerbread man hadn't sunk the water had changed from clear to yellow.



## Year 1

For Science Day, Year 1 had a fantastic time thinking like scientists. As part of their investigation, they examined which biscuit was the softest. The children had so much fun using scientific skills to predict which classic biscuit would become soft after 5 seconds of being immersed in water. In addition to our whole school investigation, the children loved their worm workshop, where they came up close to a wriggling worm! Finally, the children were in awe of our two special guest scientists, who wowed us with exciting experiments during our whole school assembly.



## Year 2

During Science Day we investigated the question - Which biscuit will make the best dunker for Mrs Witten? We explored a variety of biscuits comparing both the texture and appearance. We then classified the biscuits in different ways e.g. colour, shape, those with layers etc. Next, we carried out a comparative test to find out which was the best dunker, dipping the biscuits into water and observing what happened to each biscuit! We then ranked the biscuits from worst to best dunker and compared our results.

We also completed a Science workshop, where we learnt about worms, where they live and how important they are for the environment.



## Year 3

.For our science day in year 3, we looked at the structural integrity of three different types of biscuits after having dunked them in cold water for 30 seconds. Alongside this, we took part in a rubbish relay. Firstly, we were shown the different types of bins in Bexley. Then, we were shown what items we should put into each bin. Finally, we had to clear up some rubbish in the hall and place it in the correct bin.





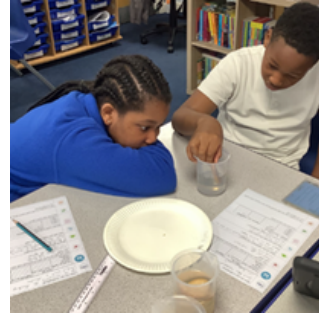
## Year 4

As part of science day our young scientists delved into the fascinating realm of temperature through a hands-on experiment, they explored how the temperature of liquids influences the texture and taste of a humble biscuit, unravelling the secrets of temperature and science.



## Year 5

In year 5 we were investigating whether the type of the biscuit affected how long it could be 'dunked' before disintegrating. The biscuits we used were rich tea, oaties and chocolate digestives. The children planned and executed the experiments in their groups.



## Year 6

During Science Day, Year 6 embarked on an exciting investigation to determine if the amount of sugar in a biscuit affects its dunking time. The young scientists carefully selected a variety of biscuits with different sugar contents and conducted a series of experiments, timing how long each biscuit could be dunked in water before breaking apart. Through meticulous observation and data recording, they discovered interesting patterns, linking the sugar content to the biscuit's structural integrity. This hands-on experiment not only deepened their understanding of scientific inquiry but also highlighted the impact of sugar on everyday foods.



## OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 IS ASPIRATION



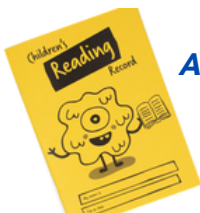




## EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning

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 - 94%	Yew - 92%
Hornbeam - 92%	Redwood - 93%
★ Laburnum - 99%	Almond - 90%
★ Hazel - 96%	★ Walnut - 96%
★ Larch - 96%	Sycamore - 93%
	

## Key Dates

### 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

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am, for Bagel Breakfast club from 8.25am - 8.35am  
School gates close at precisely 8:50am. After this time, entrance is via the school office and parents will need to sign your child/children in using 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>





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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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**AROUND THE WORLD FESTIVAL**

**Friday 12th July 15:20 - 6pm**

**JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!**

**Dress to impress in your cultural clothes**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TACO! children's UNIVERSITY Peabody Morrisons**

**Formidable By Movement Dance Academy**

"Inspiring powerful capability through movement"

**GRAND OPENING!**

**LAUNCH CLASS IS FREE!**

**THURSDAYS**

**BALLET 4 PM - 4:35 PM**  
**STREET DANCE 4:40 - 5:25 PM**  
**CONTEMPORARY JAZZ 5:30 - 6:30 PM**

We offer weekly dance classes for children **Ages 4-16** launching **Thursday 9th May 2024!** This dance company is designed to cultivate your child's creative expressions through dance, so why not bring your little one down to have a great time!

**FOR MORE INFO:**  
**FBMDANCEACADEMY@GMAIL.COM**

**VENUE**  
**THE NEST Cygnet square**  
**Thamesmead SE2 9FA**