



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for attending our very first Willow Bank Around the World Festival last Friday. It was fantastic to see our school community coming together to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, good food and traditional games together. Thank you to those of you that donated food and cakes for our food stall, or items used as prizes,



we couldn't have done it without your support! We are pleased to inform you that we raised over £1700 for the school which will be used to provide additional resources and exciting learning experiences for the children. It was also wonderful to see the children wearing clothes to represent their culture, illustrating what a diverse community we serve.

Children were also very busy in their classrooms learning about different cultures and artists from around the world and using this learning to inspire their own art outcomes. Please do take a look at the incredible artwork and activities that have taken place over the past two weeks in this week's newsletter.



Our EYFS/KS1 sports day was also a huge success on Thursday morning. Thank you to all the parents that came along to cheer the children on and Ms Omollo for organising everything so efficiently. The children did themselves proud competing in a range of races from egg and spoon to sprints. The winning house was Hawking! We are looking forward to the Key Stage 2 Sports Day due to take place on Monday 17th July from 9:30am.



We are looking forward to seeing our Year 6 production of The Lion King next week! The children have been very busy rehearsing their lines and songs and Y6 parents are invited to the performance on Thursday 13th July (doors will open at 5:00pm). A letter will be sent to all Y6 parents informing you of the details.



Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



This half term we celebrated Art and Diversity Fortnight within our curriculum, whereby each year group had a country/continent to explore and be inspired to create Art and learn something specific about their culture. We ended the fortnight by bringing the community together at our Willow Bank Around the World Festival and we were blown away by the outcome. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that contributed their own culture food for us all to share and those who donated sweets and drinks.

We can't wait for next year - bigger and better!

Here are some pictures from the day.



**WE RAISED**  
**£1785**  
**THANK YOU**

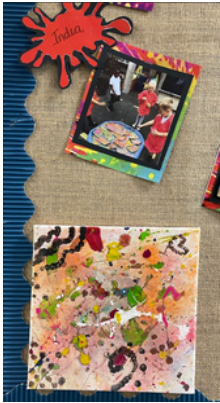




## EYFS

In Reception for Art and Diversity fortnight, we learnt all about the Indian culture and were inspired by the bright colours and spices! We learnt about Holi Fest, henna and the children even made their own home made traditional curry using chickpeas and vegetables, check out our recipe. It was delicious!

Our Art was inspired by the artist Marla Olmstead, we explored her painting style by creating spiral art, flick painting and building layers.



## Year 1

Year 1 focussed on Travellers from Europe this year for Art and Diversity Fortnight. We explored printing and dying fabrics and used our knowledge of patterns, to create our wonderful tassel art that we have displayed on our art board. In our diversity lessons we learned how to make Xarista (fried cornbread) which some travellers enjoy. We enjoyed the Xarista and thought it was similar in taste to waffles!



## Year 2

In Year 2, our focus was on Brazil, South America.

For our Art outcome we were inspired by the Brazilian 'pop artist' Lobo, who merges inspiration from collage, silhouettes and vivid colours. Our main outcome focused on the aspect of collage, where the children used a layering technique with coloured paper and card.

For our diversity outcome, we looked at carnival, comparing the modern and historical. The children loved the vivid colours and pageantry and were very excited to hear we have our own Notting Hill carnival... hopefully they get to go one day!



Amy Bairstow @amyartworksedu · Jun 30  
Year 2 @willowbankpri have been learning all about collage for their Arts Fortnight! Inspired by Brazilian mural artist LOBO today we build layers of colourful collage and add details using paint. Loved working on this MASSIVE canvas with year 2 today 🌈 @WOODlandAcademy



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## Year 3

During Art and Diversity Week, Year 3 have been learning all about Italy. We have explored their amphitheatres and created small scenes to re-enact, based on characters from our book this term 'Iliona: The Journal of Iliona; A Young Roman Slave'. With our focus on Italy we explored creating mosaic tiles. We designed, tiled and grouted them ourselves.



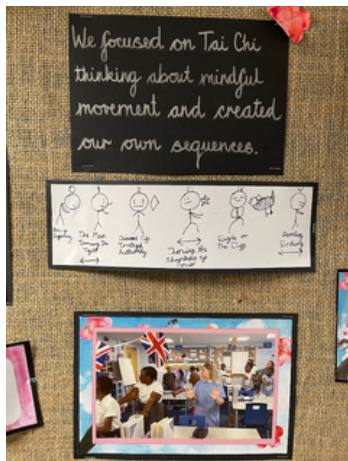
## Year 4

As part of Art & Diversity week in Year 4, we explored Denmark and learned about its famous food, culture, and other well-known industries. We had the pleasure of tasting different varieties of Danish bread, as it is an essential part of the Danish diet. We then incorporated Food Technology by producing our own bread! In Art, we created monoprints that were inspired by Maija Isola's artwork and studied several mono-printing techniques, such as trace, stencil, and subtractive monoprints. We even sold many of our designs at the Around the World Festival.



## Year 5

In Year 5, our inspiration was drawn from China. In Art we looked at the artist Chen Jialing and explored creating blossoms and branches of cherry trees. We then focused on Tai Chi thinking about mindful movement and created our own sequences. Finally, we made Keynotes about China and tourist trailers encouraging people to visit this amazing country.



## Year 6

For Art and Diversity fortnight year 6 were inspired by Ghanaian artist, El Anatsui and designed their own African-inspired patterns using digital media - the children studied the colours, shapes and geometrical designs before creating their own. We then used our designs to construct 3D necklaces using mixed materials, including paper, wire and glass beads.





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## Key Dates

### Next week:

Tuesday 11th July 2023 (1:30pm) - Y6 Dental Health Nurse  
 Thursday 13th July 2023 (Doors open at 5pm)- Y6 Performance to parents.

### July 2023 dates:

Monday 17th July 2023 (09:30-11.00) - KS2 Sports Day.  
 Wednesday 19th July (6pm - 8pm) - Leavers Disco.  
 Thursday 20th July (2pm) - R Magnolia Graduation Assembly  
 Friday 21st July 2023 - Last day of term.

### DIY vocal instruments for kids

**Sunday 9th July, 11am-2pm, The Nest, Cygnet Square, SE2 9FA**

Suitable for 1-16 year olds and their families - Free but booking essential at <https://taco.org.uk/DIY-Vocal-instruments>  
 Ever wanted to sound like a robot or change your voice?

Join artist Jenny Pengilly to learn how to adapt your voice with vocal exploration games and make voice changing instruments inspired by vocoders, kazoos, echo-mics, talk boxes and voice disguisers.



**JOIN TODAY!**

The Summer Reading Challenge is ON.

Ready, Set, Read! is the name of the game and this year, you guessed it, our theme is sports and games.

Take part in your local library or online, right here. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock some digital goodies.

**Join today!**

For more information about what's happening in Bexley Libraries this summer - <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/summer-reading-challenge>





## ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

This week Mrs Edgar met with our Attendance Ambassadors to discuss ideas to celebrate children with 100% attendance this year. We currently have 28 children with 100% attendance. We are looking forward to sharing how we are going to celebrate very soon!

Current whole school attendance

Target 96%



### Celebrating Attendance



At Willow Bank we currently have 28 children who have 100% attendance and 122 children with 96% and above attendance. This year at the end of each term, we celebrate their success with an afternoon of popcorn, milkshake, and a film.

### Punctuality

We appreciate the efforts that our Parents and Carers make to get their children into school on time. Poor punctuality can affect learning and behaviour. The start of the day is when the teacher informs the class of what the day ahead will look like. Learning begins from the moment they enter the classroom. It is not only the pupil who is late that is affected. It has an impact on all other learners if a child walks in late, as the teacher is then required to recap on missing learning for that child. This reduces learning time for the rest of the class. It is important that you get your child into school on time.

- Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am
- Late arrival is any time after 8.50am
- Arrival after 10am is recorded as unauthorised.

### What do the punctuality figures show?

5 Minutes Late	10 Minutes Late	15 Minutes Late	20 Minutes Late	25 Minutes Late
3 days of learning have been missed	6.5 days of learning have been missed	10 days of learning have been missed	13 days of learning have been missed	19 days of learning have been missed

### Absence through illness

We understand and appreciate that children can become unwell and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office on 0208 320 1900 extension 1 before 9am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. Medical Appointments – We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However, if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise, if they can be back in school for afternoon registration at 1.30pm.

### What do the attendance figures show?

	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%
<b>Weekly</b>		½ day		1 day		2 days
<b>Termly</b>		1 week 2 days		2 weeks 4 days		4 weeks 1 day
<b>Yearly</b>	10 days missed	20 days missed	30 days missed	40 days missed	50 days missed	60 days missed
<b>By Year 6</b>		½ a year		1 year		1 ½ years



**Little Achievers**  
The National Children's Foundation

# Summer FOOTBALL COURSE

**Boys and Girls 5-13yrs**  
All abilities  
**£40 per week** or £15 a day  
**Friday Funday!**

**24-28 July, 31 July-4 Aug**  
**7-11 Aug & 14-18 Aug**  
**10am-3pm**

**SAVE £20!**  
All 4 weeks **£140**

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Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE  
(Brook Street entrance)



**JuniorReds**  
Football Club



## Girls Primary School Football Summer holiday activity



- ❖ Girls in Primary School age are welcome to attend our summer holiday Saturday football **activity**
- ❖ Your daughter will improve their football skills; maintain fitness; make new friends and have fun!!
- ❖ This takes place on the field at Bexleyheath Academy, Graham Road, Bexleyheath DA6 7DA on Saturday mornings from 11.00am to **midday**
- ❖ Sessions are free of **charge**
- ❖ We are also forming new football teams for girls in School Years 3 – 6, if interested to develop their skills further. A few additional School Year 4 & 5 players are especially required.

Further details: Clive on 07504 264 157 or email [Clive@juniorredsfc.co.uk](mailto:Clive@juniorredsfc.co.uk)

[www.juniorredsfc.co.uk](http://www.juniorredsfc.co.uk)

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

## School's out for summer!

It's always best to be **prepared**

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.

A Parent's Guide to **Social Media**

A Parent's Guide to **Sharing Pictures**

A Parent's Guide to **Gaming**

A Parent's Guide to **Live Streaming**

A Parent's Guide to **Online Grooming**

A Parent's Guide to **Online Influencers**

A Parent's Guide to **Fake News**

A Parent's Guide to **Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please **contact us** if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational  
Web: [www.skipsafetynet.org](http://www.skipsafetynet.org) 142 Newton Road  
Email: [info@skips.com](mailto:info@skips.com) Great Barr  
Tel: +44 121 227 1941 Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with:  
Home Office  
West Midlands Police Partnership Unit  
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

**Skips**  
Keeping children safe online [www.skipsafetynet.org](http://www.skipsafetynet.org)

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

# Welcome to UTOPIA CHEERLEADING

**FIRST SESSION IS FREE**

**Come along and Join the FUN!**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Have fun learning how to stunt, dance and tumble, whilst being a part of a team! We have teams for all ages from 3 years old to adults. Compete regionally and nationally across the UK with us!

When: **Every Monday**  
Where: ASG Community Gymnastics Club, Arch 11, Byron Close, Thamesmead, SE28 8AA

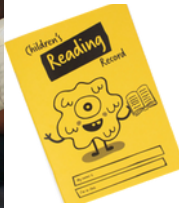
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Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering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

<b>Well done to:</b>	<b>Our target is over 96%</b>
<b>Magnolia - 94.0%</b>	<b>Yew - 89.0%</b>
★ <b>Hornbeam - 98.0%</b>	★ <b>Mulberry - 96.0%</b>
<b>Alder - 92.0%</b>	★ <b>Redwood - 96.0%</b>
<b>Laburnum - 92.0%</b>	<b>Almond - 91.0%</b>
★ <b>Hazel - 97.0%</b>	<b>Walnut - 93.0%</b>
★ <b>Larch - 96.0%</b>	<b>Sycamore - 90.0%</b>



**Free Multi Sport Festival** Ages 5-16

in partnership with Access Sport and Peabody

**Saturday**  
22 July  
11:00 - 13:00

**Sports Club**  
Thamesmead,  
SE28 8NJ

A fun and inclusive opportunity for children to get out, play and make new friends!  
For all disabilities/ abilities

**Scan the QR code to register**

**Activities to include...**

Archery	Immersive reality
Yoga	Football
Tennis	Dance

...and more!

020 7993 9883

Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk

### SEND Summer Sports and Activities

- Free SEND inclusive sports and activities for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people and their families during the Summer Holidays in Thamesmead
- All abilities/disabilities welcome

<p><b>Inclusive Yoga (6 - 16 years old)</b></p> <p>Monday 24th July - 11 - 12 pm Monday 31st July - 11 - 12 pm</p> <p>Where: Waterways Children's Centre, SE28 8EZ</p>	<p><b>Sensory Football (6 - 16 years old)</b></p> <p>Tuesday 25th July - 3 - 4 pm Tuesday 8th August - 3 - 4 pm</p> <p>Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ</p>
<p><b>Multi Sports (6 - 16 years old)</b></p> <p>Tuesday 1st August - 3 - 4 pm Monday 7th August - 3 - 4 pm</p> <p>Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ</p>	<p><b>Zumba (6 - 16 years old)</b></p> <p>Wednesday 26th July - 11 - 12 pm Wednesday 2nd August - 11 - 12 pm Wednesday 9th August - 11 - 12 pm</p> <p>Where: Waterways Children's Centre, SE28 8EZ</p>



Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/SignUp-InclusiveSummer2023>

Or scan the QR Code



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