



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a fantastic week! There's been lots of excitement at Willow Bank as the children have been enjoying our new weekly singing assemblies, led by the wonderful Mrs. Cummings. Each week, the children come together to learn songs linked to our school's core values, creating a positive and joyful atmosphere that resonates throughout the school.

### WBP Monthly Music Focus

This academic year, we have also introduced a monthly music focus to broaden children's exposure to a range of musical genres. In September, we explored classical music, with a particular focus on the works of Mozart. The children enjoyed listening to classical pieces during assemblies and in their classrooms. For October, we are listening to The Blues. This month's spotlight artist is the incredible Etta James, whose soulful voice and powerful music have inspired generations. Our aim is for each child to discover a genre of music that they truly connect with, opening their ears and hearts to new sounds.



### Parent and School Partnership

A big thank you for continuing to support your child at home with their weekly reading, spellings, tables, and homework tasks. Your encouragement and involvement make a significant difference to their confidence and progress in the classroom. If you have any questions or would like more guidance on how to support your child's home learning, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.

### World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10th October 2024

On Thursday we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day and will have a range of activities planned to help raise awareness and encourage conversations around mental health and well-being.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another productive and inspiring week ahead. Have a lovely weekend!





## WBP PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Bexley Music Scholarship

We are extremely proud of Kinfe and Nife who have both been awarded a four year scholarship from Bexley Music to develop their instrumental knowledge and skills. Both children play several instruments, including the piano and trumpet and we know they will grab this opportunity with both hands to become ever more accomplished musicians! Congratulations to you both!



Congratulations to Demilade who was awarded a medal this week at his football club, Pro Football Goals, Bexleyheath, for scoring a hat trick at the 20th anniversary celebration Under 9 game. Well done Demilade!

This week at Brownies, Deborah's pack, The Donkeys, were awarded medals for earning the most points! Children earn points for completing challenges and tasks set during the session.



If your child is given an award something outside of school, please let us know as we love to share the children's achievements in our Friday Celebration Assemblies and in our newsletter.

Warm Regards,  
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



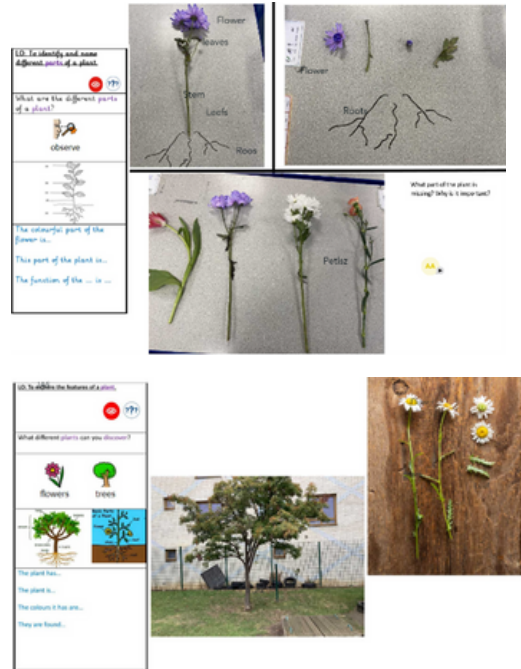
## Year R

This week at Forest School we have been looking at the changes in the seasons. We collected different treasures that show us Autumn has arrived!



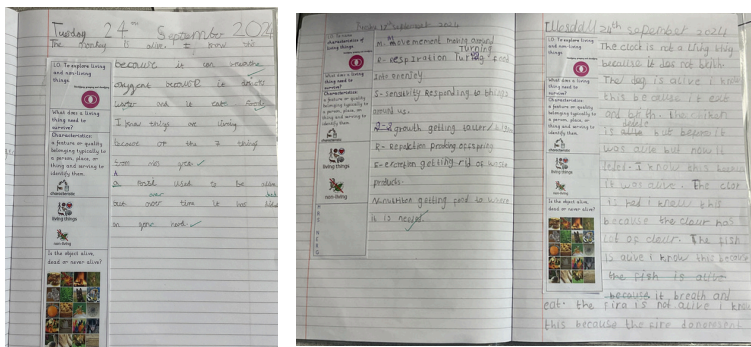
## Year 1

In Science, year 1 have been learning about the different features and functions of a plant. We went on a plant hunt in our outdoor area to see what plants we could find! We have also looked at flowers closely and examined their features.



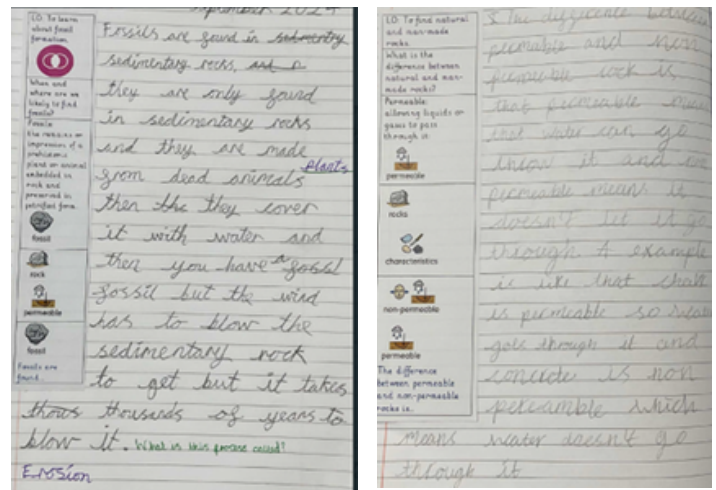
## Year 2

In Year 2, children explored the fascinating world of living and non-living things. They learned how to distinguish between objects that are alive, like plants and animals and those that are not, such as rocks and toys. Through hands-on activities and observations, they discovered key characteristics that define living things—like the ability to grow, move, and reproduce—while understanding that non-living things lack these qualities.



## Year 3

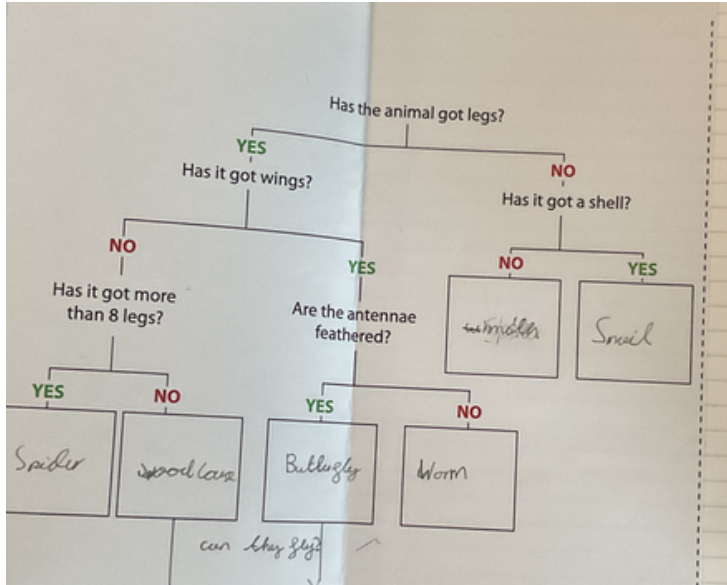
In Year 3, we've been diving into the fascinating world of rocks and fossils! Our budding geologists have been learning how to classify different types of rocks and started to understand the wonders of fossils. We have been focusing on identifying what type of rock we are likely to find fossils in.





## Year 4

In Almond Class, students are exploring living things, learning to classify them by characteristics, habitats, and life cycles.



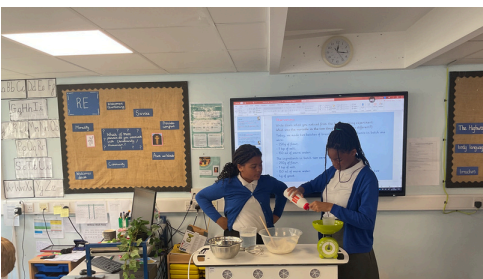
## Year 5

In science we have been learning about gravity, the difference between weight and mass, and experimenting using Newton metres. We were surprised to find out that if you are 10kg on earth, you are actually only 5kg on the moon, yet a whopping 72kg on Jupiter!

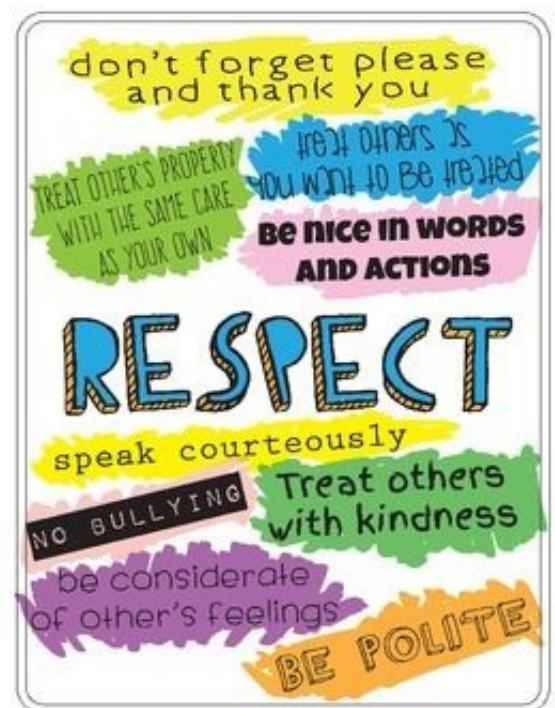


## Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring the topic of Living things and their habitats. During our lesson on identifying different types of micro organisms, we explored the properties of yeast and conducted an experiment to discover the impact yeast would have on our dough.



## OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 1 IS RESPECT

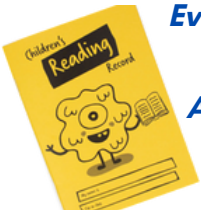




**Y1 and Y2 Parent Reading Morning**

**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 Yr 1 & 2 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	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 99%	★ Yew - 98%
★ Hornbeam - 98%	★ Redwood - 99%
	★ Almond - 99%
★ Hazel - 96%	★ Walnut - 97%
Larch - 93%	★ Sycamore - 99%
	

**School Reminder**

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am, for Bagel Breakfast club from 8.25am - 8.35am  
 School gates close at precisely 8:50am. After this time, entrance is via the school office and parents will need to sign your child/children in using 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>



On Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October

WHEREVER YOU ARE,  
SUPPORT WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

# HELLO YELLOW

We want #HelloYellow to be a positive and fun way for people to share the message that it's okay to reach out for help.

contributions are welcome to show support



WEAR YELLOW

Optimistic October 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better
	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing
	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time
	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time
	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month			



# LA MARELLE

PETITE ÉCOLE FRANÇAISE À DARTFORD

**3-16 ANS**

**28 SEPTEMBRE 2024**

**SAMEDI 9H30-12H30**

**C'est la rentrée**



Activités créatives



Classes en français



Apprendre en s'amusant



Le samedi à La Marelle

Parapluie FLAM <https://lamarelle.org.uk/>

FLAM MONDE

La Marelle (Charity number: 1135186) est une association caritative qui fait partie du réseau des petites écoles FLAM.



## WHY, LA MARELLE?

- BILINGUAL EXPERIENCE**  
At La Marelle, you'll **hop, skip, and jump** into the world of French language and culture. You'll discover a place where learning becomes an **adventure**, and where children of **all ages** can embrace the richness of the **French-speaking world**.
- OUR MISSION**  
La Marelle is not just a school; it's a **vibrant community** dedicated to providing top-notch French education while fostering cultural capital. Our mission is to **inspire a love for the French language, culture, and traditions**, helping our students **thrive** personally, academically and culturally.
- CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**  
Beyond language, we **immerse** our students in the beauty of French culture. From **gastronomy** to **history** and the **arts**, our curriculum is designed to **spark curiosity** for all things related to the French speaking world.
- OUR TEAM**  
Our passionate educators provide **interactive lessons**, language abilities, tailored to different age groups and abilities. Your child will receive a **well-rounded** French education with a focus on **fluency, comprehension, and culture**.
- COMMUNITY**  
La Marelle isn't just a school; it's a **family!** We're a tight-knit **community** where students and parents can connect, share **experiences**, and forge lifelong **friendships**.
- WHEN AND WHERE**  
Our classes take place on **Saturday morning** during **term time only**. At The Leigh UTC Inspiration Academy, the bridge, Brunel Way, Dartford DA1 5TF. The **next session** will be **Saturday 14th September**.
- ENROLL TODAY!**  
Join us at La Marelle and give your child the gift of **language, culture, and personal growth**. It's more than just a school; it's a **journey**. **Copy the link in your browser to register now:** <https://lamarelle.org.uk/en/registration-form/>
- FOLLOW US**  
Stay updated with La Marelle **news and activities** on our social media pages. You can find us by **clicking** on the following:  
[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)



Photos of children may be taken for promotional purposes if you do not give consent to this please state when booking.



**Grand opening of our new course!**

## Little Achievers FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years All abilities

**£45 per week or £15 a day**

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

**October Half Term 28 Oct-1 Nov | 10am-3pm**

**Friday Funday!**

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### SEND October Half-Term sports and activities

- Free SEND inclusive sports and activities for d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people and their families
- All abilities/disabilities welcome

**Inclusive Hula Hooping (5 - 16 years)**

When: Monday 28th October  
Time: 11 - 12 pm

Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ

**Hoopz Basketball (5 - 16 years)**

When: Tuesday 29th October  
Time: 11 - 12 pm

Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ

**Zumba with Emma (5 - 16 years)**

When: Wednesday 30th October  
Time: 11 - 12 pm

Where: Waterways Children's Centre, SE28 8EZ

**Inclusive Rugby with Nick (8 - 16 years)**

When: Thursday 31st October  
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ

**Glowdance with Kelly (8 - 16 years)**

When: Friday 1st November  
Time: 11 - 12 pm

Where: Waterways Children's Centre, SE28 8EZ

#### Sign up here:

[bit.ly/SignUp-InclusiveOctober24](https://bit.ly/SignUp-InclusiveOctober24)

Or scan the QR Code



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