

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!



Foundation

Following on from the exciting visit of Exeter Exotics, we have consolidated our learning by completing our non-fiction booklets. We have made life-sized models of the creatures that visited us and are using them in our learning about measure as well as practising the vocabulary of longer and shorter. We have done observational animal paintings, using water colours, and are now experimenting with the new medium of clay.



Years 1&2

Years 1 and 2 have been very busy this week. We started English with opening a present, inside was a 'Naughty Fire Engine'. The children have been getting imaginative with the new mode of transport. They have been coming up with a journey for the Fire Engine to go on, thinking about where he might go and what he might do and remembering to use a variety of adjectives. We have been continuing to look at 'The Great Fire of London' and we are looking forward to our Visitors arrival in school next Monday and Tuesday.

We would like to invite all Year 2 parents to a SATS Workshop next Wednesday 22nd March. This will provide clarity of what they are, what it means for your child and what you can do in the run up to SATS.

We will be holding a Phonics workshop in the coming weeks for Year 1 parents.



Years 3 & 4

The children in Years 3 and 4 are working really hard in English at retelling the story of The Firebird. We have been reviewing the effect that fronted adverbials have on placing sentences in time and place, and how similes makes our writing come alive in the mind's eye of the reader. The teachers are looking forward to reading the final stories next week.

The Firebird performance is also progressing really well. The songs sound lovely, and the actors are becoming more confident with their lines. We have only a week to go before we begin putting on dress rehearsals, so we really need all costumes to be in school. Many thanks for your support so far.



Years 5/6

We have now completed our shelters. In addition, we have considered how to strengthen our structures and how to use a waterproof cover. Beck's blog has really taken off over the last couple of weeks - thanks to everyone who has been so excited about it and blogged well.

Beck's blog has asked us if we know about first aid, so we have begun to learn about this. We have considered how to keep ourselves safe, how to make a 999 call, and how to carry out basic first aid. The children are now creating first aid leaflets - ask us how to deal with an emergency!

Year 6 booster groups are now in full flow - if your Year 6 child wants to come, please speak to one of the Year 6 team.



Fair Trade Competition

As a celebration of Fairtrade Week, we are entering a competition to decorate a picture of a hand. Suggestions of possible ideas include tea plants and cocoa trees - or an idea of your own. We are looking forward to lots of beautiful pictures.

Please put your name, age and school on the back, and return to school by Thursday

23rd March.



Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March

Thank you to everyone who has bought a red nose. We have sold over 100! We still have lots left, so if you would like one please come to the office. They are £1 each.

Flyers were sent out yesterday with information about how Willowbank are supporting Comic Relief. We are hosting a 'Wear your hair funny for money' event,

so please decorate your child's hair in an unusual way for a donation of £1.

In class the children will learn all about Comic Relief and who their money will support. We will be making our own 'selfie board' with photos from the day, and teachers and staff are willing to have their hair decorated, so please bring in things like clips, bobbles and ribbons. (Sorry no sprays etc. for teachers!)

After school, we are having a red nose day themed cake sale. Please send in donations next Friday. We always welcome gluten free, dairy free and egg free cakes, so that all children and adults can buy something.



School Council - Keep up safe parking campaign

The school council was visited by Jonathan our PCSO on Monday to talk about parking outside school. The school council is concerned that unsafe parking outside the gates could put our children at risk.

They learnt about where it is safe to park, and why it is not safe to park on double yellow lines and the zig zags. Over the next couple of weeks the school council will be making a banner to display outside school to ask parents to park safely and think about our children's safety.

The school council leaders have also purchased additional play equipment for lunchtimes and playtimes. Year 5/6 have also been allocated play equipment to resource their outside area. Thank you to parents, as this money is generated from last year's cake sales and fundraising events.



Lost Property

Mrs Snow will be putting the HUGE amount of lost property out for collection next Monday and Tuesday. Can everyone please have a look to see if they can claim anything? We have 2 designated bins in school where all lost property is kept. Please pop into school if you think you have lost something.

REMINDER - Please name everything! It is much easier for the school council to return an item if it is known who it belongs too. Keep checking to make sure names have not washed out! Thank you



Sickness Policy

Just a reminder that pupils should remain absent from school until 48hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.



Blingo!

To avoid disappointment we recommend you buy your Blingo tickets in advance, however you can still buy on the night on Friday 24th March. Tickets cost £5, which includes entry, 5 strips and a glass of Fizz, and are on sale in the school office. Doors

open 7.30pm, eyes down 8.00pm. (Please note that this is for over 18's only.)

Would you like a quieter home life?

Postitive World's MINFULLNESS for Families classes teach parents how to use mindfulness with their children to help reduce stress and improve behaviour.

Practical support for parents whose children are anxious, angry, unsettled or who have ASD or ADHD.

Six week course for parents starting on Wednesday 19th April from 7pm-8pm at Cullompton Community Centre.

Cost £120 for 6 weeks.

Email us at www.postive-world.co.uk to find out more and book your place. Places limited.

Diary Dates

March		
Friday 17 th	9.00am	Kingfisher Class Assembly-Kingfisher Parents Welcome
Friday 17 th		Mothers Day Gift Stall
Monday 20 th	All day	Time Travellers visit to Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 21 st	All day	Time Travellers visit to Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 22 nd	From 3.30pm onwards	Year 2 SATS workshop for Parents
Wednesday 22 nd	6.00pm	Drama Club Performance
Friday 24 th	All day	Red Nose Day
Friday 24 th	Doors open 7.30pm-Eyes down 8.00pm	Blingo!
Wednesday 28 th	All Day	Foundation trip to Pennywell Farm
Friday 31 st	9.30am	Easter Service at St Andrews Church
Friday 31 st		Last day of Term
April		
Tuesday 18 th		Non Pupil day
Wednesday 19 th		Start of Summer Term
May		
Monday 1 st		
w/b Monday 8 th		Year 6 SATs week
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd		Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd -Friday 5 th		Years 4&5 Grenville
Monday 22 nd -Friday 26 th		Year 6 Heatree
June		
Saturday 10 th		Summer Fayre
July		
Friday 21 st		Last day of Term