

# Willowbank Weekly



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Please can all children be kept off of the play equipment at the end of the school day. Thank you

## Learner of the Week

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

Annabel H - Starling

Freddie H - Robin

Bobby-John B – Siskin

Holly M – Linnet

Beatrice H & Amelie C – Dove

Graycie S & Adelaide A – Goldfinch

Alfie P - Avocet

William W- Heron

Henry L - Kingfisher

Jennifer P - Buzzard

Jayden B – Hawk

## Sporting events

Well done to the Tag Rugby and Netball teams who represented the school in friendly tournaments held at Clyst Hydon and CCC this week. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm of our teams were commented on, on both occasions.

## PE Kits

Please ensure PE kits are taken home on a Friday to be washed and returned back on Monday for all children.

## Sunglasses

For the majority of children sun glasses are not needed in school. We have some children who have them for medical or vision reasons but we ask that children have sun hats with a peek on very hot days, rather than sun glasses.

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school and supply sun cream for your child to use on themselves in school.

## Crowbridge

I have had an email from one of our neighbours reminding us that Crowbridge carpark is private property - please can I ask that you don't park or allow children to play in that area before or after school? Thank you

## Swearing outside of school

We received a complaint this week about parents use of language out on the pavement at the beginning of the school day. Children do hear and use language that they hear and we ask that all parents act as a good role model so that our children do not use language that would be unacceptable on the playground.

### **Find out more about volunteering at Willowbank Coffee Morning**

Do you have an hour or two spare a week? Do you like laminating or hearing children read? If so we would love to hear from you. We are looking for volunteers in our school.

Please pop in and have a chat at an informal 'find out about volunteering coffee morning' with Jackie Haddican, Family Support Worker on Friday 27th April at 9am to 10 am. Come and have a tour of the school, you may have a particular skill you can offer or would simply like to find out more.

I look forward to meeting you on the 27th April.



#### **Foundation**

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter- thank you to parents who added holiday news to Tapestry.

This week we have been reading the story of 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis & Gwen Millwood. He is a little blue creature who is discovered in a magic pond in Bluebell woods. The children have had a go at drawing their version of Bog Baby by listening to how the author describes him. We were amazed at the difference between our ideas. This led us to write a character description, so that we could tell our loved ones all about him!

We are so lucky to have tadpoles in our outdoor area, which has led us to discuss how they have changed and developed over the holidays. The children have been asked questions about how the tadpoles have changed from being eggs and what will happen next.

In Maths we have been looking at subtraction and learning to use a number line to count back. We have used songs to support our learning and practiced recording our own number sentences using the take away and equals sign.

Children have also enjoyed planting potatoes, carrots, and peas in the garden this week. We have also been talking about how much water a seed needs! There have been some interesting variations- it will be interesting to see what grows.

Please can we remind you to put sun cream on children on days that are forecast to be hot and send them in with a sunhat and bottle of water? We are refilling water bottles on hot days, so please don't be alarmed if your child comes home with a full water bottle - we recognise the importance of them drinking regularly.

Forest school will continue to be a Tuesday this half term- please ensure that children dress according to the weather.



#### **Years 1 & 2**

We would like to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who visited our 'Seasons Café' on Tuesday. The children were really excited about all aspects of the preparation and it gave a real purpose to their learning. A small profit was made which

Year 2 will use to contribute to the cost of a trip later on in the term and Year 1 will be asking the children what they would like bought for the outside area in front of their classrooms.

During this week, Year 2 children have been concentrating on measuring during their Maths. They will continue to use scales and measuring jugs to compare weight and capacity. Year 1 will be continuing to count in 10s, 5s and 2s. They have been exploring how they can represent problems with drawings or equipment to answer questions and explain their ideas.

During English, Year 2 children have been listening to a variety of poems by Michael Rosen. They have been focusing on the poem 'Imagine' in particular. Year 1 have been writing sentences using their knowledge of plurals and using your knowledge of what a sentence is to correct sentences.



#### **Years 3 & 4**

The Year 4 children who went to Wildside had a really wonderful time, full of experiences they will remember for life. Photos will be uploaded to the website next week and there will be a display in school to share their adventure.

The Year 3 children and Year 4, who were in school this week, were set a mission by Agent Fox. They were enrolled in Spy School and have been learning different skills. The Agents (children) have learnt to decipher and write coded messages, use forensic skills to solve a crime, designed their own spy gadget and learnt how to use co-ordinates. We have all had lots of fun learning new skills and were able to help Agent Fox with his mission to capture King Louis.



### **Years 5 & 6**

This week we have been learning about twisted fairy tales in English - we have been engrossed in considering different viewpoints. What is the wolf or the giant's untold story?

We are focusing on improving the accuracy of our calculation work, checking for silly errors and practising calculating more rapidly.

In Theme, we have learnt about Passover and finished learning about how different people express their beliefs. We have learnt about density and learnt why people float in the Dead Sea.

Thank you for your support with film night- we raised £135 that will reduce the cost of the coach for our trip later in the term.

## **CASUAL SUPPORT STAFF TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE**

### **Catering Assistant to cover maternity leave**

Willowbank School is a school with 297 children and a high uptake of school dinners. Our dinners are freshly prepared on site to a high standard. We are looking for someone to work alongside our existing team in the kitchen, starting as soon as possible until end of the Summer term.

Duties will include: Assisting the Catering Manager in the preparation of food, cleaning of the kitchen and service of food and to be involved in the promotion of the service to attract the maximum number of customers.

Basic food hygiene and experience of catering is desirable but not essential as full training will be given to the right candidate. 4 hours per week across 5 days. Some heavy lifting may be required.

If you are interested in applying for this position, the application form is on the link on our school website.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure is required for this post. Previous applicants need not apply again.

### Diary Dates

<b>May</b>		
W/B 7th	No set days	KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th	Monday-Thursday	KS2 SATs
Thursday 17th		Summer Extravaganza lunch
23		Disco
Friday 25th	ALL DAY	NSPCC Non uniform day
<b>W/B 28th</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>June</b>		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
Friday 15th	3.30pm	Summer Fayre
Thursday 26th		Summer Extravaganza lunch
<b>July</b>		
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
Friday 26th		Year 6 Leavers Lunch
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>