



WILLOW BANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week.

This week at Willow Bank we have been continuing to work hard to improve our presentation in books in preparation for our very first Presentation Panel meeting this afternoon. Since the beginning of term, teachers have been modelling our high expectations in every lesson to ensure the children have pride in their books and can write fluently and confidently using a joined cursive style. Every Friday, our WBP Presentation Panel, which will eventually consist of children whose presentation is a model for others, will look at children's books across the school to see who has earned their Pen Licence. This will mean they can use pen instead of pencil to record their learning. We are looking forward to find out who will be the first children to achieve this standard and help to inspire others!

This week we also invited the Mental Health in School's team (MHST) to lead workshops in Year 6 focusing on friendship and self-esteem. The children engaged fully in the session and learned how they can support themselves and each other to have positive relationships.

We would like to thank parents for the support you are providing at home in reading daily with your child and commenting in their reading record book, as well as ensuring home learning is completed. It makes a huge difference to the progress your child makes if home and school are able to work in partnership with each other.

Finally, thank you to those of you that were able to attend our Macmillan coffee morning yesterday. We raised a total of £50 for the charity.

Please take time to read the notice regarding the road closure between Yarnton Way where it meets Southmere Drive from Monday 3rd October until 11th November. This will have an impact on traffic in the area and may affect your journey time if you travel to school by car or bus.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

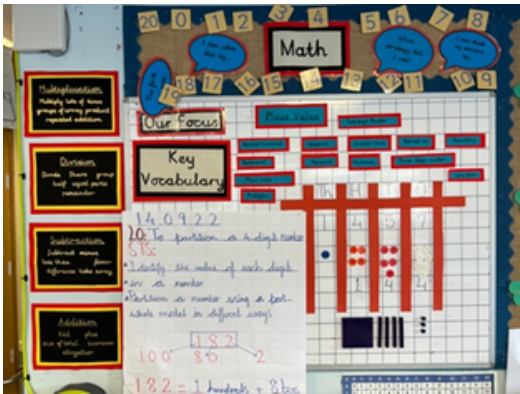
Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield

Headteacher



At Willow Bank, Maths is a fundamental part of a child's learning. We want our children to develop strong mathematical foundations starting from Early Years so that they are able build on this each year. We want our children to develop a deep and lasting understanding of mathematical concepts and procedures empowering them to be successful in maths.



Across the school, the children have been focusing on Place Value. This includes identifying the value of digits within numbers using a variety of representations e.g., number lines, part-whole model and bar models. This is built on throughout the school where the children will compare and order numbers using this knowledge. They will then move onto addition and subtraction using mental strategies, formal written methods as well as estimation. In order to deepen this knowledge, the children are given problems solving questions linked to real life situations.

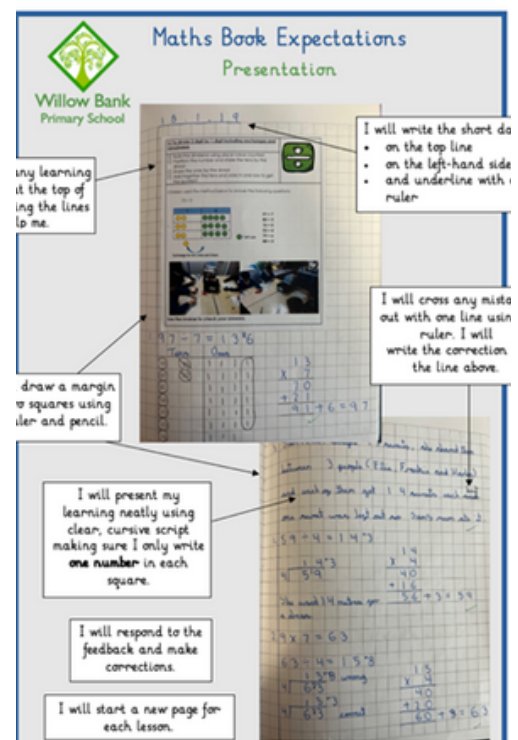
Learning from a lesson is recorded and displayed across the classroom as a visual stimulus. Our maths learning walls reflect the current topic and used to support fluency.



We want our children to have high expectations with writing and maths. Here are the maths presentation expectations. You can use this as a reminder for when your child completes work at home.

Here is how you can support your child at home:

- Encourage your child to complete their weekly maths homework (if you need support with this, please speak with your child's class teacher)
- TTRS is a great resource to practice rapid recall of times tables. The soundcheck option will also support Year 4 children who will be taking the multiplication check later this academic year
- You can help your child make links between maths and real life. This could be through using money, counting objects around the house, shopping and calculating totals prices of items



MAD HATTER'S DAY



Mad Hatters Lunch
thThursday 6 of October

Mad Hatter's Lunch
Spaghetti Bolognese
or

Cheshire's Cheesy Pinwheels with New Potatoes.

Frabjous Peas and Sweetcorn

Ice Cream
or
Fresh Fruit

A healthy food meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance



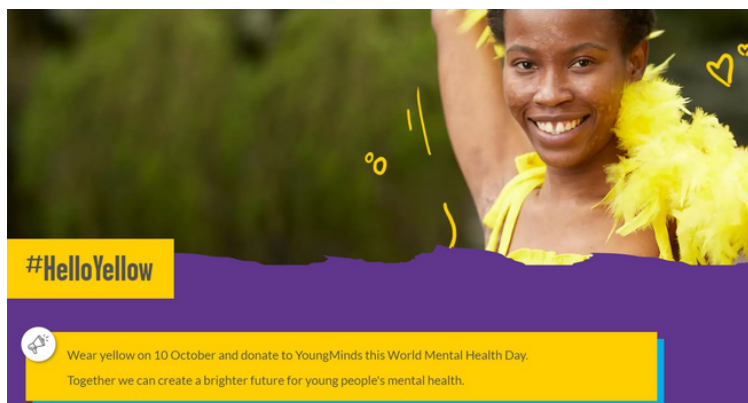
WELLBEING



The Young Minds website is <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

There are lots of resources for parents and children so you could also use the following screen:

 <p>I am a young person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My feelings Coping with life Mental health conditions Medications Supporting a friend Real stories Your guide to support <p>I need urgent help</p>	 <p>I am a parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' A-Z mental health guide The parents' guide to looking after yourself How to talk to your child about mental health Blog <p>Parents Helpline</p>
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Well done to:	
★ Magnolia - 96.4%	Yew - 92.4%
★ Hornbeam - 98.2%	Mulberry - 92.3%
Alder - 91.3%	Redwood - 91.9%
Laburnum - 93.6%	★ Almond - 96.1%
Hazel - 90.8%	Walnut - 94.1%
Larch - 90.4%	Sycamore - 93.5%



THUNK OF THE WEEK

Thanks! Get thinking and discussing!

Who has the most freedom, a bird or a spider?