



Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been particularly exciting for our children, as they have been busy publishing their writing outcomes across the school. They have put a lot of effort into focusing on presentation and cursive handwriting to ensure their final pieces reflect the hard work they've put in over the past few weeks. We are incredibly proud of their dedication, perseverance and resilience.

Almond Class enjoyed a fantastic day at The Museum of London Docklands, which linked beautifully to their geography Big Question: "Why are rivers important to humans?" The children learned all about the River Thames, its significance for transportation and trade, and the importance of keeping our waterways clean to protect both the environment and wildlife. It was a great day of learning outside the classroom.



We also had the pleasure of welcoming EYFS parents to a coffee morning this week, where Mrs. Lee shared valuable insights on how parents can support their children to become confident, lifelong readers. We were delighted with the positive turnout, and we hope everyone who attended found the session informative and helpful.

This week, we also hosted the final information meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the upcoming PGL residential trip in early November. The children are eagerly anticipating their time at the Marchant's Hill site in Surrey, where they will take part in a range of exciting activities, including the zip wire, climbing, and giant swing! We are also in the process of securing dates for next year's Year 6 residential trip and will share those details soon.



We are looking forward to welcoming **Larch Class parents** to our first sharing assembly of the new academic year on **Friday 25th October at 9:00am** in which the children will share their learning from this half term.

As we approach the final week of the Autumn 1 half term, we'd like to remind you that children will break up on Friday, **25th October**, and we will welcome them back to school on **Monday, 4th November**.

Thank you all for your continued support, and we wish you a wonderful final week of the half term!

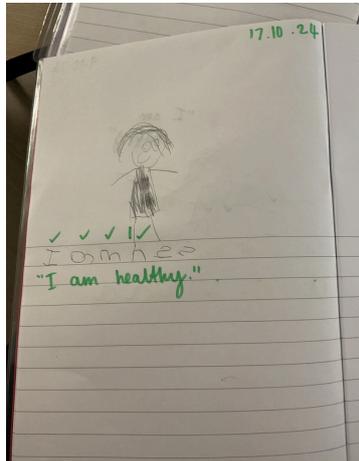
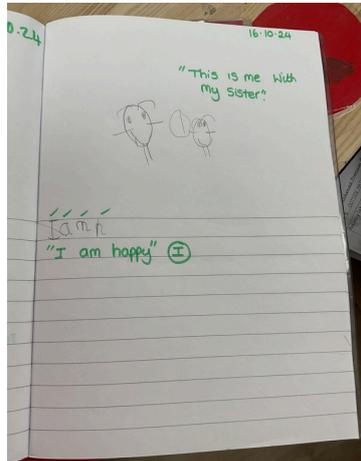
Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the Willow Bank Primary School Team



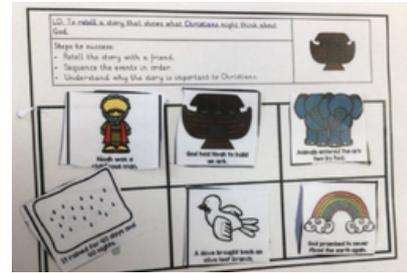
Year R

This week Magnolia class have been looking at themselves and thinking about what makes us, us! We have been writing 'I am...' sentences to say something about ourselves



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the Christian faith. We have explored how and why Christian people pray and who they pray to. The children have also learnt about the teachings of the bible and different bible stories



Year 2

In Year 2, children embark on an exciting journey to learn about Judaism, exploring its rich traditions, values, and customs. Through engaging activities, stories, and discussions, students discover the significance of key concepts such as the Torah, Shabbat, and major Jewish festivals like Hanukkah and Passover. They also gain insights into the importance of community and family within Jewish culture.

Word Bank

Shabbat is a Jewish celebration celebrated on Saturdays.	Challah. Shabbat is celebrated at home.	Shabbat is observed weekly. Shabbat can be celebrated at a Synagogue.
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1. What is Shabbat?
 Josh Arango Oct 7 2:29pm
 Value Note
 Josh Johnson Oct 7 2:38pm
2. What is the name of the bread eaten during Shabbat?
 Value Note
 Josh Arango Oct 7 2:39pm



Year 3

In year 3 during our RE lessons, we have been looking at how Christians views God. We have identified different parables which God gives messages to Christians and gives them teachings to allow them to live their lives in his eyes.

What is special about the shepherd?

The shepherd is special because he...

The Shepherd is special because he had hundred sheep's, he lost one sheep it took him decades to find it and then he found it and he celebrate it.

How is this story similar/different to the

The story is similar to the lost coin because...
 The story is different to the parable of lost coin b

The story is similar to the lost coin because the girl lost the coin and then she found it and then she celebrated it and the man lost one of his sheep and he found it again. He had got punished to never find the coin again.

What is Jesus trying to tell /teach Christians thro

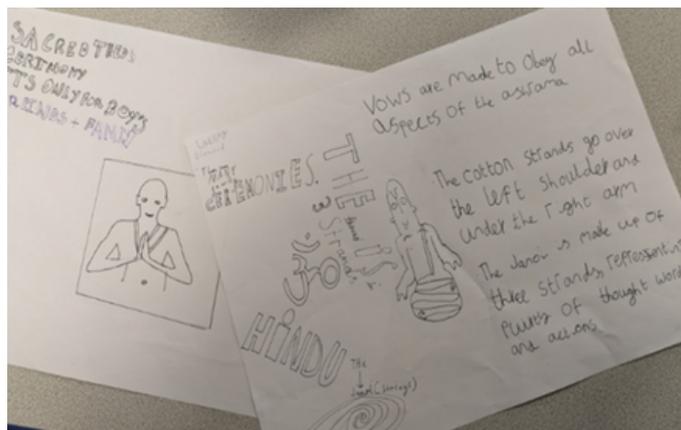
The parable is trying to teach Christians that...

The parable is trying to teach christians to do resilience in anything you do.



Year 4

In Almond class the children worked collaboratively to design a poster explaining the Sacred Thread ceremony. They discussed and included the importance of this ceremony and key facts such as how old you have to be and which genders can attend.



Year 5

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This term in our Religious Studies lessons, we are focusing on Christianity and engaging in discussions around some of life's big questions, such as the nature of faith, the role of religion, and the meaning of community. As part of this exploration, we were fortunate to welcome Pastor Masheder, who provided valuable insights into his faith and the significance of the church community in people's lives. He also thoughtfully answered our questions, helping us deepen our understanding of the Christian faith.



Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring Christianity and Humanism, comparing and contrasting the two beliefs. We have been examining the impact of values in our lives and the effect these have on our decision making, using Showbie to create our own real-life dilemmas to discuss.

Dilemma

Your mum says you can go to the park but you must come at 4pm
Your friend asks you if you could stay longer what will I do?

I would go because it is the right thing to do and my mum is giving me a privilege to go and if I break her trust she wont let you

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KS1 & EYFS 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 - 98%	★ Yew - 97%
★ Hornbeam - 97%	Redwood - 95%
	★ Almond - 96%
★ Hazel - 99%	★ Walnut - 99%
Larch - 93%	★ Sycamore - 96%
	

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>



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!





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Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.




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BEXLEY MUSIC

Steel Pan Bands

Fridays during term time
1st session Friday 8th Nov 2024

Family Steel Pans: 6 - 7pm
Come along with your whole family!

Adults Steel Pans: 7 - 8pm
Just for the adults! Members to be 18+

£66 per member per term - special family rates available!

Book here!
Email info@bexley-music.co.uk for more information

MUSIC MATTERS

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BEXLEY MUSIC

Instrument Try Out Day

Saturday 9 November 2024 13.00-16.00
Bexley Music, Belmont Academy, Belmont Road, DA8 1LE

Come and discover what it's like to play a musical instrument! There will be the full range of instruments available including:

- Violin
- Viola
- Celli
- Double Bass
- Guitar
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone/Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion (drum kit, timpani, xylophone and much more!)
- Piano and keyboard

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff and students will be on hand to help you choose the perfect instrument for you!

We can advise you on:

- The best instrument(s) for you
- Instrument hire
- Lessons
- Instrument maintenance
- Sheet music
- Grade exams
- Joining an orchestra, band or choir

This event is likely to be very popular so please scan this code to book your slot in advance.

For further details contact: info@bexley-music.co.uk



London South East Children's University

Special events and activities taking place at our Learning Destinations during October half-term!

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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.			

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Little Achievers FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years All abilities

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£45 per week or £15 a day

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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

Hoops 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: 4.50 - 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:

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Or scan the QR Code



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