



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. It has been a very busy week for our Year 6 children as they have completed their KS2 SATs tests. We are extremely impressed with the determination and resilience they have demonstrated each day and are very proud of them all. Consequently, we would like to dedicate the following to all our children in Larch and Sycamore Class.

*SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
or the kindness in your heart.*

*SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
you were put upon this earth.*

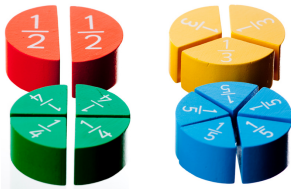
*SATs don't see your magic,
how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
you can run a mile.*

*SATs don't hear your laughter,
or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse
of who you really are.*

Elsewhere in the school, children have been very busy with their learning also and are looking forward to a number of trips and visits coming up over the next couple of weeks. Year 5 will be visiting the Maritime Museum in Greenwich as part of their WWII topic this term, and children in Hornbeam and Mulberry Class will be exploring the Lesnes Abbey ruins as a local visit.

Finally, a reminder that we will be having a meeting for all Year 5 parents on Monday 15th May from 5:00-5:30pm to explain the secondary transition process of applying to secondary schools and Bexley test applications, so please do come along if you can.

Wishing you all a sunny weekend!
Best wishes,
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP team.



Maths

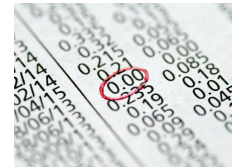


In Maths, we ensure that that the children are given the opportunity to explore different skills in different contexts so that they can identify the purpose of Maths in real life.

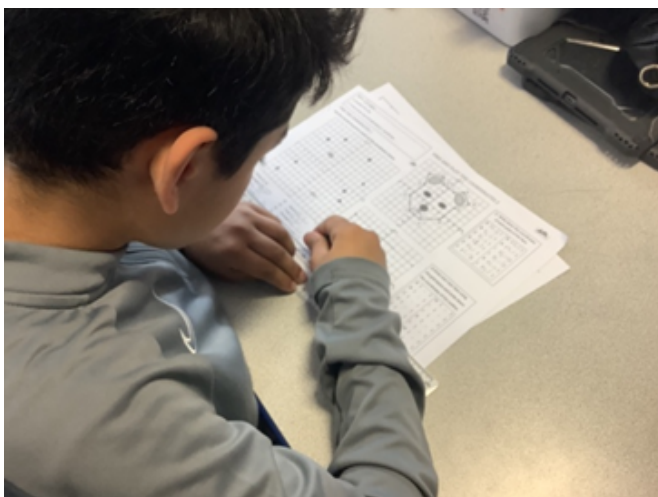
In **Key Stage 1**, the children have been learning about fractions including, recognising, finding, naming, and writing one-quarter, one-third and one-half of an object, shape, or quantity.



In **Lower Key Stage 2**, the children have just finished the topic of decimals and have begun to explore money and how their decimal knowledge links to this. They have begun to identify the value of different coins and how we can manipulate pounds and pence to make different amounts.



In **Upper Key Stage 2**, they have been looking at co-ordinates. They have identified that a point on a grid has two numbers to identify its position. These numbers are known as coordinates. Year 5 have taken this learning onto the playground by using the large co-ordinate grid to locate points.





A coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 23rd of May to promote and answer questions you may have...

We look forward to meeting you all



**HORIZONS
ACADEMY
BEXLEY**



Parent Support Group

- Kids driving you nuts?
- Feel like your children are the only ones who don't behave?
- Want to talk to other parents who feel the same?

The Horizons Parent Support Group offers an opportunity for parents and carers to share experiences and ideas in a safe and comfortable environment. This is not a programme that teaches parents how to parent, but a support group that offers help and advice through fun interaction and discussion.

The Parent Support Group is a 5 week programme currently being held on a Tuesday and Thursday. Topics are relevant for toddlers to teenagers so parents of children of all ages are welcome to join.

Managing your child's emotions, Building confidence and motivation, Good habits for behaviour, How to cope when things go wrong, Using rules and rewards, Resolving conflict, Reducing parental stress.

For more information or to reserve a place on the programme, please contact
Paola Sim on 0208 312 2746 ext.213
or
Jenny Beckett 0208 312 2746 ext. 207

Our facilitators have completed the Parent Practice Training for Trainers programme and are certified Parent Practice educators.

THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT WILLOW BANK PRIMARY
STARTING ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE - THURSDAY 6TH JULY
9:00AM - 11:00AM



INCLUSION AT WILLOW BANK

At Willow Bank we feel it is extremely important for our children to learn mindfulness. Which is a technique they can learn which involves noticing what is happening around them and being present in the moment.

Mindfulness aims to help you:

- become more self-aware
- feel calmer and less stressed
- feel more able to choose how to respond to your thoughts and feelings
- cope with difficult or unhelpful thoughts
- be kinder towards yourself.

Mindfulness isn't just for children, anyone and everyone can take part. Use this Meaningful May daily activities to help you feel good and be present.

Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

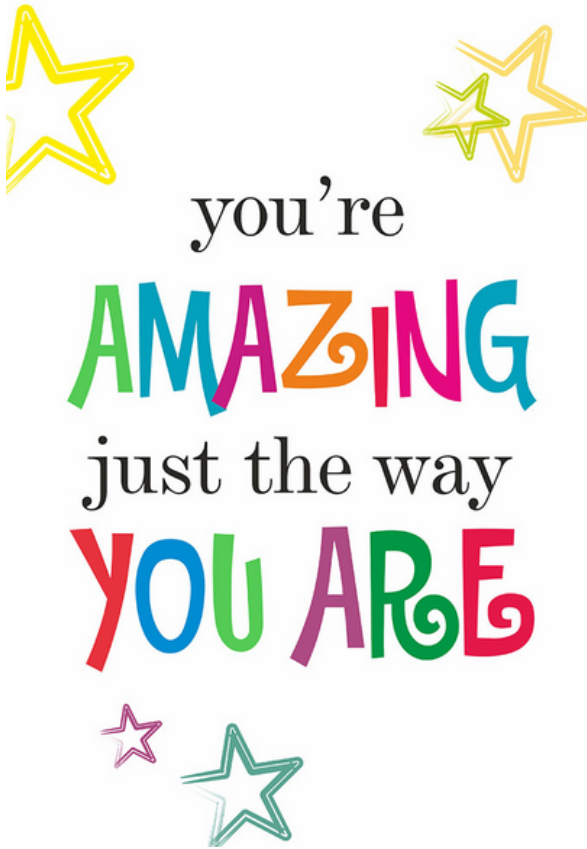
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Respect Integrity Kindness Resilience Aspiration Curiosity

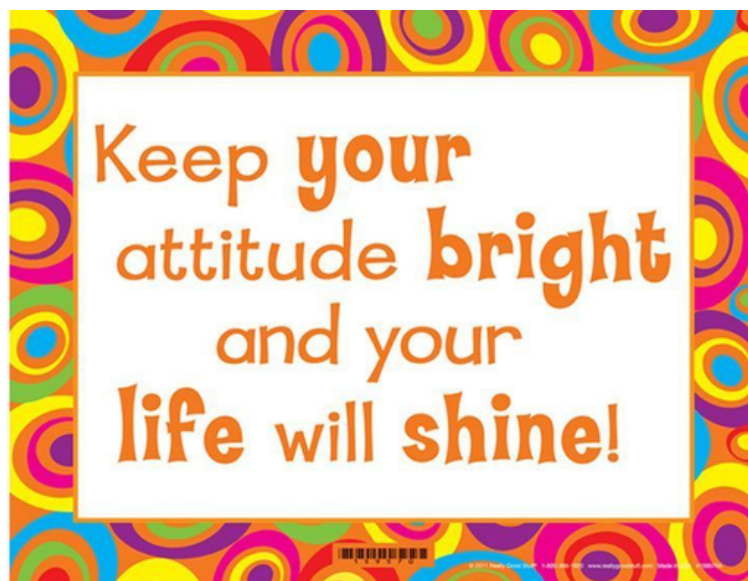


OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 -

ASPIRATION



THINK OF THE WEEK



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 95.5%	Yew - 88%
Hornbeam - 94.3%	★ Mulberry - 97%
Alder - 94.3%	Redwood - 94%
★ Laburnum - 96.6%	★ Almond - 98.9%
Hazel - 94.8%	Walnut - 93.8%
★ Larch - 98.5%	★ Sycamore - 100%

Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering questions. Adults will be checking reading records everyday.

***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.



COMMUNITY FUN DAY MONDAY MAY 8TH
WELLING UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

FREE ENTRY!

- COMMUNITY & FUN STALLS
- KIDS' RIDES
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- STREET FOOD
- + MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Logos: Welling United Football Club, King Charles VI Foundation, discoverwelling, EWWMWT EVENTS, THE BIG HELP OUT.

SCAN FOR INFO

Italian Themed Lunch

Thursday 18th May

Main

Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce served with Spaghetti

Vegetarian

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Jacket

Served with Beans, Cheese or home made coleslaw

Dessert

Ice-cream
Fresh Fruit



Little Achievers

Little Achievers May Half Term
FOOTBALL COURSE

Boys and girls 5-13yrs
All abilities
£35 for four days or £15 a day
Friday Funday!

30 May-2 June | 10am-3pm

Sam Cassell
07539 016184
Little.Achievers@outlook.com

Northumberland Heath Primary School, Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE (Brook Street entrance)

Running of the day

- 10 - 10.30am
Arrival and registration
- 10.30 - 10.45am
Warm up games
- 10.45 - 12 noon
Technique and skill based learning
- 12 noon - 1pm
Lunch time
- 1.00 - 1.30pm
Morning recap
- 1.30 - 2.45pm
Themed tournament
- 3pm
Home time

What to bring

- Packed lunch
- Lots of drink
- Comfortable clothing
- Football boots, Astro turfs, Trainers (No metal studs or blades)
- Shinpads

Rewards

- Little Achievers attendance certificate
- Medals
- Trophies

Coaches qualifications

- UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches
- FA Child Protection
- FA Safeguarding
- First Aid Training

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