



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As usual, it has been a busy and exciting week of new learning experiences at WBP!



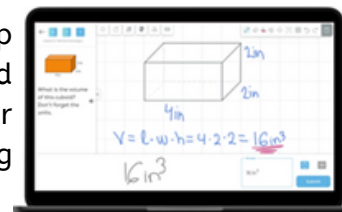
Firstly, I am thrilled to report that our whole school Parent Reading Morning, held yesterday was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance, engaging with your children and their love for reading. For our KS2 students, it was also an excellent opportunity to introduce and explore the Reading Plus platform together. We encourage you to continue supporting your child's reading journey by using this platform both at home and in school.

In other news, our Year 3 students had an enriching experience this week with their trip to the Science Museum. This visit enhanced their understanding of our current science topic, 'Light,' and provided them with hands-on learning opportunities outside the classroom. The children also used a range of experimental technology in their class assembly last week when sharing their spring term learning which was exciting to see.



Meanwhile, in Year 5, our budding artists have been honing their drawing skills, drawing inspiration from the renowned artist Henry Moore's hand drawings. We are incredibly impressed by the outcomes our students have achieved and their keen attention to detail in capturing tone and form.

Excitingly, children in Year 1, 4, and 5 had the chance to trial a dynamic new maths app called Magma Maths. This innovative tool allows students to use their iPads to record their working and calculations, with their progress being tracked and recorded by their class teacher. Additionally, they can playback their working to evaluate their reasoning and calculation skills, making learning maths even more interactive and engaging.



Lastly, I would like to commend our fantastic Playleaders for leading a whole school assembly this week alongside Miss White. They did an outstanding job of explaining their roles and sharing strategies for promoting positive playtimes. It's wonderful to see our students taking ownership of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment during break times.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.
Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Year R

Year 1

For our hook lesson Year 1 found a mysterious suitcase in their classroom. They used teamwork to explore how best they can open it without the key. Once they used their resilience to open the suitcase they found items from continents around the world and discovered which items came from each continent.

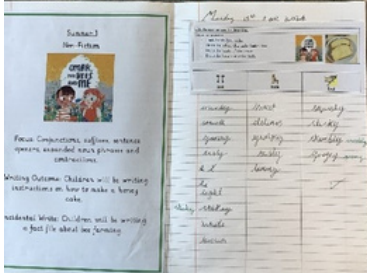


Reception's topic this term is 'In the Garden' 🌿🌳🌸 We have already been on a plant hunt around our school grounds, visited a local garden centre and planted some of our very own plants in our outdoor area. We can't wait to see what else can be found in our garden!

Year 2

Year 3

Inspired by our core text, The Lion Man this week we were junk modelling. We were given an assortment of different boxes which we needed to bend, break and mould into a robot! After creating our robots, we started to decorate them. We needed to be creative, using a combination of paint and tin foil, we brought our robots to life!



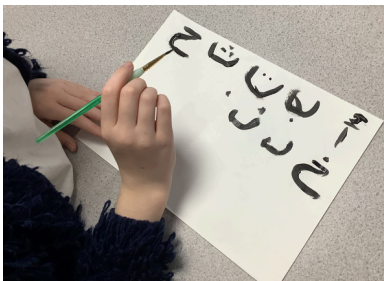
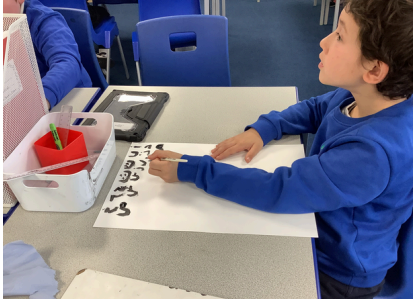
Year 2 received an exciting letter and gift from a little boy called Omar. It was a delicious honey cake and a special story called "Omar, the bees and me". We looked, tasted, and felt the cake and used our senses to describe. We then wrote a letter to Omar explaining what we had found out!





Year 4

In year 4, we have begun our new topic looking at the Islamic civilisation. We began with exploring the Arabic alphabet and had a go at writing our own names.



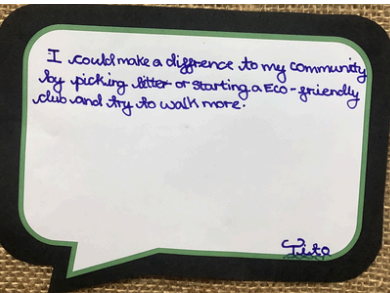
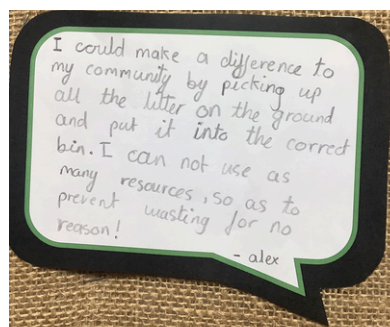
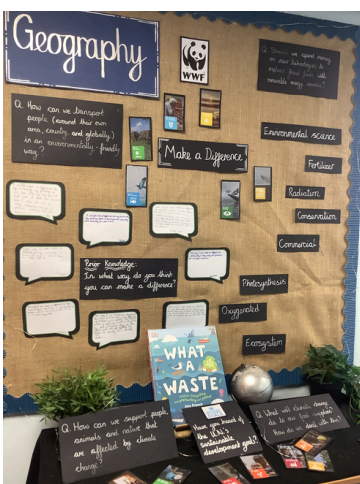
Year 5



In year 5 science, we have been investigating the properties of materials. We tested a variety of materials to see if they were conductors, magnetic, absorbent, rigid, or flexible.

Year 6

Year 6's topic this term is 'Make a Difference'. We began to explore this topic by researching ways we can have a positive impact on the environment, then developed our ideas, thinking of practical ideas to make a difference at Willow Bank Primary...now we are looking forward to putting our ideas into practice!



OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 IS ASPIRATION

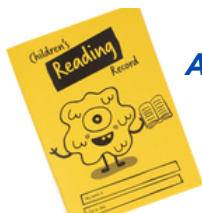




EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning

Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am

All parents and carers welcome!



We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read.

If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 99%	★ Yew - 96.4%
Hornbeam - 94%	Redwood - 94.6%
★ Laburnum - 100%	Almond - 90%
★ Hazel - 95.5%	★ Walnut - 96.5%
Larch - 94%	Sycamore - 94.2%



Key Dates

Next week:

- Yew: Friday 3rd May Sharing Assembly in the school hall at 9am.

Upcoming events:

Sharing Assemblies in the school hall at 9am

- Magnolia: Friday 10th May
- Almond: **Thursday** 23rd May
- Monday 06.05.2024 May Bank Holiday - school closed
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School Reminder

School gates close at precisely 8:50am, after this time, entrance is via the school office and signing your child/children on the screen.

A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

As a school we provide ongoing support for the children’s wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the ‘Chance to chat’ box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.

We also have an online form which is located on the school website named ‘Chance to chat’.

The children can complete the form if they are worried about something or need some advice? A member of staff will get back to the child at school.

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MvrWB2Z-r0qnuEuN-giOI1CAPQC0X4RFje43giTliLNUOE5BWUFISE40VjBXODZYRVFITLNXVzZYNCQLQCN0PWcu>



Dear Parents

Update on Behaviour at WBP

We are pleased to share that the number of behaviour incidents at Willow Bank Primary School are decreasing. This is due to the range of strategies implemented by our Behaviour Mentor and staff to support the children. Some children benefit from having an individual behaviour plan, which provides targets that are adapted to the child's needs. Credit sheets are also a tool used to give children a visual reminder of the behaviours they need to implement, and we have a good success rate of children who have previously used them.

We are also very fortunate to have Playleaders in place who support every lunchtime, on the playground, lunch hall and communal areas to ensure a smooth, safe, and enjoyable playtime experience.

We understand that not all children enjoy unstructured times of the day such as play and lunch time, Miss White provides a fantastic provision in the inclusion hub every day where children can have fun playing ping pong, colouring, iPad time, board games and even watch a movie on Fridays.

We at Willow Bank are proud of all our students and the continued progress they make in all areas.





ERITH TOWN YOUTH TRIALS

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2024

Trials for **SELKENT** and **Kent Youth League (KYL)** for the 2024/25 season will take place on **Saturday 1st June 2024** from **10:30am**.

Time slots are allocated for the age groups below:

10:30 - 12:00 **Under 7 - Under 13**
12:30 - 14:30 **Under 14 - Under 18**

If you are interested in participating in our upcoming trials, please register or contact youth@erithtown.com.

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Family Fun Day

Everyone is welcome!

hosted by Children's University and CC Events

Sunday 26 May
11am - 3pm
Lesnes Abbey

- Inflatable village
- Food stalls
- "Have a go" games
- Information stalls
- Taster sessions
- And much more!

