

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!



Blingo *POSTPONED*

A massive thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket for the blingo event on Friday night, but sadly we are postponing the event due to low confirmed bookings. As you know, the PTFA work hard to raise money for the school and with the low confirmed numbers we would be running the event at a loss. We are hoping to rearrange the Blingo event for the summer term, so we hope that all the people who were looking forward to it can make it then! Please look out for another date on the newsletter next week. If you have bought a ticket you can go to the office for a full refund, or you can keep the ticket for the next date (if this date does not suit please collect your refund). We hope that more people will be able to join us next time!

If you are interested in joining the PTFA why not pop along to the next meeting on Monday 27th at Padbrook Park, 7.15pm. We will be thinking about our summer fayre and would be glad of lots of ideas. Willowbank PTFA.



Heatree and Grenville residentials

Residential information has now gone home. Please return it as soon as possible to help us make the final arrangements. The deadline for deposits to be paid is on the morning of Tuesday 28th March. The balance for Heatree is due by 17th May, and the balance for Grenville is due by 26th April, you can pay by instalments.



Foundation

Shh! We have been busy making some special surprises this week...we can't say anything more at the moment, but please remember to check Tapestry on Sunday morning and all will be revealed!

Just a reminder that it is our Pennywell visit on Tuesday and all outstanding permission forms (SOE3a) need to be returned a.s.a.p. The children can wear their home clothes with a Willowbank sweatshirt on top. Please send in packet lunches, in a named carrier bag to be thrown away after lunch.



Years 1 & 2

What an exciting week we have had in Year 1 and 2! We have been enjoyed having our visitors in school. We have all learnt lots of new information about the Great Fire of London. On the day, we took part in a Drama workshop, wrote with a quill, touched artefacts and looked at building design in 1666. Pictures will soon be up on our website page. Please take a look over the coming week for pictures. There are still some payments for this outstanding, please log onto ParentPay to pay the contribution requested.

Thank you to all the adults that helped make the day such a success.

Siskin Class would like to thank Mrs Lane and Miss Willis for their help with swimming over the last 5 weeks.



Years 3 & 4

It is not often that we are able to immerse ourselves into a story like we have done with The Firebird. The children are really enjoying both the English aspect of writing stories (inspired by the Firebird), and practising the play. The singing is sounding

lovely, and most of the lines are now learnt. There are many skills and experiences that the children gain from producing a play, which range from memorising lines and working as team, to feeling proud of the end result. We are looking forward to seeing you next week, and we thank you for your continued support.

The forms for Grenville House have now all gone out. Many thanks for those who have returned the forms and paid deposits. This is a really exciting trip that has been seen as a highlight of past pupils' time at Willowbank. The staff are looking forward to it a lot!



Years 5& 6

On Friday we had a fantastic visit from Daniel's grandad who told us all about his survival adventures. The children were enthralled as he described how to use your watch to find north, showed us waterproof paper and pencils and an SOS torch. Many thanks to Paul for really bringing our Survival topic to life.

Joshy's dad has organised a trip to the building site for us next Tuesday (28th March). We will be walking up to the site, looking at the different stages of house construction and getting a flavor of all the different jobs and skills involved from the design stage to the interior decoration stage. This will help us reflect on how structures are created and make the links between our DT structure project and real life.



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who has bought a red nose; we have now sold out! 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. We always welcome gluten free, dairy free and egg free cakes, so that all children and adults can buy something.



Afterschool clubs.

There will be a range of new clubs starting when we return after the Easter break, including Go-Active clubs. Look out for signup letters coming home later this week.



Firebird production tickets

Tickets for the Firebird Productions have now been issued, 2 tickets per family, per performance. There are spare tickets for both production times available, which will be issued on a first come first served basis. Please call in at the school office.



School dinners

On Friday 31st March, we are having an Easter lunch. The main course choice will remain the same but, there will be a change to the advertised pudding choice, and the children will have Easter nests. The summer term menu is now available on ParentPay; dinners can now be booked now for the summer term.



Reminder

There are contributions outstanding for some recent activities that various classes throughout the school have taken part in. Please log onto ParentPay to pay for these if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Diary Dates

March		
Friday 24 th	All day	Red Nose Day
Friday 24 th	3.25pm	Red nose day Cake and biscuit sale
Friday 24 th	Doors open 7.30pm-Eyes down 8.00pm	Blingo! *POSTPONED*
Monday 27 th	3.30pm	Year 6 Heatree presentation
Monday 27 th	7.15pm	PTFA meeting at Padbrook park
Tuesday 28 th	All Day	Foundation trip to Pennywell Farm
Tuesday 28 th	9.15am-12.15pm approx.	Year 6 to Saxon Fields site
Wednesday 29 th	2.00pm & 6.00pm	Years 3 & 4 production of 'Firebird'
Friday 31 st	9.30am	Easter Service at St Andrews Church
Friday 31 st	12.15pm	Easter lunch
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



