



Dear Parents and Carers,  
We hope this newsletter finds you well. This week has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, and we are thrilled to share some highlights with you.

### Year 4's Inspiring Visit to The Museum of London, Docklands



Our Year 4 students embarked on a fascinating trip to The Museum of London, Docklands, as part of their geography topic for this term. The visit aimed to gather evidence to help them answer their 'big question': "Why is the river Thames critically important as both a natural resource and a source of economic activity?" The hands-on experience provided valuable insights, enriching their understanding of the topic. We encourage you to discuss the trip with your child to enhance their learning further.

### Upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings: November 29th and 30th

We would like to remind you about our upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th, and Thursday, November 30th. These evenings provide an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and next steps with their teachers. Please ensure you have made an appointment and take the opportunity to review your child's work in their books.



### Exciting Preparations for the Festive Season

As we approach the festive season, our school is buzzing with preparations for special performances. Children in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 are busy learning songs and practicing for their nativity performance, which promises to be a heart-warming event for parents on December 13th.

Meanwhile, in Key Stage 2, our students are getting ready for a festive musical extravaganza. They are learning Christmas songs for a special performance to kickstart our WBP Winter Wonderland event on Thursday, December 7th. We invite all parents to join us in celebrating the joyous season.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more exciting updates with you soon.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



## Personal Development

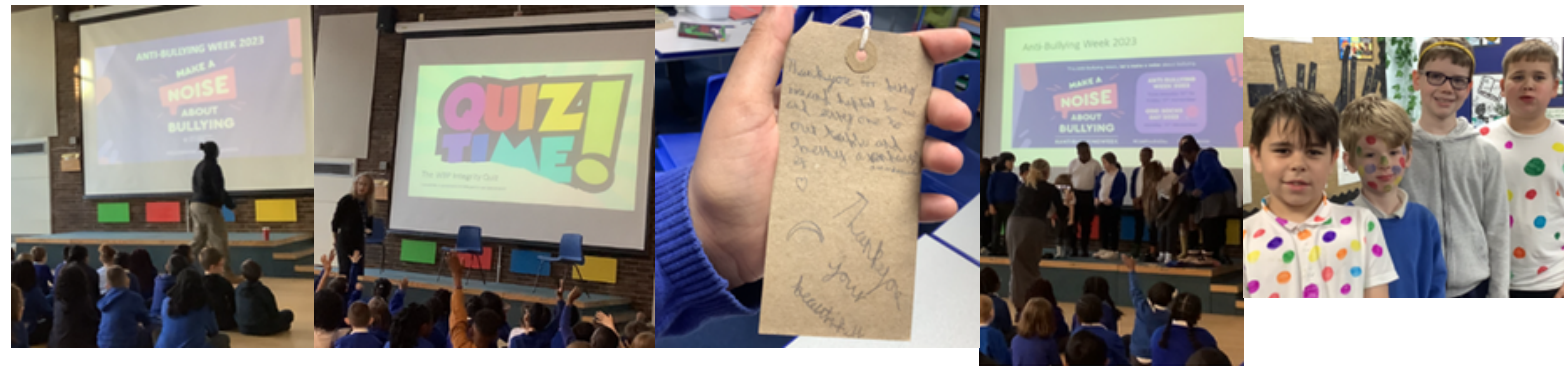
At Willow Bank Primary School, we believe in fostering a holistic environment that shapes our students into well-rounded individuals. One of our core focuses has been on personal development. Through a range of carefully curated activities and programs, we've been guiding our students towards becoming conscientious citizens.

Our curriculum goes beyond academics, incorporating personal development lessons that equip our students with essential life skills, emphasizing empathy, resilience, and responsibility.

After School Clubs are more than just extracurricular activities; they're opportunities for students to explore their passions, collaborate, and build character through teamwork and dedication. Regular special assemblies are held to reinforce the core values that define our school community. These gatherings serve as a platform to celebrate achievements, discuss important topics, and promote a sense of unity among our students. Our dedicated well-being and pastoral team work tirelessly to ensure the emotional and mental well-being of our students.

During Anti-Bullying Week, kindness and empathy were highlighted as important aspects of life. Through various activities and discussions, our students learned about the impact of their words and actions, empowering them to stand up against bullying.

Moreover, our school trips have been a source of tremendous learning experiences beyond the confines of the classroom. These outings provide opportunities for students to engage with the world around them, fostering curiosity, independence, and a deeper understanding of different cultures and environments. Our student ambassadors play a pivotal role in voicing the student body's ideas and concerns. They meet regularly with our Senior Leadership Team to collaborate on improvements and innovations within the school.



In Magnolia Class we took part in 'Positive Noticing Day'. We shared at circle time what activities we enjoy with our friends. When it was choosing time, we gave our friends a luggage tag with an explanation of what we like about them. We even practiced writing each other's names! The children really enjoyed talking about their friends and giving them the luggage label to put on their coat! We were all very excited and proud to show our adults at the end of the day!



In year 1, we explored the definition of the term bullying and identified the difference between being mean and bullying. The children were presented with a range of scenarios where they had to decide whether the incident was classed as bullying or being mean and explored why and what we could do.

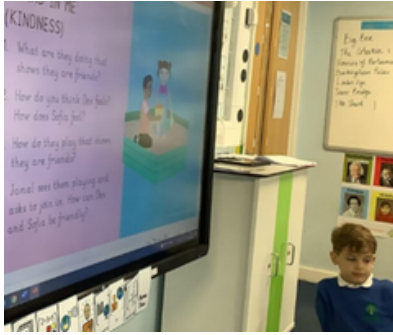
### Year 1





**Year 2**

In personal development this term we have been looking at friendship. The children have asked lots of questions and used their own experiences to explore what a caring friend is. In order to build up cooperative behaviour the children completed a number of team tasks. They then reflected on what makes a supportive group. Lastly, we roleplayed different scenarios where we emphasised our kind words and where both parties felt respected. We are looking forward to exploring other aspects of teamwork and friendship.



**Year 3**

In our Personal Development lessons in Year 3, we have been looking at British Values. During this term, we have been focusing on the value of respect. We have identified when we have noticed respect being shown and when we are showing respect. We have practised showing respect to each other within the classroom and the wider school community.



**Year 4**

Through engaging activities and heartfelt discussions, Year Four are uncovering the magic in embracing diversity. Each unique personality, talent, and perspective becomes a brushstroke on the canvas of their shared journey. Personal development is not just a lesson; it's a celebration of the kaleidoscope of differences that make each person a vital piece in the puzzle of their classroom community.



**Year 6**

Year 6 have been discussing what makes a good friend and how to identify the similarities and interests that develop good friendships.

**What makes a friendship?**

- Similarities (that can be seen)
- Similarities (that can't be seen)
- Differences (that can be seen)
- Differences (that can't be seen)



**Year 5**



**OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS INTEGRITY**

Listening to your conscience!

Finishes tasks well - Begins Well

Tells the truth all the time!

**INTEGRITY**

Is who they claim to be!

Good Decision making!

Being Responsible!

They are Trustworthy!

**12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME**

**WHAT IS CYBER RESILIENCE?**  
Cyber resilience means an organisation's ability to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from a cyber incident, ensuring the continuity of its operations.

- PASSWORDS LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE**  
The longer, less common and more random a password is, the more difficult it is to guess. Use a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols. Avoid using common words or phrases.
- AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS**  
When you use the same password for several different accounts, your cyber security is put at risk. If one account is compromised, all your accounts are vulnerable for one little slip of security.
- USE A PASSWORD MANAGER**  
A good way to manage different passwords for each account is to use a password manager. It's a secure way to store your passwords and it can generate strong, unique passwords for you.
- BACK UP YOUR DATA**  
Keep a copy of your data on a separate device. This could be a hard drive, a USB drive, or a cloud storage service. Make sure you have a backup of your data before you delete anything.
- ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)**  
Multi-factor authentication (MFA) adds an extra layer of security to your accounts. It means you need to provide two or more pieces of evidence to verify your identity.
- CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY**  
Recovery questions are used to help you get back into your account if you forget your password. Choose questions that are not easily guessable.
- SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS**  
Set up secondary accounts for your most important data. This way, if your primary account is compromised, you can still access your data.
- KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH**  
Staying up to date with the latest technology can help you stay safe. Try to keep your software and devices updated.
- CHECK FOR BREACHES**  
Check for breaches of your personal information. Services like Have I Been Pwned can help you see if your email address or other personal information has been compromised.
- CHANGE DEFAULT NOT PASSWORDS**  
Many devices and services come with default passwords. Change these to something unique and secure.
- KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED**  
Download official software updates for your devices. Updates often contain security improvements that help protect your data.
- STAY SCEPTICAL**  
Cyber criminals often use social engineering to trick people into giving up their information. Be suspicious of unsolicited emails, text messages, or phone calls.

**Meet Our Expert**  
David Smith, National Online Safety

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#WakeUpWednesday

**CHRISTMAS WITH THE DOCKERS**  
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 3.00PM KO

**ERITH TOWN V HOLLAND & BLAIR**

STANMORE STADIUM  
BAYLISS AVENUE  
THAMESMEAD  
SE28 8NJ

**ADMISSION**  
ADULTS £8.00  
OVER 65s £5.00  
UNDER 16s FREE  
CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

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This game will be focused on creating another memorable and fantastic experience for those in attendance. Previous community based fixtures have earned rave reviews from those who came along, with plenty of smiling faces and fantastic atmospheres, and we would love to invite our Community Partners and the season ticket holders to this game. There will be lots of fun activities to take part in, such as half-time relays and penalty shoot-outs, plus the chance to meet Father Christmas and bring the festive spirit to the area. As before, U16 season ticket holders will get FREE entry and any accompanying adult receives a discount entry of just £5 instead of the standard £8.

**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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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 - 97.0%	Yew - 87.0%
Hornbeam - 94.0%	Redwood - 91.0%
★ Laburnum - 96.0%	★ Almond - 96.0%
Hazel - 93.0%	Walnut - 95.0%
Larch - 95.0%	★ Sycamore - 99%



**Well DONE**



**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 8th Nov at 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:**

**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.

**Friday 01/12/23** - Almond Class assembly 9-9:20am

**Forthcoming dates:**

Thursday 07/12/23 - Winder Wonderland

Wednesday 13/12/23 - Nativity performance time

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