



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week at WBP with some very special visitors who have enriched our learning and inspired our children!



On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome **PC Rosaleen** to lead our whole school values assembly. She spoke to the children about her role as a police officer in our community and the many ways in which she keeps us safe. The children were fascinated as she showed them some of her equipment, including her radio, baton, body camera, and handcuffs. They even had the chance to try on her special police hat—which they discovered is quite hard to protect her head! It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the value of respect and the importance of community helpers.

On Wednesday, Year 5 had the pleasure of meeting **Mr. Mashedor**, a representative from a local church, who shared his experiences and talked about his Christian faith. The children showed our value of curiosity and respect by asking thoughtful questions and engaging deeply in the discussion. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to explore and appreciate different perspectives and beliefs within our community.



Meanwhile, Year 6 had an unforgettable visit to **The Clink Museum** in London this week as part of their big question: "Is it appropriate to celebrate law breakers?" The Clink, dating back to 1144, is one of England's oldest and most notorious prisons. The children explored the history of crime and punishment, handled torture devices, and heard tales of torment from the lives of inmates. It was a thrilling and educational experience that brought history to life!

Upcoming Event: Reception Parents Reading Coffee Morning

We would like to remind all Reception class parents that there will be a coffee morning on Wednesday, 16th October at 9:00am. Mrs. Lee will be speaking to parents about how to support your child at home to become a confident and lifelong reader. We hope to see many of you there!

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.
Warm regards,

Willow Bank Primary School



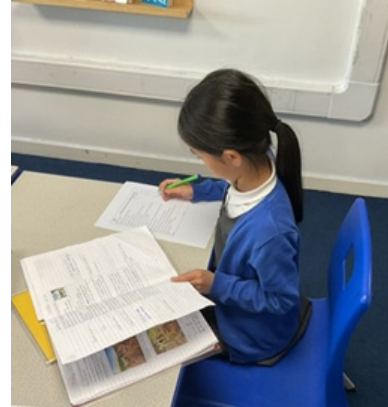
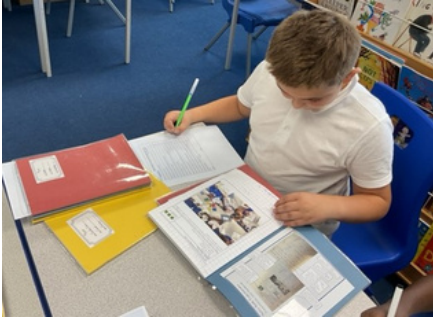


PUPIL LEADERSHIP AT WBP

WBP Presentation Panel

Our Presentation Panel meet most Friday afternoons with Mrs Oldfield to look at books across the school to check standards of handwriting and presentation.

Children are invited to join the panel when they have been awarded their **pen licence**. Children's books have to meet a list of very strict criteria in order for a pen licence to be granted including ensuring every book contains joined, cursive handwriting, mistakes are crossed out with one line with a ruler and there is only one digit per square in maths books.



Children work very hard to achieve their pen licence each year and also enjoy being given the responsibility to help raise standards across the school.

I enjoy being on the Presentation Panel because it is nice seeing people change their writing over time to improve it and it encourages other people to get their licence too! (Christabel)

I enjoy being on the Presentation Panel because you get to see other people's handwriting and see them happy when they get their pen licence. (Veron)

WBP Attendance Ambassadors

**ATTENDANCE
AMBASSADOR**

Each class has two proud attendance ambassadors, who meet with Mrs Edgar every half term to discuss attendance, punctuality, ways to celebrate and ways to provide additional support to their peers with regular absences. They also have the responsibility of completing and updating the class door registration numbers, letting everyone know how many children are in class on that given day, and ensuring they check in and provide a warm welcome to children who arrive late.





WBP SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



Our school Ambassadors are elected by their class mates at the beginning of every academic year. The children have to apply for the role and complete an application form as well as give a presentation to their class stating why they would like to represent the school and their class.

The children meet regularly with Mr Talbot or Mrs Oldfield to focus on key areas of school improvement including quality of education, behaviour and safeguarding as well as bringing their own ideas and initiatives to discuss and implement throughout the year. It is an honour and a huge responsibility to be a School Ambassador and they are often called upon to greet and meet with visitors to the school to answer questions about their learning and their impact on school improvement.

As a School Ambassador, it is important we demonstrate our value of integrity and always do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

We need to show our value of aspiration and inspire other children to become an ambassador next year.

When we have visitors, we show respect when we welcome them to our school. We say, 'Hello. How are you? How was your day?'



WBP SCHOOL PLAYLEADERS

Veron (Manager)

I enjoy seeing the children happy when I play with them and when they are alone, I get them a friend to play with.

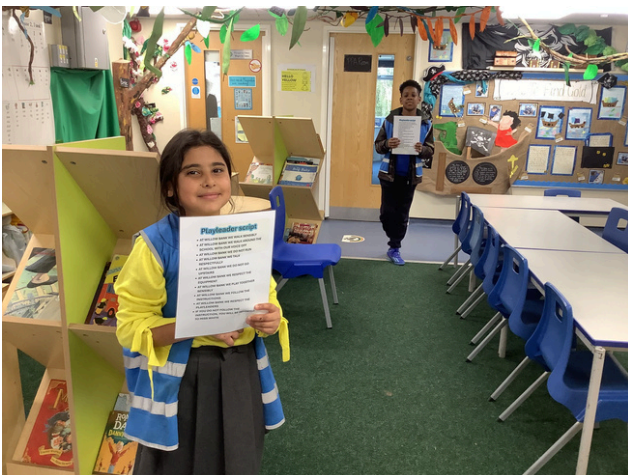
The impact I think I have on the school is good because I help other playleaders with their shift



Danny (CEO)

I enjoy keeping everybody's playtime safe and fun.

The impact I have on the school is to give the playleaders the best support so they can give the children the best service and enjoyable playtime experience.



Tobi (Assistant Manager)

I enjoy supporting the children on KS1.

The impact I think I give the school is by giving the pupils a fun playtime so they can enjoy it.



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>



Parent Reading

Coffee morning



For all EYFS parents

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 09:00-09:30

PARENT AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

COME ALONG AND LEARN HOW BEST TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO BECOME A CONFIDENT READER AT HOME

WILLOW BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 22nd October 2024
9.00-10.00am



Please come along to our Reception coffee morning on Tuesday 22nd October 2024. This is for you to meet our Inclusion team, and can discuss how your child is settling into Reception. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you all!



PIANO LESSONS

for Kids

It's time to discover the passion and interest in playing the piano and explore the benefits.

This is an opportunity for kids age 5 and above who want to learn.

@ Church of The Cross Abbey Wood

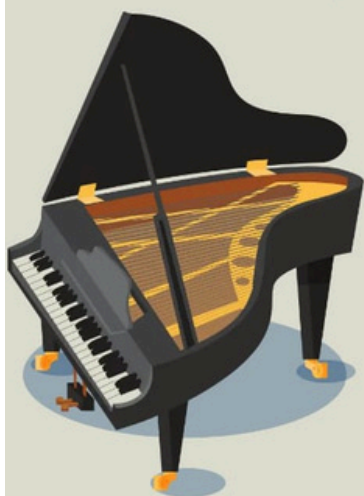
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Fridays 6:30pm - 8pm
Sundays 5pm - 6:30pm

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Limited spaces available!!!!

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A One-hour Virtual coffee morning and informal chat for parents

Friday 8th November 9.00-10.00am

Does your child seem anxious about attending school or worried about school when at home?

Have you noticed that your child presents as anxious in certain situations or are they avoiding things due to fears and worries?

Are there some behaviours you see at home that are making family life more difficult

We are here to help!

Bexley MHST will be attending a virtual coffee morning for Willowbank to support any parents/carers that may be struggling with these difficulties.

This is a short informal session, and you will have time to ask questions and find out more about our service.

Mental Health Support Team





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Friday Funday!

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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