

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:

Emilija A - Starling
Maisie H - Robin
Flynn T – Siskin
Emilie-Rose S – Linnet
Summer C – Dove
Daisy C – Goldfinch
Freya W - Avocet
Thomas G - Heron
Ryan T-G - Kingfisher
Jaydon D - Buzzard
Alice I – Hawk

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day, tomorrow. Year 2 children will still take part in Forest School in the afternoon, as planned. Year 2 children will have the morning and lunchtime dressed as their chosen character and will change into their forest school clothes for the afternoon, as they would if it were PE. Everyone will be dressing up as a book character. We will send home World Book Day tokens on Thursday - look out for them in book bags.



Term dates 2018/19

We apologise that the term dates published within the last month were incorrect. Please be assured that this change will not affect any fining of holiday you may have already been booked, using the original calendar, as the change only affects single days.

The revised term dates calendar is available on the school website and is on display in the notice board outside of the main entrance.



Sporting news

Some children from Years 4, 5 & 6 represented Willowbank at the swimming gala last week, finishing 10th overall, this is the best placing Willowbank have ever had! Well done to all who participated.

Safeguarding our children

May we please take the opportunity to draw your attention to two new links under the 'Safeguarding' Tab on our Website. The link to the NSPCC takes you to their website which is full of useful information on keeping our children safe.

'Think you know ' links to an information web page designed for children, with age appropriate sections on how to keep children safe online and where to go to if they are worried.

Fair trade

The Fair trade event that was due to take place on Saturday 3rd March was cancelled, due to the snow! It has been rescheduled for 10th March.



Easter egg hunt - Wednesday 28th March

There are posters up around school advertising this; every child should have brought home a slip which needs to be returned with a £1, if they would like to take part.

Please return slips by this Friday 9th March

Passport signing

Due to changes to the rules set by the government, teaching staff, who only know you and your children in a professional capacity, are no longer in a position to countersign passport applications. You can find further information at: <https://www.gov.uk/countersigning-passport-applications>



Foundation

This week we have been talking about our snow days and using the pictures on Tapestry. We have enjoyed sharing our experiences and talking about the snow men we have made.

We have also continued our focus on money, talking about the coins and the different amounts that we can make using 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p. During our visits to tuck shop, children have been encouraged to talk about the coins that we are using. We have then been looking at recording our numbers using addition signs learnt previously and teen numbers.

In Forest School children have continued to talk about birds and the different things that they notice outside.

This week we are going to continue to focus on the cold, and where different animals live, following on from questions that children have asked about the snow.

We look forward to seeing your World Book Day costumes on Thursday.



Years 1 & 2

This week, Years 1 and 2 have been continuing with their theme. Year 2 have planted sunflowers and will be using their knowledge and understanding of what plants need to grow to ensure that their healthy plants thrive. Year 1 children have been learning more about weather and the seasons. They have been thinking about how rainwater might be measured and what it might be used for. Years 1 and 2 have both been exploring their new books in English. Year 2 children have started by thinking about how they might hide an animal from their teacher, inspired by the book 'How to hide a tiger in school' whilst Year 1 have been discovering dinosaur eggs around the school ready for work on 'Rex' by Simon James. In Math, Year 1 will be using their knowledge of number facts and tens and ones to solve calculations involving money. Year 2 have started learning about column addition.



Years 3 & 4

We continue to practise skills required for persuasive writing. The children are researching RSPCA so they can use this information within their persuasive letter. In Maths, we continue to focus on fractions and shape. The children will practise ordering, adding and subtracting fractions.

In Theme, the children are learning about the different functions of the skeleton. They particularly enjoyed making them and naming the different bones. Please continue to practise your words for our play as well as the songs.

Congratulations to Heron Class who are the winners of the 'Most Words Read' competition for this week.

We look forward to seeing the different book characters for World Book Day tomorrow



Years 5 & 6

We hope that you enjoyed the snow! We have spent Monday and Tuesday finishing our non-chronological reports about our fantastic beasts - they look stunning - please feel free to pop in and read your child's report.

Years 6 have written newspaper reports about the snow; our use of ambitious vocabulary and the passive voice is excellent!

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Diary Dates

March		
Friday 9th	3.30pm	CCC Young Enterprise recipe book stall
Monday 12th	3.30pm – 3.50pm	KS1 SATs meeting
Thursday 15th	3.30pm – 3.50pm	KS2 SATs meeting
Wednesday 21st	6.00pm	Drama club Production
Monday 26th	2.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 27th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Wednesday 28th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Wednesday 28th		Easter egg hunt
Thursday 29th	ALL DAY	NSPCC Non-uniform day
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
April		
Monday 16th	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 17th		First day of Summer term
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
May		
W/B 7th		KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th		KS2 SATs
W/B 28th		HALF TERM
June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening

July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Wednesday 4th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Thursday 5th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th		Year 6 residential to Heatree
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM