



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we welcomed Ofsted to Willow Bank this week and enjoyed sharing our journey of improvement with them over the two days they spent with us. During this time they visited a variety of lessons across the curriculum in every year group, looked at children’s books, spoke to children, staff and parents as well as examining our systems and processes for safeguarding, attendance and behaviour.

Thank you to those of you that provided valuable feedback either on the gate in person or by responding to the parent survey. The final report will be shared before the end of the summer term.

Next week we will be celebrating King Charles’ Coronation by having a special street party in the hall on Friday 5th May. Children are welcome to come into school dressed in red, white and blue to join the festivities that will be taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a relaxing long weekend and remind you that due to NEU strike action on Tuesday, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd May.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team





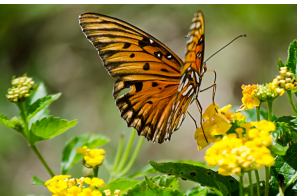
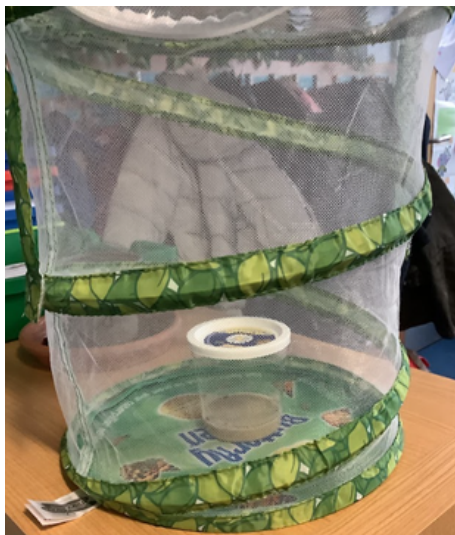
EYFS

This week Reception class topic is - In the garden.

We have been looking after some very tiny baby caterpillars which will soon become beautiful butterflies.

The children have been discussing how big they are and how long it they will take to turn into butterflies.

We are all very excited to watch them grow!



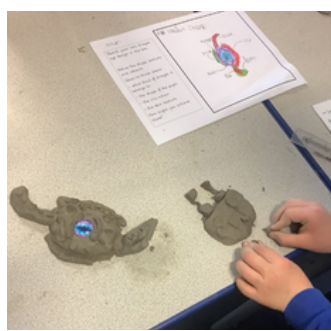
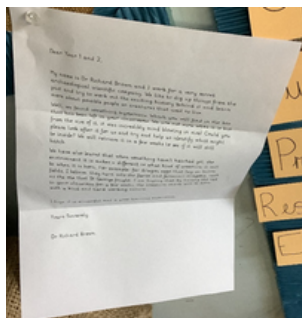
Year 1



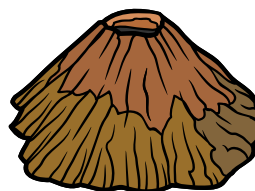
Last week as part of our hook, Yew class went on an Earth hunt. We discussed what natural and unnatural objects are and then went on a search for natural objects. We had a tick list with us to show when we found an object or animal, and we almost saw everything on our list. We found spiders, leaves, trees, snails, birds (including parrots) and lots of grass.

Year 2

Today we received an exciting letter and package from Dr Richard Brown who works for an archaeological scientific company. He has asked us to look after this special package which has a dragon egg inside! We have carefully made dragon eyes out of clay and are looking forward to seeing what happens to the egg in the coming weeks!



Year 3



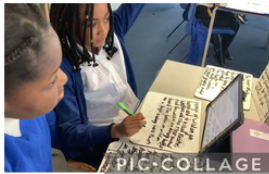
This half term in Year 3 we are looking at Geological disasters. For our hook day children became volcanologists and learnt about different geological disasters. The children wrote their name in Latin as we recount the steps of Mount Vesuvius erupting in Pompeii. The children have been reading the book Earth Shattering Events and they have been able to create mini fact files about each disaster.

Next week they will be learning about avalanches ...



Year 4

As part of their hook lesson, students learned in a unfamiliar environment and discovered that some of us had trouble making friends with other students. After that, we all discussed how it affected our feelings and emotions. In history lesson children are exploring the ancient Islamic civilization this term, as well as how the early Islamic history and current effects connect society today. Additionally, they researched the Golden Age of Islam and its effects on technology, architecture, trade, and travel.



Year 5

In year 5 we are learning about World War Two and how it impacted people. We'll be learning about evacuees, the blitz and the consequences resulting from the war. We've also been learning about language used in the 1940s - **Do you know what 'apples and pears' means?**



Handkerchief was a piece of fabric used to wipe your nose

Handkerchief



On the floor means your poor

On the floor



Gas mask

A gas mask is used to protect you from smoke



Cockney is a slang or clothing londoners use

Cockney



Sunday best

Sunday best is your best clothing on sunday



Evacuation is when people evacuate to a different place

Evacuation

Mince pies are eyes



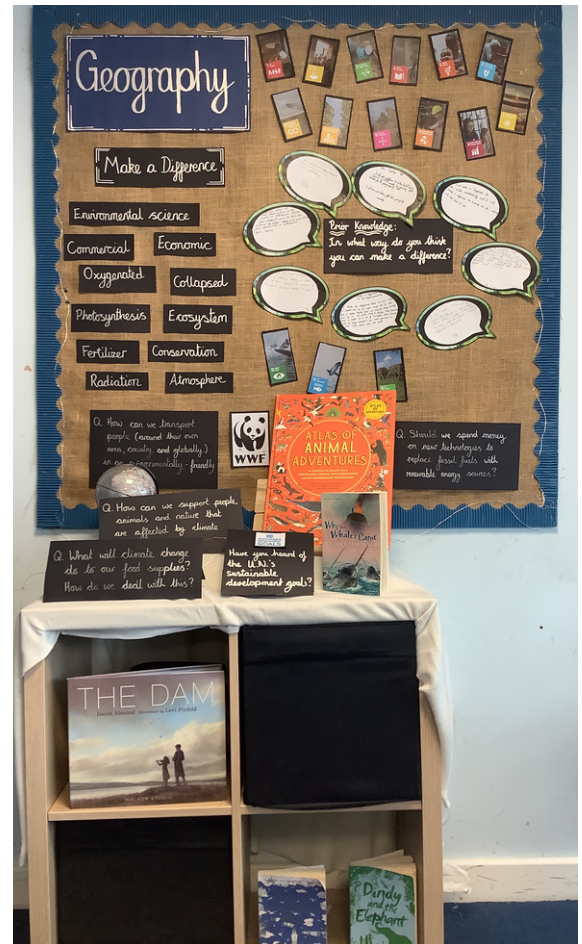
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Year 6



In Year 6 this half term, our theme is 'Make a Difference'.

We will be exploring the challenges environmental scientists face to slow down global climate change, researching possible alternatives and thinking about ways we can all make a difference to our environment and the wider world.





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

ONE
KIND WORD
 CAN CHANGE
 SOMEONE'S
ENTIRE
 DAY

Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 91.1%	★ Yew - 96.6%
Hornbeam - 90.3%	Mulberry - 94.2%
★ Alder - 96.6%	★ Redwood - 96.4%
Laburnum - 95.5%	★ Almond - 96.6%
Hazel - 90.6%	Walnut - 95.6%
Larch - 93.5%	Sycamore - 93.0%

THINK OF THE WEEK

Is something boring because of *it*
 or because of *you*?



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

