

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Learner of the week

Well done to the following children for being presented with a Learner of the Week certificate:

Finlay M-Robin
Elliott T-Starling
Riley S- Siskin
Chloe H- Linnet
Harry G – Dove
Eloise W- Goldfinch
Jonah N- Heron
Ollie T – Avocet
Emily R – Kingfisher
Kaci B – Buzzard
Layla E - Hawk



Parents' evenings

Booking has now closed. If you have had any of your login details reset, we ask that you keep these in a safe place as you will need them again next time. There will be a crèche in the library for siblings to attend from 3.30pm until 6.15pm.



Lost property

A black Nintendo DS was found in the school reception area; it is yet to be claimed. Please call at the office if it belongs to you.

Earrings

Earrings need to be removed for PE, independently by the child. If your child is unable to remove his or her earrings themselves, or they have recently been pierced then we ask that you send in some micropore tape with their PE kit for them to apply themselves. Children who cannot remove their earrings or that do not have tape will not be able to take part in PE.

School photos

Thursday is the last day for school photos to be handed into the office, please check your child's book bags as any received after this date will not be able to take advantage of the free postage and will therefore incur a postage charge.

Football Team

A really big well done to our Football Team! They played against St Andrews last Friday and won 2-0. They were a real credit with great team work and organisation.

Hand washing

With so many bugs and bacteria around at this time of year, it is important that children (and adults) practise good hand hygiene. Please click on the link for helpful hints and tips on good hand washing.

<http://www.carex.co.uk/kids-zone>



Foundation Stage

This week we have looked at the book 'Oi Frog!' and 'Oi Dog!' by Kes and Claire Gray and Jim Field. We have focused on rhyming words, creating our own rhyming strings. We have also been practising sounding out simple words such as cat, dog, peg and mop. The children are still enjoying sharing their family photos and we will continue to talk about our extended family next week.



Years 1 and 2

The children are continuing to enjoy their theme of 'Walking Through Time'. Year 1 and Year 2 children have formulated some interesting questions that they would like to be able to answer about Isambard Brunel. Year 2 have begun writing their own version of 'Could a Penguin Ride a Bike?' and choosing their own animals to write about. Year 1 children have been learning about 'nouns', and using 'and' in sentences. Please can you remind your child that reading books and reading logs should be brought to school every day. If you would like to share your favourite story with your child's class and be one of our 'secret readers', please speak to one of the Year 1 or 2 team.

Years 3 & 4



In English, the children are writing their own new stories where a character goes through a portal to another place. The children have already shared their amazing ideas. We can't wait to read their finished stories, which soon will take pride of place on the displays.

In Maths and Theme, the children will learn to understand and use Roman numerals.

The children have once again shown great imagination by designing Roman shoes. They will learn the properties of different materials, as well as finding effective ways to join them.

Good luck to the group of Year 4 children who are going orienteering next Monday. There will be many other P.E. events during the year for the children to participate in.



Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have been drafting their 'defeating the monster stories', in English this week; we have been thinking about how to include the power of three and expanded noun phrases to add description about the characters and places. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions – thinking about how to explain our ordering and comparing.

Our key question in theme was 'Why did the Vikings invade England?' We have learnt how to take notes from paper and PowerPoint presentations. We have also made models or painted pictures of Viking long ships, thinking about the practicalities of making such a long sea voyage more than a thousand years ago.

Diary Dates

October		
Tuesday 3 rd & Thursday 5 th		Parent evenings
Tuesday 17 th	2.45pm-3.10pm	
Thursday 19 th	3.30pm	Expectations meeting Years 2& 6
Friday 20 th	TBC	Harvest Festival St Andrews Church
W/B 20 th	All day	Road safety week
Monday 30th	All day	NON PUPIL DAY
November		
Wednesday 1 st -Friday 3 rd	All day	Life Education Bus- All years
W/B 13 th		Anti-Bullying week
Saturday 25 th	TBC	Christmas lights switch on
Tuesday 28 th	2.45pm-3.10pm	Open afternoon
December		
Tuesday 5 th	2.00pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Wednesday 6 th	2.00PM	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Thursday 7 th	5.30pm	KS1 performance ' The Magical Christmas Puzzle'
Monday 11 th	2.00pm	FS Nativity
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Electrifying
Hands-on science workshop for kids
 Saturday 7th October
 Old Heathcoat School Community Centre

This workshop will make your hair stand on end!

- make series & parallel circuits
- investigate insulators & conductors
- silly fun with static electricity
- play with the magic orb & the cosmic ball

Suitable for all primary school aged kids, £12 per child.
 Choose between am (10-12) or pm (1-3) session. Book via the website:
www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/
 Or email: sciencedipity@outlook.com