

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:

Thomas K -Robin
Annabel H-Starling
Phoebe L- Siskin
Charlie M- Linnet
Lilly-May N – Dove
Harrison-Lee H- Goldfinch
Charlee-Mai N- Heron
Isla T- Avocet
Henry L- Kingfisher
Alex T- Buzzard
Isabele C & Kirills K- Hawk

Harvest festival

As the weather turns autumnal and the leaves begin to fall, we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival service. The whole school service will be held at St Andrew's church on Friday 20th October at 1.45pm. You are warmly welcomed to join us for this celebration.

The children will be leaving school at 1.00pm and will return to school after the service to then be collected in the normal way at the usual time. We ask that no children are collected from the church.

If you or any Grandparents, Aunties, or Uncles are able to help walk the children to and from the church we would be very grateful, please meet at the school playground (we will open the gate). We cannot guarantee that you will be able to walk with your own child's class; you will appreciate that the most important thing is having enough adults walking alongside the children to ensure their safety.

Staffing news

We would like to say thank you and goodbye to Polly Cooper who has left Willowbank to embark on a new venture. Polly was at Willowbank for 4 years, we wish her all the best. If your child has worked with her regularly please share any queries with your child's class teacher or Mrs Jaworski (SENCo)

Well done!

Well done to the 15 children from Year 4 who went to Killerton on Monday to represent our school at the annual Orienteering event. They demonstrated excellent team work skills.

Extra circular activities

On Sunday some of our Year 5 pupils played in their first football match for Cullompton Rangers u11's girls' football team. They played 3 games in total, showing great spirit and team work, as well as a huge amount of enthusiasm.

Boots flu vaccines

These will be taking place on Friday 24th November, (the time of which is still to be confirmed) Parents/Carers are welcome to be present at the time your child receives the vaccine. Foundation will go first and be followed by the next year group in order, up to, and ending with Year 4; we estimate each year group taking 30-40mins each. Therefore if you wish to be present we ask that you follow the timings as estimated, unfortunately we will be unable to telephone Parents/Carers to remind you.

Push bike free to a good home

We have been given a child's push bike that is free to a good home. The bike is suitable for a child in Key Stage 1. If you are interested, please see Miss Mingo.

Photo-Gazette

Apologies if any of our foundation stage Parents purchased the Gazette newspaper on Tuesday of this week and were disappointed to find the new September intakes supplement was missing. We were misinformed of the date this was due to be published; we have now been informed that it will now appear in Tuesday's, 10th October edition.

Car parking

We would like to draw your attention to a public notice published by Devon County Council in the public notice section of the local press, which notifies that there is **No Waiting At Any Time** on specified roads including Manitoba Gardens and Crow Bridge; also **School Entrance Clearway At Any Time**. This is for the safety of your children and of other pedestrians.

It has been brought to our attention that there was a minor accident recently involving a car which was leaving the school carpark; this was caused by a vehicle parked inappropriately outside of the gates blocking the driver's view of the exit.



Foundation Stage

This week we have read the story 'So Much!' by Trish Cooke, which celebrates birthdays. We have thought, and spoken about what our extended family is and the way in which we celebrate our own birthdays. We are now making our class birthday display, and thinking about what time of the year we were born. We have also been exploring the value of numbers particularly the role of 0; we now know that when we start we start at 0.



Years 1 and 2

Year 1 children are excited to be beginning their English work on 'How to wash a wholly mammoth'. The children's activities will focus on instruction writing and they will be encouraged to use full stops and capital letters for each sentence that they write. They will also be learning more about what a sentences is.

During Mathematics the focus will be on measurement and identifying one more and one less than any given number. Year 2 children are eager to begin their work on 'The disgusting sandwich' in this story, a hungry badger spots a boy drop his sandwich in the sandpit and the race is on to take it. As the chase continues through the park, the sandwich gets more and more disgusting. Children will be looking at nouns and adjectives in this story.

We will be focusing on addition and subtraction during Mathematics.



Years 3 & 4

Well done to the children who went orienteering. They practised their team skills as well as having lots of fun and exercise.

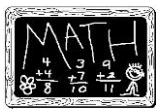
The first Grow, Cook, Share of the year was a great success! Together, the children made Focaccio and Gazpacho and enjoyed tasting it.

In English, the children are moving onto a new unit – Ask Dr K Fisher. This book includes fun and interesting facts about different animals. The children will learn how to structure letters.

In Maths, the children will be improving their understanding of addition by developing mental strategies as well as written ones.

A reminder.....Theme homework is due back by Friday 13th October. The children will have the opportunity to share their homework with their class. Some homework has already been returned and the children are clearly delighted with what they have completed.

Years 5 and 6



In English this week, Year 5 and 6 have published our stories. We have some fantastic defeating the monster stories that use a range of interesting openers and ambitious punctuation. In Maths, we have been improving our understanding of fractions and equivalence. In Theme, we have investigated the Bayeux Tapestry and created Viking versions! Our sewing and applique skills are developing. Thank

you for all the fantastic home learning - we have a great range of different skills that have been practised and developing. Have you seen our Extreme Reading board?

Diary Dates

October		
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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