



WILLOW BANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and were able to enjoy the long weekend, whether you spent it watching Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s funeral or spent time with your families.

As you will have seen, we have reintroduced paper reading records across the school to encourage parents and children to record daily reading at home. This is part of a whole school drive to encourage every child to develop a love of reading along with the introduction of our WBP Reading Passports and Ambassadors. It has been great to see children rising to the challenge to read every day and log the miles/minutes they spend enjoying a book. Being a confident reader is one of the most important skills we can teach our children to enable them to be successful both at school and in later life,

‘Reading for pleasure is more important for children’s cognitive development than their parents’ level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background’

Sullivan and Brown (2013)

‘16-year-olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside of school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life.’

Taylor (2011)

‘Studies have shown that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations. Reading for pleasure was also associated with better sleeping patterns.’

Billington, J, (2015)

The building blocks of reading come from phonics and we are very grateful to Miss Webb for leading our first parent phonics workshop of the year yesterday morning. Thank you to all of you that attended, we hope you found the session useful and have been able to take away strategies to support your child at home.

On Thursday 29th September 2022 we will be hosting our own MacMillan coffee morning to raise money to support people with cancer. This is a charity very close to my heart and we hope you are able to join us in the school hall from 8:45am for a hot drink and a cake or biscuit. It will also be a great opportunity to meet other parents and make new friends. If you are a ‘Bake Off’ fan and wish to donate any cakes or biscuits, we would be extremely grateful.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Oldfield
Headteacher*



Reception class are reading 'The Colour Monsters' for their topic 'Me, My Family, My Home.'

This week they have enjoyed exploring their new book corner and retelling stories with puppets!



Year 1 are exploring a variety of fairy tales for their topic 'Once Upon A Time.'

They have enjoyed re-enacting the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears using puppets and following the breadcrumbs to the house of sweets owned by the Wicked Witch!



Year 2 are reading 'A walk in London'

They enjoyed going on a tour around the forest school to discover the different London landmarks! In writing, they have created their own story maps using actions.



Year 3 are reading 'Toro! Toro!' as part of their 'Viva España. topic'

This term, Year 3 have enjoyed reading about their lead character Antonito fight passionately to save his bull. They have begun learning different Spanish vocabulary and the key events that have impacted on Spain today.





Year 4 are reading 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' as part of their topic 'Whose World is This?'

For their hook, Year 4 become tea tasters for the day and enjoyed using some of their senses to identify and describe different flavours. They evaluated the teas and used powerful adjectives to describe them.



Year 5 are reading 'The Last Wild' for their topic 'Fading Rainforests.'

Year 5 have been using their predicting and inference skills to discover more about the character in their story who is mute, and the mystery behind why he will not speak



Year 6 are reading 'To the Edge of the Earth' for their topic 'Race to the End.'

Year 6 have been delving deep into the exciting true story of Matthew Henson becoming the first man to reach the North Pole. They have really enjoyed discovering the upcoming adventure as well as passionately exploring the important events.





Willow Bank Primary School's Macmillan's Coffee Morning

It's time for WBP's Coffee Morning and you're invited. Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: WBP hall

Date: Thursday 29th September 2022

Time: 8:45-10:00

Everyone welcome! Donations of cakes and biscuits also welcome.

To donate, volunteer, raise money or campaign with us, call 0300 1000 200 or visit [macmillan.org.uk](https://www.macmillan.org.uk)





THINK OF THE WEEK

If the hands fall off my clock, is it still a clock?



Well done to:	
Magnolia - 96.6%	Yew - 88.6%
Hornbeam - 92.9%	Mulberry - 96.2%
Alder - 92.4%	Redwood - 95.8%
★ Laburnum - 97.0%	Almond - 92.7%
Hazel - 92.0%	★ Walnut - 97.6%
Larch - 96.9%	Sycamore - 93.2%

WELLBEING



when it rains,
look for rainbows.
when it's dark,
look for stars.

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