



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing long weekend with your children. It has been a very short but busy week at Willow Bank. On Wednesday morning, Mr Poole led a colourful assembly focused on the theme of the forthcoming coronation of King Charles' III in which children acted out the roles of this ancient ritual and the traditions were explained in preparation for tomorrow's national spectacle.

We have also been busy decorating our dining hall in red, white and blue to make today's lunch a memorable occasion for the children who rose to the occasion by wearing the colours of the Union Jack to school today.

Next week our wonderful Year 6 children will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. We are all so proud of the effort and resilience they have shown throughout their final year of primary school and know they will all do their very best. The Y6 children (and staff) are also looking forward to their PGL residential trip in a few weeks' time in which they will get to learn new skills, try new and exciting experiences and develop their independence in preparation for their next chapter.

We are pleased to inform you that our WBP Free Breakfast Club is going from strength to strength with between 60 and 70 children coming in every day to have a healthy breakfast of a toasted bagel or bowl of cereal. If you would like your child to come along, please ensure they are dropped at the main hall from 8:25-8:35am. The children listen to music, read a book and chat to their friends while eating and have a really positive start to their day.

Finally, a reminder that due to the Bank Holiday, we will be welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 9th May at 8:40am.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team





Nurturing the Love of Writing.

On Monday 24th April, six children from years 3 and 4 were invited to attend the AIM High writer's workshop, run by the poet Neal Zetter at Rockliffe Manor Primary School in Plumstead.

It was a day focused solely on the craft of writing. The children were encouraged to:

- take some risks with their word choices,
- be creative,
- experiment with how they structured their writing,
- and most importantly, have some fun!



The children mixed with year 3 and 4 children from Bannockburn, De Lucy and Rockliffe Manor schools and produced wonderfully creative individual poems based on fears as well as collaborative poetry.

They had to perform their written pieces to the children and adults from all four schools and were fantastic ambassadors for Willow Bank.

Please take a moment to enjoy a couple of the poems the children wrote on the day. Sorry we don't have the space to include them all!

"I really enjoyed meeting new people and collaborating with them. I also enjoyed meeting a poet and listening to his work from his books. Making my own poem was the best part though – I learned that mistakes were a good thing and help us to learn."

Tomilayo, Almond class.

"I enjoyed writing our own poems and we also wrote some poems in groups and then performed them. Neal Zetter was very funny and we had lots of fun with him. I found working with other pupils fun because we made poems, acted them out and we did all kinds of fun activities based on poems.."

Katie, Laburnum class.





Writer's Block by Raghavi, Year 4

It's overwhelming
It's confusing
It's my biggest fear

Do you have it?
What's your biggest fear?

It's jumbled up words in my mind
It confuses me
It looks like a cloud full of words waiting to explode.

What would you say to it?
I would say, "STOP CONFUSIG ME!"
And it would say, "I can't stop!!!"

How does your biggest fear make you feel?
It makes me feel uncontrollably overwhelmed and
As confused as a person closing their eyes while
walking around

If I touched this filled-up cloud
In my confused, swollen-up head,
It would feel steamy, misty, peaceful and soft.

It would grow each time I think of it
Or a word.
The colours would be jumbled up too

It is unknowing
It is frightening, full of speed
It is just like a flash
And enormously huge
It is eagerly ready
It is coming for you
It is... Writer's BLOCK!

Heights by Tomilayo, Year 4

The terrifying thing about heights is the
Petrifying rides that spin you round and round
The sky's devious glow when it doesn't listen
when you say
"Can you put me a little bit lower?"

The innocent clear eyes
As you go higher and higher
Then, in a SWOOSH!
You scream as loud as a baby.
Now when you try to get revenge
I get on a ride and say
"I'm not scared of you!"
But to be honest, I still am deep inside.

My legs and arms are like jelly
My heart beats at the speed of light
I felt like I was on a skyscraper.

The next time I went on a ride
The sky acted as if it was the victim



"I enjoyed writing the poems because it was fun and you could be creative. We were working together with children from different schools it was really fun because I could make friends and make poems at the same time. Neal helped us and told us about writing a good poem so we can write better than we did before. When we were working together, we had to make a poem called "Recipe for a rainbow", we mixed all our plans together to make an amazing poem and we also had to make actions to make everything even better. I really enjoyed it there and if I had an option to go there again, I would go."

Christabel, Laburnum class.

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!

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SCAN FOR INFO



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

Would you like to understand more about county lines in Lewisham, Greenwich & Bexley?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Metropolitan
Police



Sarah Pritchard
Advanced Practitioner and
Consultant

Free webinar for parents & carers

6th June, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.

- ✓ Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is
- ✓ Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- ✓ Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- ✓ Understand what is happening in your area

Register: LewishamGreenwichBexleyParentWebinar.eventbrite.com



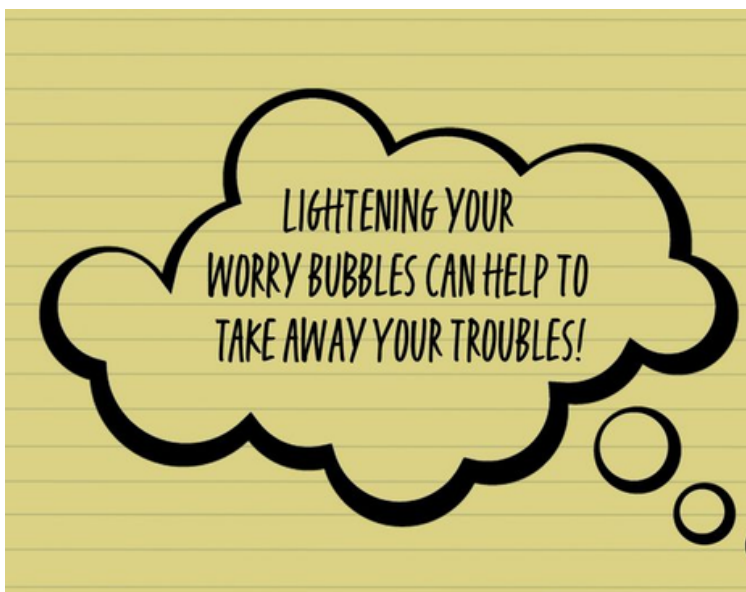


OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 -
ASPIRATION

Make the most of each day's possibilities.

| Well done to: | Our target is over 96% |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Magnolia - 94.0% | Yew - 95.5% |
| ★ Hornbeam - 100% | Mulberry - 90.4% |
| Alder - 94.0% | Redwood - 92.0% |
| ★ Laburnum - 97.8% | ★ Almond - 96.2% |
| Hazel - 93.8% | ★ Walnut - 100% |
| Larch - 94.0% | ★ Sycamore - 98.7% |
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THINK OF THE WEEK



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.

LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

From 1st April 2023 there will be a 2p price increase in the cost of a school meal from £2.30 to £2.32

