

Message from Mrs Branton

Some of you may have been able to hear the cheering and chanting from your homes and gardens yesterday afternoon, when the soccer aid football match took place on the school field. The whole school got thoroughly involved, torn between supporting the year 5 and 6 school football team or the Willowbrook staff team. It was wonderful to be able to hear and see the excitement from the children, they certainly proved to be fantastic supporters. The year 5 and 6 team put in an outstanding performance but it was the staff team that were victorious in the end, with a final score of 6 goals to 5, well done to everyone that took part, a great event enjoyed by all! From your kind donations, you managed to raise £135.90 for UNICEF.



Earlier this week, some children from KS1 got to enjoy a Bushcraft session at Thorndon Country Park. They had an amazing time building dens, amongst lots of other activities. Bushcraft activities help promote a sense of adventure and discovery. These feelings help children find new connections and encourage them to get excited about learning.



As you may have seen on twitter, the artwork that will be used for the hoardings at the new development in Brookfield Close has been progressing really well. The children have produced some great pieces of work. Members of the local council, The Mayor and Chief Executive are due to come into school on the 11th July for the art work to be handed over.



Sports Day takes place next Friday on the 7th July. Please ensure your children come to school in their PE kit, with a hat and water bottle. A parent communication was sent out yesterday with further information.

Don't forget, tomorrow (Saturday 1st July) is the PTFA Summer Fayre. A huge thank you to our PTFA ladies who have been working tirelessly to organise the summer fayre for you and your children to enjoy. Please come along and show your support. The Summer Fayre is a really important fundraising event for us and we are really hopeful that there will be a great turnout, raising lots of money for the school! Thank you for all your donations in the lead up to the fayre, we can't put on these amazing events without you!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fayre tomorrow. It will be running from 12pm till 3pm. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Science in the News

Pine Class have continued to learn about plants. They investigated what plants attract more bugs; created a chart to show their findings; and noticed that darker-coloured flowers were visited the most by insects. Pine class also investigated how water is transported in a plant and explored the role of the stem. Great work!



Hawthorn class have been revising how to separate mixtures: both solids and liquids. In this lesson, we used a range of equipment to separate water, sand and edamame beans.



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Oak class, looked at teeth as the start of their work on the digestive system. They have learnt about the job teeth do and the different types of teeth they have.



Beech class have had such a fun-packed week including lots of 'Understanding the World' sessions and activities! They have really enjoyed watching their topic 'Growing Magic' come to life with growing magic beans from a castle; meeting Daisy and Coco the baby rabbits; and creating large scale bubbles! What a great opportunity for fascinating and detailed questions superstars!

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Science Club



We have created a colourful erupting volcano using lemons, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring. We noticed that when we added the soda, everything started to fizz and foam. We continued to mix the soda into the lemon and we noticed more foam and bubbles going over the sides of the lemon. We then talked about the chemical reaction between the citrus acid and the bicarbonate of soda. Great work, chemists!

Mrs Cirdai

Science Co-ordinator



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Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm. You are invited to come along to see your child's work and visit their new classroom. Please note, not all new class teachers will be present as they are working in their current schools. For those families that are able to attend, the main playground gates will open at 1.25pm (the bottom gate will not be open). Please collect your child/children from their classroom door as if it was normal pick up time. Once you have collected your child/children you will then go through the school hall to access their classrooms. The PTFA will be in the hall selling items, so please say hello. We also hope to have our uniform supplier Red Oak Roller present in the hall. Once you have finished looking at your child's work, you will be able to take your child/children home. You will need to exit via the school office. If you are unable to attend the Open Afternoon you can collect your child at their normal pick up time. If you want your child/children to go home with another family, please contact the school office to provide permission.



School Reports

School reports will be available for collection by parents at the open afternoon. If you are unable to attend the open afternoon, you can collect your child's report from class staff at the end of the school day. For anyone not able to collect their child's report on Tuesday 18th July, they can be collected from the school office on Wednesday 19th July. Due to the sensitive nature of the reports, they cannot be handed to the children. If you wish another adult to collect your report on your behalf, please contact the school office as written consent will be required.



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Our core value pupil this week

 <p>Willowbrook Primary School Each Working For All</p>  <p>Happiness Independence Respect Teamwork Caring Honesty</p> 		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Beech class who received this week's award for honesty in the celebration assembly</p>
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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Jamie, Zak, Tommy, Freddie, Thea, Chester, Ilie, Bobbi, Chloe, Oscar, Antonia, Olivia, Lizzie, Sidney, Harry and Harrison



Well done

Word of the week

<i>'Wonderful words of the week'</i>	
Reception	bubble
Key Stage 1	drought
Key Stage 2	intertwine

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Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Children's Art Day	Friday Sports Day
Week commencing 3 rd July 2023					
Main Meal RED	Breaded Fish Fingers	BBQ Pulled Pork with a Wrap	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spanish Stew	Burger in a Bun
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges (Ve)	Vegetable Fajita Wrap (Ve)	Ratatouille Pasta Bake (Ve)	Crunchy Mac 'n' Cheese (V)	Vegetarian Sausage in a roll (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Beans (Ve) or Cheese (V)	Sausage in a roll
Accompaniments	Carrot Sticks (Ve)	Sweetcorn (Ve)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Multi coloured Rice (Ve) Garlic Bread Slice (Ve) Shredded Cabbage (Ve)	
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cookie Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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Following a report from a parent on what could have been a very nasty accident on in Rosen Crescent, I would like to again appeal for volunteers so that we can get the '3PR Parking Scheme' back up and running. Please see the important information below on how the scheme works and contact Trudi in the school office if you are able to help. The safety of your children at drop off and pick up times is paramount but we can't run the scheme without your support!

WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Branton



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Diary Dates

Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

	SUMMER TERM 2023
Date change due to class assembly-Moved to next academic year.	Parent Coffee Morning – Trauma Perceptive Practice
3 rd July	Summer Safety Assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
4 th July	Last swimming lesson for years 1 and 4
7 th July	Sports Day - parents will be able to come along and watch, the main gates will open at 11:50am ready for lunch on the field at 12pm, races will commence at 1:30pm
13 th July	Year 5 and 6 show – further information to follow
14 th July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
14 th July	End of year disco infants
14 th July	End of year/leavers disco juniors
18 th July	Joint KS1 and KS2 Dance Club show for parents 9:15am to 10:15am Parent mail will come out nearer the time re clothing
18 th July	Open Afternoon
21 st July	Leavers assembly 9:15am
21 st July	Last day of the school year



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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Willowbrook Primary**

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older

The Your School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

There is a Willowbrook Supporter winner every week!

All you need to do is register and set up a direct debit for your weekly ticket and a chance to win.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

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SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023
12pm - 3pm

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FOOD & DRINK
GAMES
INFLATABLES
STALLS

ROSEN CRESCENT CM13 2TU

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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday
1 July 2023
12pm - 3pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINKS •
- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

• GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
SPOT FOR A STALL
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SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex?

Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. You can meet groups and services such as:

- Essex Family Forum
- SENDIASS
- Representatives from the Education Teams
- SEND Navigation Leads
- Local Support Groups

The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book. There are four locations to choose from across Essex:

- Tuesday 4 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **West Essex** - Saffron Walden Town Hall
- Thursday 6 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **Mid Essex** - Maldon Town Hall
- Tuesday 11 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **South Essex** - Nevendon Centre, Wickford
- Tuesday 18 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **North East Essex** - The Princes Theatre, Clacton

For more information on who will be there please follow the link.

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/send-local-offer-roadshows>

At each roadshow there will be a session with a Peer Educator (parent/carer with lived experience of Autism) from 10-11 titled 'An Introduction to Autism'. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions please email peersupporthub@essex.gov.uk.

We also hope to have Peer Educators available at the roadshows to answer questions and share experiences and signpost to resources.

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