



Willow Bank's Art and Diversity Fortnight 19th-30th June



Dear Parents and Carers, excitement is mounting at WBP as we look forward to our forthcoming **Art and Diversity fortnight** over the next two weeks. Each year group will be focusing on a different culture linked in some way to our wider school community so we can learn about and appreciate our similarities and differences linked to our theme of **'Cultural Identity'**.



On **Friday 30th June** we will be having our **Willow Bank Around the World Festival** on the playground with a range of exciting **acts** performing reflecting the diversity of our school, our very own WBP **resident DJ** (Miss Jones) providing the **music, food stalls** and a **raffle** with some incredible prizes to be won, including a £100 star prize! In addition there will be an ice cream van and a bouncy castle – please put the date in your diaries!

We would like to invite you to contribute to our 'Around the World' food stall by bringing in traditional recipes from home. Please see the letter shared by Miss Nembhard last week for more details.

We are also looking forward to welcoming professional artist Amy Bairstow to WBP as she will be joining classes to work on their art outcomes that will be displayed around the school!

There is so much exciting learning to look forward to!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

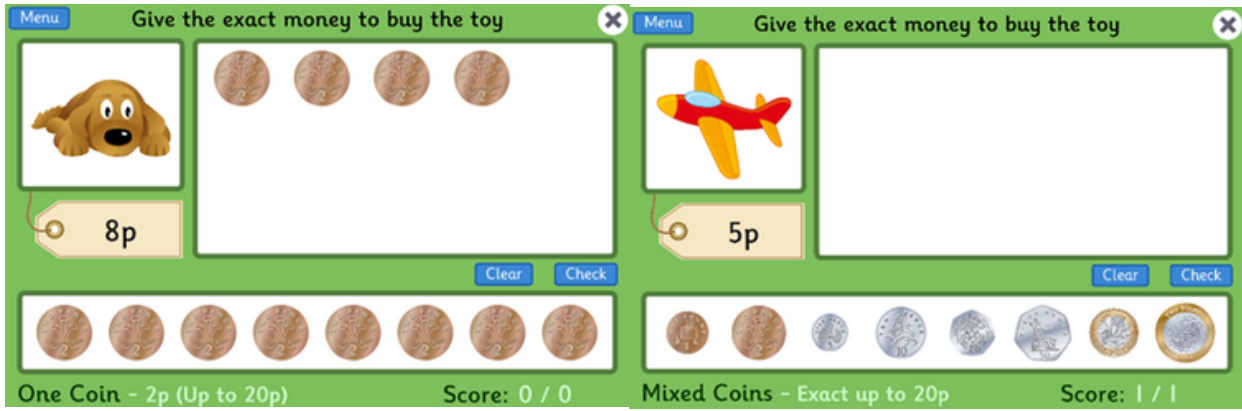
Best wishes,
Mrs. Oldfield and the WBP Team



Computing at WBP

Reception have used a creative game to practice counting in twos whilst also learning about money! We learned about the following coins and their value: 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. We also explored the difference between pence and pounds.

EYFS



Last term in Year 1, we worked on exploring Showbie further. We created all sorts of pieces of work including narrating the book “Here We Are” as well as labelling the continents of the Earth. We also had a sneak peek at computing using robots using the Sphero’s to explore uses of iPads!

Year 1

“It was funny, and I accidentally drove it into chairs when doing an obstacle course.” – Betsy

“Driving them with the iPad made me really happy.” – Bobby



In School	In the World	At Home
ipad iphone	ipad iphone	iphone ipad
laptop computer		

Year 2

Year 2 explored many ways that technology is used in the world around us. They also wrote rules about the world around us. We then had a look at Sphero’s to get familiar with the devices ahead of using them in Year 3 and Year 4.

In School	In the World	At Home
WBP laptop, WBP tablet	computer monitor, smartphone	WBP tablet



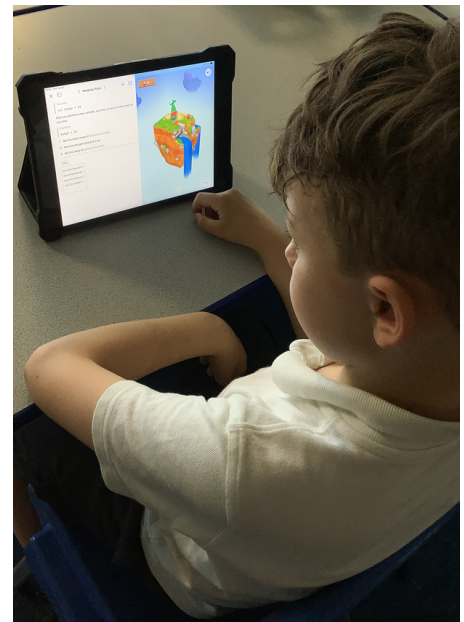
Year 3

Year 3 have been using the Swift Playgrounds app to learn the basics of coding. Year 3 have been learning to use functions such as loops and commands as well as learning about Fake News as part of their e-learning. Year 3 have loved using this programme and can't wait to try again next year.

"I like using Swift Playgrounds because of the different activities and commands we can use to collect crystals" - Jeremiah

"I enjoy it, it's really fun and the step-by-step instructions helped me a lot when learning to code" - Mactar

"It makes coding fun because we get to learn as we do our activities" - Nife



Year 4 have been using the Swift Playgrounds app to learn how to code. Each child has a playground character named Byte who must collect gems as he moves around the app. The children problem solve and work collaboratively when they have developed an error in their code. They need to fix the code for their character Byte to progress further. Year 4 have shown real enthusiasm in computing.

"We like that you can give commands to the robot on the iPad, and it will do the command unless you have made a mistake in the code"- Isaiah & Tobi.

"I like that Swift Playgrounds is a pupil programme that they made to help pupils learn to code and solve different puzzles using commands."- Katie.

"I like how we get to step through the programme and use the different commands to move our character around the game."- Joseph.

"The thing I like about the programme is when you have made a mistake on the code, it gives you a hint so that I can fix my code and move my character."- Rachael.

Year 4





Year 5

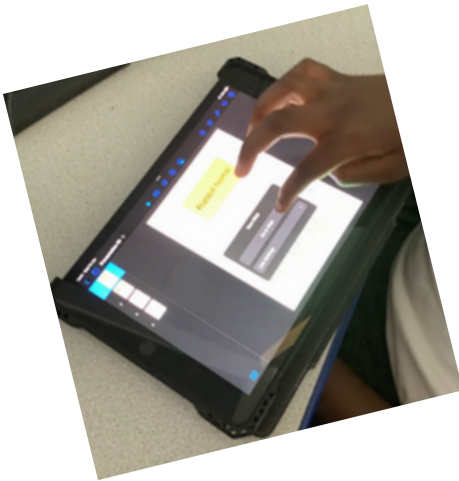
Year 5 created apps using Keynote. We learned how to create links to our title page, a process that can be done on many presentation tools through hyperlinking! Some of us made our apps about animals and some made theirs about shops.

“My app is about pets, so they can adopt a pet and be happy” – Sadia

“I enjoyed making different types of animal information for people looking to adopt them.” – David

David

“My app is about shopping for cakes and ordering them.” – Abdullahi



Year 6

Year 6 were studying the novel ‘Booked’ by Kwame Alexander in Spring term. It is a book made up of poems and explores the main character’s feelings as he gets injured, misses out on a football tournament, his parents separate, and he struggles with friendships.

The children wrote their own poems and used Chrome books to experiment with their form. They also created Wordart based on the emotions the character was feeling using Showbie.



The End

Gaining the skill, only to be wasted,

Another let-down in my life,

My dreams, crushed. No different from my relationships,

Every day, waiting for the big game.

On the edge of a crumbling cliff. When will I fall?

Very excited is all I ever was,

Except now, I still think my life is a disappointment,

Re-building my life that has come to an end.



Next week:

Monday 19th June 2023: WBP Art & Diversity Fortnight.
Friday 23rd June 2023: - Class/Group photo's.

Future June 2023 dates:

Monday 26th June 2023: - Yew Class Trip to Tower Bridge.
Tuesday 27th June 2023: - Y6 Brightness of Juju event.

Summer 2 Key Dates

July 2023 dates:

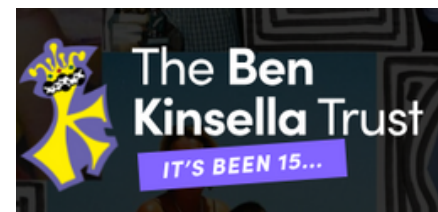
Thursday 6th July 2023 (09:30-11.00) - EYFS/KS1 Sports Day.
Friday 7th July 2023 (09:30-11.00) - KS2 Sports Day.
Thursday 13th July 2023 - Y6 Performance to parents.
Wednesday 19th July Leavers Disco.

To celebrate Healthy Eating Week, we were thrilled to have Josh from Charlton Athletic come in and give an assembly on staying healthy informing the children on making the right food choices. The children had a great time learning about healthy eating in a fun and engaging way!



Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness

Due to the success of their last workshop, which was attended by 80 parents/carers. The Ben Kinsella Trust have arranged further workshop sessions which are free and online – **link below**.



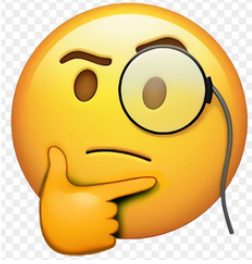
If you feel you may benefit from this input and might be interested in attending, they will be running the Workshops again on Tuesday 20th and Tuesday the 27th of June at 7pm.

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/event-signup-parents-and-carers-workshop/>



OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 -

CURIOSITY



THE CURE FOR BOREDOM IS CURIOSITY. THERE IS NO CURE FOR CURIOSITY.

Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 96.8%	Yew - 95.5%
Hornbeam - 95.0%	★ Mulberry - 100%
★ Alder - 96.4%	Redwood - 94.3%
Laburnum - 95.5%	★ Almond - 98.2%
Hazel - 93.5%	★ Walnut - 99.6%
Larch - 87.3%	★ Sycamore - 96.0%

THINK OF THE WEEK

Say there is a food that you don't like, but someone else does. Is that because it tastes different for you, or because you don't like the taste and the other person does?



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.