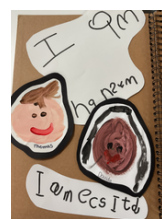




Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week we've had at Willow Bank! We were delighted to welcome a dental nurse from Bright Bites to school, who led a fantastic whole-school assembly all about keeping our teeth and mouths healthy. The children learned the importance of brushing their teeth for two minutes, twice a day, and how limiting sugary food and drinks can help maintain clean and healthy teeth. As a special treat, every child received their own toothbrush and toothpaste to take home, ensuring they can practice good dental hygiene at home too!



In the classrooms, the children have been working incredibly hard on their writing. This week, many of them have been proudly publishing their writing outcomes in their class floor books. You'll find these featured later in the newsletter, showcasing their impressive effort and resilience.

We also had a wonderful assembly this morning where Larch Class shared their learning from this half term with both the school and parents. The children spoke with such confidence and clarity – we are incredibly proud of them!

Finally, as we approach the half-term break, we want to wish all of our families a restful and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th November at 8:40am (8:25am for breakfast club).

Key Dates for Your Diary:

- Y5 Residential Trip Meeting- Monday 4th November 2024
- Online Safety Parent Coffee Morning- Tuesday 5th November 2024
- Parents' Evenings- Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December 2024
- Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day- Thursday 12th December 2024
- WBP Winter Wonderland- Friday 13th December 2024 from 3:30pm
- EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance- Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 2:30pm
- KS2 Christmas Songs- Thursday 19th December 2024 from 3:00pm
- Last Day of Term- Friday 20th December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term - Monday 6th January 2025



Wishing you all a relaxing and refreshing half term break.

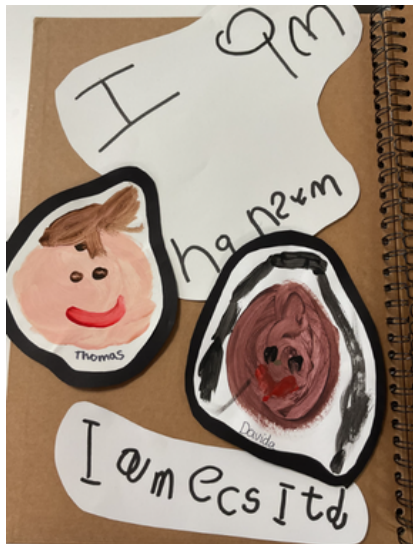
Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Year R

This term Reception have been working on writing their 'I am...' sentences. We have practised by first learning our sounds and then how to form our letters. We have begun to sound out words using the sounds we know and have written sentences to match our portraits.



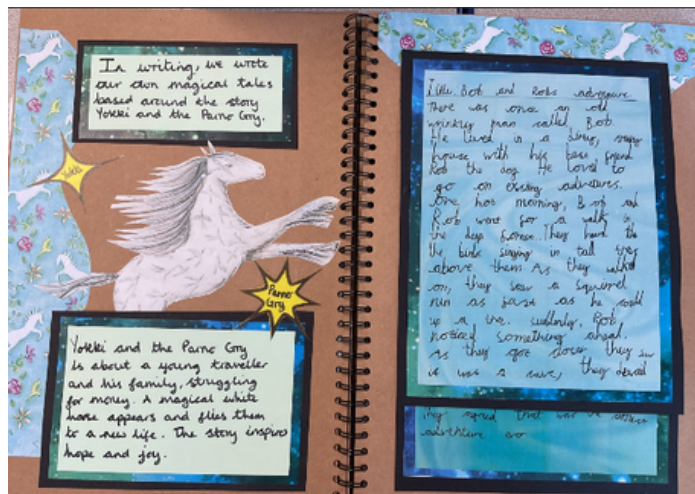
Year 1

Year 1 have been writing letters from the Big Bad Wolf, apologising for his actions. We also explored how he did not show kindness and respect, linking his behaviour to our school values. We have focused on writing simple sentences, using finger spaces and full stops!



Year 2

Year 2 pupils created their own adventure stories, filled with unique characters, thrilling settings and exciting plots. They learned to plan a clear beginning, middle and end to their stories while using expanded noun phrases, adjectives and descriptive language.



Year 3

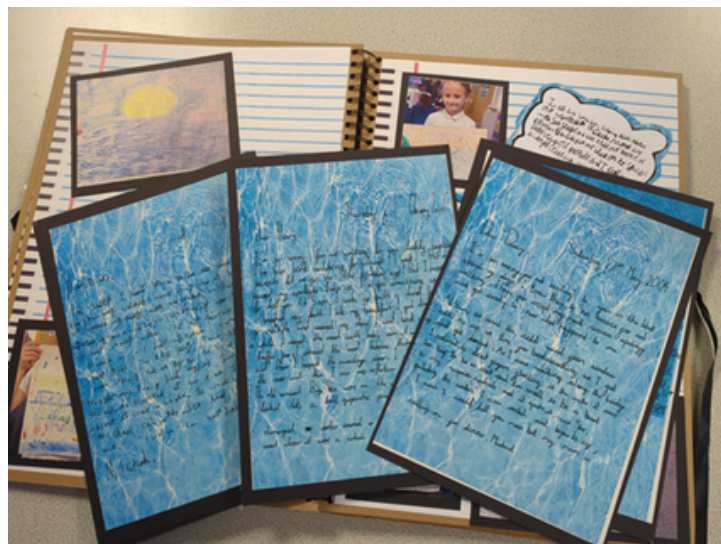
Year 3 students have created their own portal narratives, focusing on travelling back in time and living like a Stone Age child. Children have been focusing on incorporating expanded noun phrases, onomatopoeia and prepositional language in their narratives.





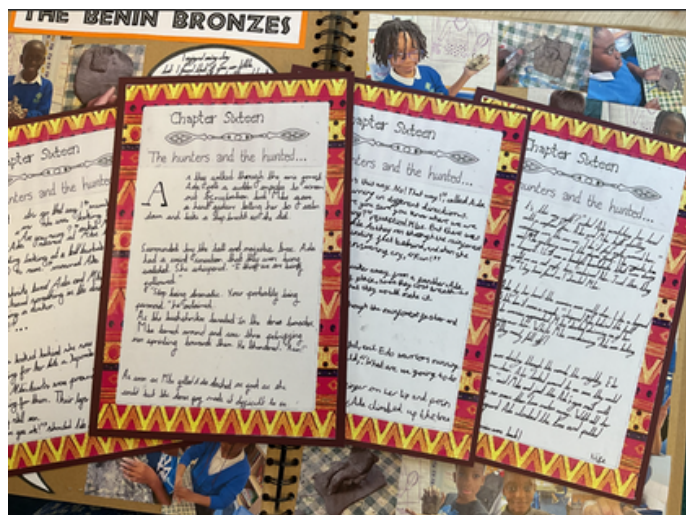
Year 4

Year 4 sailed into creativity, inspired by "This Morning I Met a Whale." They penned enchanting diary entries, capturing moments from a whale encounter to save the world.



Year 5

This term, Year 5 children explored Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji, an adventurous story set in the historic Benin Empire. Drawing inspiration from the book, they wrote their own narratives based on its characters and chapters for their final outcome. As part of their incidental writing, they also crafted fufu recipes, linking to the story's themes of tradition.



Year 6

Year 6 have been writing their own newspaper reports based on Alfred Noyes' The Highway Man. The Children have put themselves in the position of journalists, writing in the third person and using skills such as direct and indirect speech.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 1 IS RESPECT

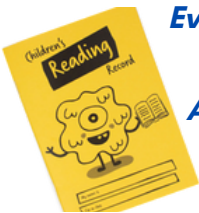




KS1 & EYFS Parent Reading Morning

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 - 94%	★ Yew - 96%
Hornbeam - 94%	Redwood - 91%
	Almond - 94%
★ Hazel - 98%	★ Walnut - 99%
Larch - 95%	Sycamore - 94%

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>



Autism Advisory Service Parent/Carer drop-in sessions



Bexley's Autism Advisory Team will be available to have informal chats with parents/carers of children with a diagnosis of Autism or awaiting diagnosis. Advisory Teachers and Specialist Support Team from Early Years to Secondary School aged children.

Date: Wednesday 6th November 2024

Time: 10am—12pm

Venue: Crayford Community Centre
(Located above the library)

175 Townhall Square, Crayford DA1 4FN

Bexley Autism Advisory Service provides advice, support and training to schools and families. .

Are you supporting a child or young person?

Feeling unsure how to reach help for them, or you?

"I was nervous at first but after being in the chat it was really open and relaxed."

Find out how we can offer a listening ear, practical advice and signposting to local services that can help you and your family!

"I think parents should try it, even if they are hesitant because after you join, you're really welcomed in and everyone's really nice."



You will also be able to access regular events, activities, training and workshops all completely free!

CONTACT US:



BEXLEY FLARE PARENT GROUP

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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.



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

Hoopz 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: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ

Glowlance with Kelly (8 - 16 years)

When: Friday 1st November
Time: 11 - 12 pm

Where: Waterways Children's Centre, SE28 8EZ

Sign up here:

bit.ly/SignUp-InclusiveOctober24

Or scan the QR Code



Get in touch:

☎ 020 7993 9883

✉ Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk




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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

Cygnets Square Food Festival

• Covered eating areas • Live Music • Children's Play Area



Food From Different Continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, Caribbean
Gift Shopping Area featuring products from small businesses

Saturday 2nd November
12pm-6pm

Cygnets Square, Se2 9FA
(Outside Nest Community Centre & Library)

Scan the QR Code to enjoy 10% off at food stands during the festival! Plus, get tickets for free children's activities and face painting.



Scan me!

THAMESMEAD Peabody



Online Safety Coffee Morning

How to keep your child safe online

Tuesday 5th November
09:00-09:30am



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Grand opening of our new course!

Little Achievers FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

October Half Term
28 Oct-1 Nov | 10am-3pm

Friday Funday!

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Willowbrook Primary School, Seacroft Rd, London, SE2 9XB

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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
- Cello
- 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

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

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




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Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shampoo.

Rewards Include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches, FA Child Protection, Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

Multi Sports include: Basketball, Dodgeball, Handball, Motor Skills, Kick Ball, Baseball, Football, Tag Rugby, Hockey Skills, Tennis, Badminton.

Friday Funday!

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Northumberland Heath Primary School, Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE (Brook Street entrance) (Football on the grass, Multi sports in the hall)



**Sausage "Bangers"
and Chips**

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Hot Baked Potato

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Firework Cookies

BONFIRE NIGHT

Tuesday 5th November

